

## 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 Mar: For Victims of Abuse:** We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the church; may they find within the church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

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### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023–5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

(Lectionary: Sunday Cycle: A. Weekdays Cycle 1)

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<b>MASSES – Weekends &amp; Special Intentions</b>		<b>Weekdays</b> Mon 9.30am Holy Family Centre
<b>Sat 25<sup>th</sup> March: Clostoken: 6.30 pm</b> (A) John Martyn & family (A) Paddy & Mary Smyth <b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup> March: Kilconieron: 10.00 am</b> (A) Betty Murray Larchill <b>Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April: Clostoken: 6.30pm</b> (A) Joe Derham <b>Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> April: Kilconieron 10.00am</b> (A) Thomas Anthony Burke		
<b>Ministers of God's Word</b> <b>Sat 25<sup>th</sup> March:</b> Bridie Martyn <b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup> March:</b> Bridie Cannon <b>Sat 1<sup>st</sup> April:</b> Catherine McGrath Sean Farrell Brigid Ryan <b>Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> April:</b> Carmel Martyn Margaret Walsh Catherine Waters	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b> John Hynes Gearoid Walsh Marian Hynes Bridie Martyn	<b>Servers</b> Team B Team A Team D Team C

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent:** John's Gospel puts before the believer a grand array of I Am sentences, rooted in the name of God in Exodus 3:14, I am who I am. I am the bread of life (Jn 6:35, 48,51) I am the light of the world (jn 8:12;9:5) I am the gate for the sheep (jn 10:7, 9) I am the good shepherd (jn10:11, 14) I am the resurrection and the life (jn 11:25) I am the way, and the truth, and the life (jn14:6) I am the true vine (jn 15:1, 5) Altogether, they constitute a resounding

reminder that we believe first of all in a person, not in a philosophy.

**Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Secour:** Every Saturday morning in the family prayer centre in the parochial house. You are welcome.

#### **Holy Week Ceremonies:**

1<sup>st</sup> April-Vigil Palm Sunday-Clostoken Church 6.30pm.

2<sup>nd</sup> April Palm Sunday – Kilconieron 10am.

Chrism Mass in Loughrea-5<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm.

Holy Thursday- Clostoken-8pm. Adoration-8.45pm-10pm.

Good Friday. Kilconieron 3pm. Clostoken 5pm.

Holy Saturday. Clostoken- 8pm.

Easter Sunday. Kilconieron- 10am.

#### **Daffodil Day- 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023:**

**Clock's Go Forward by 1 hour this Saturday night.**

**Trocaire Collection:** Sincere thanks to all who contributed.

**Children's Liturgy:** Has started for Lent. This takes place in the porch of Clostoken church. Please leave space for the children. Thank you.

**Points to Ponder:** The Gospels are full of great stories, and this one has it all- tragedy and sadness, suspense and tension, building up to a climax of deliverance and liberation. We tell this story as we come closer to Easter: at one level it acts as a precursor for what is to come, the death and resurrection of Jesus, but at another level, it simply points to the inadequacy of our hopes for this life, which are surpassed by far in the resurrection. Lazarus simply returned to the life which he had left: death still lay ahead. Jesus rose to a life that has no end.

We tend to be a bit vague about what happens to people after death. We pray that they go to heaven; by that we mean that they will be in a place of happiness with God, with all the saints and angels, and be united once more with all the friends and loved ones who have died. In our tradition we pray for the dead because we are realistic enough to know that many people die without having lived the best of lives, and before they enter the presence of God, who is all light and goodness, the darkness within them is cleansed. And so today, we look forward as we witness the power of Jesus over death and anticipate his resurrection to new life. And in the words of the gospel we ask to 'unbind us; to free us from all that imprisons us and prevents us from living as God wants.

**Thought for the Day: God's Timing:** We can all struggle to understand God's timing. Like Martha and Mary, we wonder why the Lord is not responding to our request for help with greater urgency. Like them, we find our selves struggling with the Lord's silence and absence in the face of sickness and death. Yet, Jesus' delay, painful as it is was for Martha and Mary, created a space for something more wonderful to happen than if he had responded immediately to their pleas for help. Jesus' delay allowed him to show the truly life-giving power of his friendship, not just in regard to this family in Bethany, but in regard to all who believe in him, the wider family of his disciples.

