

Kilconieran & Clostoken Parish

Carrabane, Athenry, Co. Galway



**Holy Family
Clostoken**



**Holy Family Centre
Carrabane**



**Immaculate Conception
Kilconieran**

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Pope' intention for Feb-For the Terminally ill: We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

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Sunday 25th Feb 2024-Second Sunday of Lent

(Lectionary: Year B. Year of Mark Weekdays Cycle 2)

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<p>MASSES – Weekends & Special Intentions Sat: 24th Feb: Kilconieron: 6.30pm(A) Bertha Carty Sun: 25th Feb: Clostoken: 10am (A) Timothy Forde (A) Maura & Michael Corban Sat: 2nd March: Kilconieron 6.30pm (A) Michael O'Grady/family Sun 3rd Mar: Clostoken: 10am</p>		<p>Weekdays Mon 9.30am Holy Family Centre</p>
<p>Ministers of God's Word Sat 24th Feb: Mary Connolly Sun 25th Feb: Carmel Martyn Sat 2nd Mar: Matt Loughnane Sun 3rd Mar: Eabha Doherty</p>	<p>Eucharistic Minister Gearoid Walsh Catherine Waters Sean Farrell Marian Hynes</p>	<p>Servers Team A Team B Team C Team D</p>

Forms of Friday Penance: The following are suggested as ways of fulfilling Friday penance:

- * Abstaining from meat or some other food;
- * Abstaining from alcoholic drink or smoking;
- * Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer;
- * Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays;
- * Visiting the Blessed Sacrament;
- * Making the Stations of the Cross;
- * Fasting from all food for a longer period than usual and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy. *Helping the poor, sick, old or lonely.

Lenten Collection: Sincere thanks to all who contributed.

Second Sunday of Lent: As Lent progresses, the shadow of the cross begins to loom. Even through the gospel narrates the account of the transfiguration of Jesus, it foreshadows his death and resurrection. The obedience of Jesus is seen to be prefigured in that of Abraham who was ready to sacrifice his only son. God's promise to Abraham is fulfilled in a manner beyond all expectations.

Points to Ponder: Mark places the transfiguration at the heart of his gospel. It comes after the first prediction of Jesus' Passion and resurrection in chapter 8, and before the second and third predictions in chapters 9 and 10. It points back to the very beginning of the gospel, when a voice from heaven speaks at Jesus' baptism, saying 'you are my son, the beloved'. And it points forward to the Passion, where Jesus takes Peter, James and John aside once again, this time to watch with him in Gethsemane. Once again, they struggle to understand, and fall asleep.

The transfiguration is a moment out of time which illuminates the journey on which the disciples have embarked with Jesus. The cross is at the heart of Mark's Gospel. Everything points to it, anticipates it, leads from it. Through the cross glory is experienced.

The Christian experience is one of transformation, of metanoia. Divine revelation occurs in the dark and not in the clarity of one's own vision, opinion or desire. Metanoia is a profound change of mindset.

We can identify with the disciples, who are on the road with Jesus, and do not know where it is taking them. They catch glimpses, but do not yet understand. There is always a temptation to stay put and resist change.

Perhaps the story says something to us about commitment and perseverance. It's when they grow tired that the disciples experience the transfiguration.

Medjugorje International Youth Festival: From July 31st -August 7th 22024. Spiritual Director: Bishop Michael Duignan. Open to adults between the ages of 18 (by 31st July 2024) and 35. Subsidised Fare €680-all inclusive. For further information and booking form contact the Clonfert Diocesan Office: tel. 091 841560, email office@clonfertdiocese.ie or contact your local priest. Limited spaces-first come, first served. Closing date 12th April 2024.

New Pastoral Council Members:

- Fr. Lawless.
- Ann McGlynn.
- Annette Curley.
- Noel Finan.
- Anne Fitzpatrick.
- Helen O'Brien.
- Ita Kelly.
- Ann Marie Keogh.
- Marian Hynds.

Finance Committee:

- Fr. Lawless.
- Gerry Plower.
- John Hynds.
- Patricia Reidy.
- Eddie Corban.

Pastoral Council Meeting: Tuesday 27th Feb at 8pm in the parochial house.