

## Kilconieran & Clostoken Parish

Carrabane, Athenry, Co. Galway



Holy Family  
Clostoken



Holy Family Centre  
Carrabane



Immaculate Conception  
Kilconieran

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**Pope' intention for March-For the New Martyrs:** We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

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### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024- Palm Sunday.

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

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#### **MASSES – Weekends & Special Intentions**

**Sat: 23<sup>rd</sup> March: Kilconieran: 6.30pm (MM)** Nancy Taylor  
(A) Mary Kelly-Tooloobawn  
(A) Liam & Ethan Smyth Renton  
(A) Betty Murry-Larchill

**Sun: 24<sup>th</sup> March: Clostoken: 10am (A)** Deceased members of the Fahy Family-Raheen

**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March: Kilconieran: 8pm** The Lord's Supper

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup> March: Clostoken: 3pm**

**Kilconieran: 5pm**-Satations of the Cross

**Sat: 30<sup>th</sup> March: Kilconieran: 8pm** Holy Saturday

#### **Weekdays**

Mon  
9.30am  
Holy Family  
Centre

#### **Servers**

Team A  
Team B  
Team C  
Team D  
Team E  
Team F

#### **Ministers of God's Word**

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> March:** Marian Hynes

**Sun 24<sup>th</sup> March:** Kathy Keane

**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March:**

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup> March:**

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup> March:**

**Sun 31<sup>st</sup> March:**

#### **Eucharistic Minister**

Noreen Reid

Mairin Spelman

Noreen Martyn

Marguerite Martin

Eddie Kenny

Brioid Rvan

**Emigrants Collection:** Thank you for your contributions to this special collection that goes to support the work of Irish Chaplaincies abroad and Pastoral Outreach for Irish Emigrants around the world.

**Medjugorje International Youth Festival:** From July 31<sup>st</sup> -August 7<sup>th</sup> 22024.

Spiritual Director: Bishop Michael Duignan. Open to adults between the ages of 18 (by 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:office@clonfertdiocese.ie) or contact your local priest. Limited spaces-first come, first served. Closing date 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

**School Caretaker:** There may be some caretaking work available in Carrabane National school under the Galway Rural Development-RSS/Tus scheme. Please contact Kathleen Cannon at [Kcannon@grd.ie](mailto:Kcannon@grd.ie) for further information.

**Easter Calls to the Sick and Housebound:** Fr. Lawless will visit the sick and housebound on Holy Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

**Chrism Mass:** In Loughrea on Wednesday at 8pm.

**The Alzheimer Society of Ireland:** Will be holding a social Club in the Loughrea Family & Community Resource Centre Bridge Street, Loughrea every Wednesday from 2pm to 4pm. Contact Teresa on 087 1888177.

**Keeping Connected:** Why not visit Clonfert Diocese Facebook Page or follow on Clonfert Diocese Twitter.

**Thought for the Day:** Our Master lies asleep and is at rest: His heart has ceased to bleed, His Eye to weep. The sun ashamed has dropt down in the west: Our Master lies asleep. Now we are they who weep, and trembling keep Vigil, with wrung heart in a sighing breast, while slow time creeps, and slow the shadows creep. Renew Thy youth, as eagle from the nest: O Master, who hast sown, arise to reap: No cock-crow yet, no flush on eastern crest: Our Master lies asleep.

**Points to Ponder:** Many years ago a famous artist wanted to paint a picture of Jesus as a young man. He searched around for a model and eventually found a very handsome young man. Years later the same artist wanted to paint a picture of the Last Supper, but had difficulty in finding a model for Judas. Eventually he did, someone with an evil-looking face which put fear into people who looked at it. You can imagine the artist's surprise when he discovered that it was the same man he had chosen as his models for Jesus and Judas. Between the first painting of Jesus and the second one of Judas at the Last Supper the young man had got into bad company and had committed many crimes. This was reflected in his face. From a young man with much potential he had become an evil person and failed to reach his capacity for greatness.

Each one of us has this capacity, that for greatness and that for evil. In today's gospel story in Mark, Jesus says or does very little. It is the various actors in the drama who decide for themselves what their relation to Jesus will be. They either accept or reject Jesus. It is the same for us. We decide by our own way of life whether we want to be for Jesus and accept his way or we turn away and go our

**Priests Easter Collection:** Will be taken up at all masses next weekend.

**Holy Places Collection:** Will be taken up on Good Friday.

own way. We choose. It is up to us and God will not force us. Today's gospel is another offer from God to us. Will we choose Jesus today or not?