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## 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 Nov: For Anyone Who Has Lost A Child:** We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

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### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024- 32<sup>nd</sup> Sun in Ordinary Time

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

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<p><b><u>MASSES – Weekends &amp; Special Intentions</u></b>  <b>Sat: 9<sup>th</sup> Nov: Kilconieran: 6.30pm</b> (MM) Raymond Egan  <b>Sun: 10<sup>th</sup> Nov: Clostoken:10am</b> (MM) Bernie Spellman  <b>Sat: 16<sup>th</sup> Nov: Kilconieran: 6.30pm</b> Liturgy  <b>Sun: 17<sup>th</sup> Nov: Clostoken: 10am</b> Liturgy</p>		<p><b>Weekdays</b>                  Mon                  9.30am                  Holy Family                  Centre</p>
<p><b><u>Ministers of God's Word</u></b>  <b>Sat: 9<sup>th</sup> Nov</b> Patricia Reidy  <b>Sun: 10<sup>th</sup> Nov:</b> Mairin Spellman  <b>Sat: 16<sup>th</sup> Nov:</b> Marian Hynes  <b>Sun:17<sup>th</sup> Nov:</b> Kathy Keane</p>	<p><b><u>Eucharistic Minister</u></b>                  Sean Farrell                  Mary Connolly                  Eddie Kenny                  Bridie Martyn</p>	<p><b><u>Servers</u></b>                  Team C                  Team D                  Team E                  Team F</p>

**Remembrance Mass:** Pope Francis has asked Catholics to pray especially for parents who mourn the loss of a child. On Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> Nov the Feast of Christ the King there will be a special mass of remembrance in Clostoken church at 10am.

**November:** Tens of thousands of children have lost their lives because of war this year, many of them in the Holy Land where the tragedy continues. This November as we remember our deceased loved ones and all who have died, Pope Francis has asked Catholics to pray especially for parents who mourn the loss of a child. There can hardly be a greater grief for a parent than standing by the grave of their offspring.

For such bereaved families and for all who have lost loved ones, praying for the dead provides both consolation and healing. It's also not just a Catholic tradition. Many Protestants and other Christian denominations and religions too ask God to bless their departed loved ones. One of them, the noted author C.S Lewis wrote; 'Of course I pray for the dead. At our age the majority of those we love best are dead. What sort of conversation with God could I have if what I love best were unmentionable to Him?'

While many things have changed about the way Irish Catholics practice their faith, the offering of Mass for the faithful departed on their anniversaries or birthdays brings many families and communities together especially at this time of year and reminds us as the poet Patrick Kavanagh wrote; 'we are not alone in our loneliness, others have been here and known griefs we thought our special own'

Our prayers for the dead remain the great lifeline between those of us who are alive and those who are now gone home to God. When the dying St. Monica said to her son Augustine; 'All I ask is that you remember me at the altar of God' it was a recognition that prayer remains an unbreakable bond between the living and the dead. It ensures that as long as we who remain live, they too live as part of us.

**Thought for the Day:** It has been traditional in Ireland to regard the dead as very close to us who are living. Peig Sayers, a traditional storyteller who lived on the Great Blasket island off the Kerry coast was once asked where heaven was. In reply she said it was just a few inches above the head of the tallest man on the island. Heaven and earth, like life and death were one in the traditional way of thinking.

The great medieval mystic known as Meister Eckhart when asked where the soul goes after death said, 'No place. Where else would the soul be going, where else is the eternal world? It can be nowhere other than here.'

**The National Vocations Office:** Will hold an open day for adult men who wish to explore a vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood on the 10<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024 in Thurles Pallottine College. Further details and information on the registration process is available on [vocations.ie/exploring](http://vocations.ie/exploring).

**Pioneer Pledge for the month of the Holy Souls:** A short-term pledge gives spiritual support and encouragement to people and their families who are living under a shadow of addiction. Contact the Pioneers on 01 8054226 or visit [www.pioneers.ie/pray](http://www.pioneers.ie/pray).

**Carrabane Foroige:** Are organising a Bake Sale and Bric-a Brac to raise funds for the club. We will be hosting the event in the community hall on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov between 11.30am and 12.30pm. We hope you will be able to support us as generously as you can.

**'Seeking encounter with God in and through St Lujie's Gospel:** Members of CREIDEAMH network invite you to join them in Clonfert Family Centre, Ballinasloe for one hour 6.30-7.30pm, for 6 weeks beginning on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov. For more details visit [www.creideamh.ie/luke](http://www.creideamh.ie/luke). Newcomers to scripture exploration welcome.

