

# Kilconieran & Clostoken Parish

Carrabane, Athenry, Co. Galway



**Holy Family**  
Clostoken



**Holy Family Centre**  
Carrabane



**Immaculate Conception**  
Kilconieran

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**Pope' intention for June-For Migrants Fleeing their Homes:** We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

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## Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024- 11<sup>th</sup> Sun in Ordinary Time

### Day for Life

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

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<b>MASSES – Weekends &amp; Special Intentions</b>		<b>Weekdays</b>
<b>Sat: 15<sup>th</sup> June: Kilconieran: 7.30pm</b>		Mon
<b>Sun: 16<sup>th</sup> June: Clostoken: 10am</b>		9.30am
<b>Sat: 22<sup>nd</sup> June: Kilconieran: 7.30pm (A)Michael Fallon</b>		Holy Family
<b>Sun: 23<sup>rd</sup> June: Clostoken: 10am(A) Tom &amp; Paddy &amp; Baby Grace Callanan</b>		Centre
<b><u>Ministers of God's Word</u></b>	<b><u>Eucharistic Minister</u></b>	<b><u>Servers</u></b>
<b>Sat 15<sup>th</sup> June:</b> Emer Burke	Gearoid Walsh	Team D
<b>Sun 16<sup>th</sup> June:</b> Marcus Doherty	John Hynes	Team E
<b>Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> June:</b> Patricia Reidy	Marion Hynes	Team F
<b>Sun: 23<sup>rd</sup> June:</b> Mairin Spellman	Catherine Waters	Team G

### **Cemetery Masses:**

Kilconieran-Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm.

Clostoken-Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July at 10am

Old Kilconieran Cemetery: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Aug at 7.30pm.

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

**Thought for the Day:** 'All life has inestimable value even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.' 'As believers, how can we fail to see that abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide are a terrible rejection of God's gift of life and

love? And as believers, how can we fail to feel the duty to surround the sick and those in distress with the warmth of our affection and the support that will help them always to embrace life?.

**Points to Ponder:** Our care for the most vulnerable among us is a measure of our humanity. We see this very clearly in the healing ministry of Jesus. Down through the ages, the ministry of healing has always been an integral part of the mission of the Church. Doctors and nurses, chaplains and carers, family members and friends form communities of care around those who are sick at home or in hospital. Alongside dialysis, chemotherapy, the scans and the stents, people who are sick need to know, above all, that they are loved and that they will not be abandoned, whatever happens. That becomes especially important when there is nothing more that medical science can do.

It is understandable that people facing chronic or terminal illness sometimes feel that they might be better off if they were dead. But a society which has nothing more to offer to people than assist them in ending their own lives, has really lost its way. Through the time we spend with the sick, listening to them, providing essential care, sharing memories, and perhaps praying with them, that we continue the healing ministry of Jesus. In this way, we bear witness in action to the fact that there is no such thing as a life without value.

### **Day for Life-A dedicated day celebrating the beauty and dignity of all human life:**

Day for Life Sunday is celebrated annually with a special message by the Catholic Church across Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. It is a day specifically dedicated to raising awareness and reflecting on the deep value and meaning of human life at every stage, and in every condition. On Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> June, the Church will mark Day for Life 2024 with a message on the theme: The Lord is my shepherd-Compassion and Hope at the End of Life.

This year's message reminds us that Jesus did not send the sick away, rather He showed that life always has dignity and that there is no such a thing as a useless life. Catholics are called to defend this gift of life to its natural end and to protect vulnerable citizens from a culture that could pressure them into assisted suicide. In this way, we are encouraged to support people with the companionship of a listening ear, appropriate treatment, and the best of care, so that their last days can be times of grace, intimacy and love.

This message also includes a brief human-interest story about a young man named Matt, and the experience of a priest who ministered to Matt and his loved ones in his final months and days. This grace-filled time proved to be a period of intense compassion and profound dignity, as well as faith enriching experience of love and generosity for all concerned. The Day for Life Message is available on <https://councilforlife.ie/day-for-life-2024>.

**Sincere Thanks:** To Bishop Michael Duignan for his pastoral visit to the parish in celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the church of the Immaculate Conception Kilconieran. May god continue to bless our community.

**Happy Father's Day**