

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; For the Right to an Education: Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

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Sunday 19th January- Second Sun of Ordinary Time

(Lectionary: Year C. Year of Luke Weekdays Cycle 1)
20-C. M.B-25

<u>MASSES</u> – Weekends & Special Intentions		Weekdays
Sat: 18th Jan: Clostoken: 6.30pm Sun: 19th Jan: Kilconieron:10am (A) P.J. Hynes (A) Michael Moloney		Mon 9.30am Holy Family Centre
Sat: 25th Jan: Clostoken: 6.30pm (A) John & Margaret Plower Sun: 26th Jan: Kilconieron: 10am		
<u>Ministers of God's Word</u> Sat: 18th Jan: Kathy Keane Sun: 19th Jan: Marian Hynes Sat: 25th Jan: Bridie Martyn Sun: 26th Jan: Noreen Martyn	<u>Eucharistic Minister</u> Gerry Plower John Hynes Teresa Keogh Marian Hynes	<u>Servers</u> Team H Team G Team J Team I

Thought for the Day: God alone can give faith, but you can offer witness.
 God alone can give hope, but you can give confidence to others.
 God alone can give love, but you can pass it on to others.
 God alone can give peace, but you can work for unity.
 God alone can give power, but you can sustain somebody who is feeling low.
 God alone is the light, but you can make it shine for others.
 God alone is life, but you can give others a taste for living.
 God alone can do the impossible, but through you it becomes possible.
 God alone is self-sufficient...but amazingly, God prefers to count on you.

Parish Hall Fund-New Years Walk: Thanks to all who participated and organised it. €750 was collected.

Points to Ponder: Most of us who were baptised as infants cannot remember the moment of our baptism. Fortunately, we have an abundance of symbols and rituals to anchor us in our 'baptismal memory'. When we pass by the baptismal font in our Church we can 'remember' our baptism. Anytime we have the pleasure of being in the congregation at a baptism ceremony we can 'remember' our baptism. We can look at photographs or take out the family christening gown or baptismal candle to have a visual reminder of our initiation into the Christian faith. But most significantly whenever we turn to one of the Gospel passages that tells the story of Jesus' baptism we can 'remember' our baptism in an especially powerful way.

The simple act of entering a Catholic Church and blessing ourselves with water from the font at the entrance is a way of remembering our baptismal commitment. And it makes even more sense to put water on our foreheads as we leave the Church and go out into the world-for there the battles are fought. This is a month in which many of us are feeling overwhelmed. In January, the holidays are over and the bills are looming. Some people are dealing with a variety of post-holiday emotions; others already feel that they have failed in their new year's resolutions. The message of 'Jesus' baptism and a reminder of our own is needed at a time such as this: 'Lord we are yours, help us to know it, To know it in the depth of our hearts and to act accordingly.'

Jubilee Year of Hope-Pilgrims of Hope 2025.

Loving Father,
We come before you,
In this Jubilee Year.
Our hearts are full of longing.
Now is the time to lay the past to rest.
Today is the day for a new beginning.
Breathe on us Spirit of God.
Inspire us.
Strengthen us.
Help us to follow ever more closely
The example of Jesus your Son.
Help us to love you with all our heart.
Help us to care for one another.
In a world upset by war and discord,
We beg for the gift of lasting peace.
With Mother Mary by our side,
May we journey together
As pilgrims of hope on the road of life.
We ask this of you, O Loving Father, through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

Foroige Santa Grotto: Thanks to all who supported and organised it. €420 goes to charity.