

Kilconieran & Clostoken Parish

Carrabane, Athenry, Co. Galway



Holy Family
Clostoken



Holy Family Centre
Carrabane



Immaculate Conception
Kilconieran

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Pope's Intention for Feb-For children with incurable diseases: Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

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Sunday 8th Feb. 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Lectionary: Cycle A in Ordinary Time. Year of Matthew Weekdays Cycle 2)

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<p>MASSES – Weekends & Special Intentions</p> <p>Sat: 7th Feb: Kilconieron: 6.30pm</p> <p>Sun: 8th Feb: Clostoken: 10am</p> <p>Wed: 11th Feb: Kilconieron: 6.30pm World Day of the Sick</p> <p>Sat: 14th Feb: Kilconieron: 6.30pm (A) Marie Harty (A) Vincent Porter (A) Evelyn & Jonny Moloney</p> <p>Sun: 15th Feb: Clostoken: 10am</p>		<p>Weekday</p> <p>Mon 9.30am Holy Family Centre</p>
<p>Ministers of God's Word</p> <p>Sat: 7th Feb: Patricia Reidy</p> <p>Sun: 8th Feb: Marcus Doherty</p> <p>Sat: 14th Feb: Ann Brady</p> <p>Sun: 15th Feb: Carmel Martyn</p>	<p>Eucharistic Minister</p> <p>Bridie Martyn</p> <p>Brigid Ryan</p> <p>Gearoid Walsh</p> <p>Catherine Waters</p>	<p>Servers</p> <p>Team A</p> <p>Team B</p> <p>Team C</p> <p>Team D</p>

Our Lady of Lourdes-World Day of the Sick-Wednesday 11th February: Mass in Kilconieron church at 6.30pm with anointing of the sick.

Lourdes Collection: Will be taken up at all masses this weekend.

Galway Cathedral Solemn Novena: Takes place between Monday the 2nd and Tuesday 10th February 2026. For further information

www.galwaycathedral.ie/novena.

Annual AGM of the Graveyard Committee: Will be held on the 3rd March at 8pm in the meeting room at the parochial house Carrabane.

Thought for the Day: In a world where the poor are increasingly numerous, we paradoxically see the growth of a wealthy elite, living in a bubble of comfort and luxury, almost in another world compared to ordinary people. This means that a culture still persists-sometimes well disguised-that discards others without even realizing it and tolerates with indifference that millions of people die of hunger or survive in conditions unfit for human beings. A few years ago, the photo of a lifeless child lying on a Mediterranean beach caused an uproar; unfortunately, apart from some momentary outcry, similar events are becoming increasingly irrelevant and seen as marginal news items.

Points to Ponder: Christian witness is meant to edify others and not to serve as path to self-promotion. Christians are called to provide simple, habitual witness to Jesus; 'everyday holiness.' Christian witness can mean giving one's life in martyrdom, after Jesus' example. But another path is to point to Christ in our everyday actions, when we wake, work, and go to bed.

It seems like such a small thing, but miracles are done through small things. Christian witness must be grounded in humility, which means being simple salt and light for others. Salt for others; light does not illuminate itself but serves others. Supermarkets sell salt in small quantities, not by the ton. And salt does not promote itself because it doesn't serve itself. It exists to serve others, by conserving things and giving flavour. This is simple witness.

Daily Christian witness means being light for others, 'to help them in their darkest hour.' The Lord says: 'You are salt; you are light. 'But do so in order that others see and glorify God. You will not even receive any merit. When we eat, we don't compliment the salt. No, we say the pasta or meal is good. When we go to sleep at night, we don't say the light is good. We ignore the light, but we live illuminated by light. This impels Christians to be anonymous witnesses.

Do not act like the Pharisee who thanks the Lord for his holiness. We are not the authors of our own merits.

Everyday holiness means being salt and light for others.

Celebration of the Sacraments of First Confession, First Holy Communion,

Confirmation 2026: We remember in our prayers those who are beginning to prepare for the celebration important Sacraments of First Confession, First Holy Communion and Confirmation this year. We also remember their families, sponsors, teachers and our entire parish community who will journey with them.

'Life in the Spirit' Seminars: Continue every Tuesday until 3rd March at 7pm at Clonfert Family Centre, Ballinasloe, H53 NX59. Guest speaker every week. All are welcome and see. Details: Theresa on 086 3241269.

St. Brendan's Education Centre: Abbey St, Loughrea, Co. Galway 091 841387: Hairdressing Taster Programme on presently from 3-6pm Tuesdays. Contact john.melville@gretb.ie or maureen.shea@gretb.ie