

# 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 June-Families:** We pray for Christian families around the world; may they embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

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## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Readings: Sunday Cycle: C. Weekdays Cycle 2)

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<p><b>MASSES – Weekends &amp; Special Intentions</b></p> <p><b>Sat 25<sup>th</sup> June: Kilconieran: 7.30 pm</b> (A) Josephine Murray</p> <p><b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup> June: Clostoken: 10am</b> (A) Michael Martyn (A) Michelle Fallon</p> <p><b>Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> July: Kilconieran: 7.30pm</b> Pro Populo</p> <p><b>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> July: Clostoken: 10.00am</b> (A) Nell O'Dowd (A) P.J &amp; Patrick &amp; Bridget Greene</p>		<p><b>Weekdays</b></p> <p>Mon 9.30am Holy Family Centre</p>
<p><b>Ministers of God's Word</b></p> <p><b>Sat 25<sup>th</sup> June:</b> Sean Farrell</p> <p><b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup> June:</b> Joanna Fitzpatrick</p> <p><b>Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> July:</b> Catherine Waters</p> <p><b>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> July:</b> Carmel Martyn</p>	<p><b>Eucharistic Minister</b></p> <p>Sean Farrell</p> <p>Gearoid Walsh</p> <p>Catherine Waters</p> <p>Gerry Plower</p>	<p><b>Servers</b></p> <p>Team A</p> <p>Team D</p> <p>Team C</p> <p>Team B</p>

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:** From this Sunday until the last Sunday of the year (Feast of Christ the King-20<sup>th</sup> Nov) we will be reading from the gospel of St. Luke.

Luke is particularly sensitive to people's weakness and he presents them as interacting with a very compassionate Jesus. He portrays Jesus as someone who has a special concern for those who are sick, in trouble and on the margins of respectable society.

**The Sunday Eucharist-Continued:** But because of its special solemnity and the obligatory presence of the community, and because it is celebrated 'on the day when Christ conquered death and gave us a share in his immortal life', the Sunday Eucharist expresses with greater emphasis its inherent ecclesial dimension. It becomes the paradigm for other Eucharistic celebrations. Each community, gathering all its members for the 'breaking of the bread', becomes the place where

the mystery of the Church is concretely made present. In celebrating the Eucharist, the community opens itself to communion with the universal Church, imploring the FATHER TO 'REMEMBER THE Church throughout the world' and make her grow in the unity of all the faithful with the pope and with pastors of the particular Churches, until love is brought to perfection.

**Why Not:** At home discuss the ways in which a catholic can follow Jesus in the world at this time.

**Why Not:** Decorate an image of St. Peter & St. Paul apostles to commemorate their feast day 29<sup>th</sup> June. Discuss their different personalities and legacies to the Church.

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

**First Friday Calls:** Fr. Lawless will visit the sick and housebound on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July. If you know of anybody who would like a visit from the priest please contact the priest 087 26622076 or the parish office 091 841103.

**Points to Ponder:** In today's Gospel passage (cf. Lk 9:15-62), St. Luke begins the narrative of Jesus's last journey towards Jerusalem, which ends at chapter 19. It is a long journey, not only geographically and spatially, but also spiritually and theologically, towards the fulfilment of Messiah's mission. Jesus decision is radical and total, and those who follow him are called to measure up to it. Today the Evangelist presents us three characters-three cases of vocation, we could say-that shed light on what is required of those who wish to follow Jesus, the Church is itinerant, acts promptly, quickly and decisively. The value of these conditions set by Jesus-itinerancy, promptness and decision-does not lie in a series of saying 'no' to the good and important things in life. Rather, the emphasis is placed on the main objective: to become a disciple of Christ! A free and conscious choice, made out of love, to reciprocate the invaluable grace of God, and not made as a way to promote oneself. This is sad! Woe to those who think about following Jesus for their own advantage, that is, to further their career, to feel important or to acquire a position of prestige. Jesus wants us to be passionate about him and about the Gospel. A heartfelt passion which translates into concrete gestures of proximity, of closeness to the brothers and sisters most in need of welcome and care. Precisely as he himself lived.

**Scents of Humour:** The God in whom I believe is as much interested in human laughter as in human progress.

Say what you like about the 10 commandments, you must always come back to the pleasant fact that there are only ten of them.