

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 May: That everyone might have food: Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

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Sunday 3rd May. Fifth Sunday of Easter

(Lectionary: Cycle A in Ordinary Time. Year of Matthew Weekdays Cycle 2)
20-C. M.B-25

MASSES – Weekends & Special Intentions		Weekday Mon 9.30am Holy Family Centre
Sat: 2nd May: Kilconieran: 7.30pm (A) Stephen & May Lawless Sun: 3rd May: Clostoken: 10am (A) Denis & Christy Keane Sat: 9th May: Kilconieran: 7.30pm (A) John Carty (A) Michael John & Kevin Broderick Sun: 10th May: Clostoken: 10am		
Ministers of God's Word	Eucharistic Minister	Servers
Sat: 2nd May: Margaret Walsh Sun: 3rd May: Brigid Ryan Sat: 9th May: Sean Farrell Sun: 10th May: Joanna Fitzpatrick	Noreen Reid Ann Hickey Sean Farrell Mary Connolly	Team A Team B Team C Team D

Though for the Day: 'He is the life of the party' is a compliment of high regard in certain circles. He's the spark plug, the guarantee for an entertaining evening. If he's not there, a deflated feeling hangs in the air and everybody wonders if there isn't a better way to be spending their time.

A life lived with Jesus is never dull. He is the 'Life' of more than just a party. The Christian with an intense relationship with Christ is completely fulfilled-she is never bored, nor is she boring.

Points to Ponder: How do we live our Easter faith in Eastertide? The Church wants us in these days to remain with the Lord in quiet contemplation; to put aside

our worries, and fears, and doubts, to look up, and look forward. Heaven lies ahead of us; but also for those who belong to Jesus, it's already a present reality. Of course heaven utterly exceeds our imagination. In that respect, with the Apostle Thomas, we can rightly say: we do not know where we are going. Yet already we touch heaven, we know it, we simply find ourselves in it, in our prayer. We are in heaven when we are with God, and he with us. We touch heaven too when we assist at Holy Mass, and come to Holy Communion, and know that Jesus is with us and in us; when we rejoice in that and resolve never to be parted from him.

Jesus said to his disciples: Do not let your hearts be troubled. That is: God will seem to be absent from what is to come, but he won't be. On the contrary, precisely he will be working out his purposes, in a most wonderful way, for our good, and his own glory. And this will remain true in every situation in life, however apparently meaningless or terrible. If we belong to Jesus, we have good reason not to be troubled. Abide with Jesus in the love of his Father. Be conformed to him in self-giving love. Be modelled after his pattern of humility and obedience, and a life of ceaseless intercession. Then you will also be able to endure with him your cross and so share in his resurrection.

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

Please Note: 1st Communion will take place in Kilconieron church on **Sunday 17th May 2026 at 11am.** Mass in Clostoken church on **Saturday 16th May** at 7.30pm.

Calling Young Adults to Join the 2026 Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Between the ages of 18 and 25. Interested in joining the Clonfert, Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026 as a member of pilgrimage staff?. Become part of the vibrant team assisting pilgrims who otherwise would not be able to travel. For those who have taken part in the past it has been an unforgettable and enriching experience. This year's pilgrimage takes place from 29th June to 4th July. For further information, staff rates, and application forms contact Darina at 085 2288043 or email dmccarthy@clonfertgalway.ie or contact your local priest.

Diocesan Priesthood Vocations Afternoon-Sunday 10th May 2026: If you feel that you may be called to follow Jesus as a diocesan priest, contact Fr. Ian O'Neill to find out about the upcoming Diocesan Priesthood Vocations Afternoon. 087 2048497 or email: priesthood@clonfertgalway.ie

Shrine of Our Lady of Clonfert; Come join in prayer for May Devotions, Confessions available from Wednesday to Fridays from 6.00pm onwards. Church open daily for private prayer from 7.00am to 11.00pm. For further information 090 9675113 or email stbrenseyrecourt@clonfertdiocese.ie Full schedule is on the website www.clonfertgalway.ie

Clonfert/Galway Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: On Sunday May 17th. Ceremonies beginning at 2.30pm with sacrament of the sick, followed by Eucharist at 3pm, followed by Rosary Procession. All are welcome.

