

# 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 Jan:** We pray for those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution: may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

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## Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun in Ordinary Time

(Readings: Sunday Cycle: B. Weekday Cycle 2)

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<p><b>MASSES – Weekends &amp; Special Intentions</b></p> <p>Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Jan: Kilconieran: 6.30pm People of the Parish</p> <p>Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Jan: Clostoken: 10.00am</p> <p>Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan: Kilconieran: 6.30pm</p> <p>Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan: Clostoken: 10.00am (A)</p>		<p><b>Weekdays</b></p> <p>Mon 9.30am Holy Family Centre</p>
<p><b>Ministers of God's Word</b></p> <p>Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Jan: Patricia Reidy</p> <p>Sun 16<sup>th</sup> Jan: Catherine McGrath</p> <p>Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan: Bridie Martin</p> <p>Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan: Brigid Ryan</p>	<p><b>Eucharistic Minister</b></p> <p>Teresa Keogh</p> <p>Catherine McGrath</p> <p>Eddie Kenny</p> <p>Gearoid Walsh</p>	<p><b>Servers</b></p> <p>Team B</p> <p>Team A</p> <p>Team D</p> <p>Team C</p>

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:** In this Jewish context 'Peace' or 'Shalom' captures the idea of life, the promotion of all that is truly human. Where human beings are flourishing the kingdom of God is there. Wedding, bridegroom and wine combine to draw attention to one aspect of peace: good relations between people. This is particularly apt as we are in the Week of Prayer and work for Christian Unity.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity- 18-25<sup>th</sup> January 2022:** From 18-25<sup>th</sup> January, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is held. The Theme for 2022 Week of Prayer is 'We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him' (Mt 2:2), taken from the account of the visit of the magi to pay homage to the infant king (Mt 2:1-12). It is a call to unity, of those from the North and the South, from the East and from the West, old and young, men and women.

## Catholic Schools Week: "Living Life to the Full" 23<sup>-30</sup>th January 2022:

**Homily Notes:** There is something special about being invited to a wedding. It is a solemn moment in the life of a couple, and always merits celebration. Today's liturgy invites us to think about weddings and their significance. Our first invitation is from the prophet Isaiah who, using bridal imagery, envisages a new future for Israel, where she (Israel personified) will be given a new name, will be dressed in bridal attire, splendid in crown and diadem, the delight of her husband. She looks forward to a future glorious relationship, wedded to her creator. The future relationship between God and Israel, as envisioned by the prophet, is figuratively portrayed as a wedding. God and humanity will be bound together in faithful relationship, marked by joy and celebration.

Today's gospel invites us to imagine another wedding, this time in Cana of Galilee. We can visualise it: a wedding celebration, planned to last for a few days or even a week, as was the Jewish custom at the time: a happy couple whose names we do not have, at the centre of the celebrations: neighbours, relatives and friends all gathered for the occasion: Mary is there among the guests: Jesus and some of his friends are there too, and all is in full swing!

Observant Mary notices that the wine has run out. This spells huge embarrassment for the bridal couple, especially for the bridegroom who is responsible for proper budgeting. It will be the talk of town! Mary whispers to Jesus, 'They have no wine!' It is not a straight forward request. It is just a hint. Jesus seems to rebuff her by addressing her as 'Woman', although that is, in the Jewish culture of the time, a term of respect.

In John's Gospel, 'believing in Jesus' is never purely a matter of intellectual assent. It is about full, personal acceptance of who he is, as the New Wine of the New Dispensation. We are told that 'he revealed his glory' and that 'his disciples believed in him'. A change signalled by water changed to wine!

**Why Not: Prepare the Readings for next Sundays Mass:** See the Sundays missal page 88.

**Why Not:** Take a copy of the Irish Catholic paper, available in the porches of the church.

**Kilconieron GAA Lotto Results- Jackpot €12, 600:** Numbers: 12-28-30-31. No Winner: 2 x match 3: Jarlath Broderick and Thomas Walsh. Weekly lucky dip: Karl Martyn. Yearly lucky dip: Aoife & Aidan Carty. Next weeks draw on Tue 18<sup>th</sup> January. Jackpot: €12, 700.