## Kilconieran & Clostoken Parish

Carrabane, Athenry, Co. Galway



Holy Family Clostoken



Immaculate Conception
Kilconieran

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**Pope' intention for June-For Migrants Fleeing their Homes:** We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence, find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

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## Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>June 2024- 12<sup>th</sup> Sun in Ordinary Time

(Lectionary: Year B. Year of Mark Weekdays Cycle 2) 20-C. M.B-24

<u>MASSES</u> – Weekends & Special Intentions			eekdays	
Sat: 22 <sup>nd</sup> June: Kilconieran: 7.30pm (A) Michael Fallon			Mon	
(A) Josephine Murray		9.30am		
Sun: 23 <sup>rd</sup> June: Clostoken:10am (A) Tom & Paddy & Baby Grace Callanan			Holy Family	
Sat: 29th June: Kilconieran: 7.30pm (A) Brigid Coughlan			Centre	
Sun: 30 <sup>th</sup> June: Clostoken: 10am(A) P.J, Patrick & Brigid Green				
(A) John Keane-Mannin			<u>vers</u>	
Ministers of God's Word	Eucharistic Minister Marion Hynes Catherine Waters Catherine McGrath		am F am G	
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> June: Patricia Reidy				
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> June: Mairin Spellman			Team H Team A	
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> June: Marian Hynes				
Sun: 30 <sup>th</sup> June: Kathy Keane	Gerry Plower			

## **Cemetery Masses**:

Kilconieran-Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm. Clostoken-Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July at 10am

Old Kilconieran Cemetery: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Aug at 7.30pm.

<u>Though for the Day-Christ the Friend:</u> James: He was in our boat. He was with us when we encountered a storm. He came to our rescue when we had nowhere else to turn... How often I remembered this experience in the years that followed. It always spoke to me so powerfully-and it always made such an impression on people who were hearing about the Lord for the first time! It was an image for me of the life of every Christian. Christ always with each one of us. And he has the

power to protect us from every evil, to bring us safely through the most trying of times.

**Points to Ponder**: Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing? Have you ever felt like this? Have you ever felt like you were sinking in a raging sea, and no matter how hard you prayed, and how intently you looked for Jesus, Jesus just didn't seem to be listening? Did you ever feel like you would hit the bottom of the sea before Jesus ever got around to doing anything about it? Have you ever asked aloud: Why? Why me? What did I do to deserve this?

It can't be said enough: God never, ever, ever promises that nothing bad will ever happen. God never promises smooth sailing and blue skies every day. If you think that God promises this, you haven't read your Bible lately. What God does promise is that when the world comes crashing down, God is right there with us. Jesus is there with us, in the sinking boat. This is an important part of the story: Jesus isn't elsewhere. He isn't in some comfortable palace somewhere eating olives and hummus. He is in the boat with the disciples. Sinking. And then he calms the storm.

So, maybe the world is crashing in on you today. Maybe it was yesterday. And then again, maybe it will be tomorrow. But, whenever it does-and it's not a matter of 'if', but 'when'- whatever you think, and whatever your prayer, know that you haven't been abandoned. God isn't on a lunch break. God isn't out for you.

God is with you. And all you need is enough faith to get you through to the moment when Jesus speaks, 'Peace. Be still'.

<u>National Grandparents Pilgrimage 2024</u>: Theme- 'Do not cast me off in my old age' Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024, in Knock Shrine, Principle Celebrant Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor Papal Nuncio of Ireland.

<u>Clonfert Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024</u>: Takes place from August 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> departing from Shannon airport. Further information from Society Travel 090 9645350 or 087 9479141.

<u>Accord Ballinasloe</u>: Are committed to providing a professional counselling service for individuals and couples who are experiencing difficulties in their marriage and relationships. This confidential service is available and affordable. Contact 090 9643573 for appointment or E-Mail <u>accordballinasloe@gmail.com</u> <u>Information and Support for Birth Mothers</u>: Whose babies were placed for adoption may be found at <u>www.birthinfo.ie</u> or by calling the relevant section of TUSLA at +353 818445500.

<u>The Alzheimer Society of Ireland</u>: Will be holding a Social Club in the Loughrea Family & Community Resource Centre Bridge Street Loughrea every Wednesday from 2pm to 4pm. Contact Teresa on 087 1888177.

<u>VAKS:</u> Is an opportunity for young people in TY, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class year to come to Knock Shrine and volunteer for a weekend in either July or August. This is a great way to meet new friends, serve others, express your faith and have fun. If you would loke any more information please contact Mairead Jennings at 094 9375321 or your local parish priest.