

Quin Clooney Maghera Parish Notes

10th/11th January 2026

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Date		Anniversaries	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers	Tellers
Sat Jan 10th	Clooney 7pm	Paddy Hassett, Moyriesk, First Anniversary.	Pauline Conheady	Nuala Daffy	
Sun Jan 11th	Maghera 9.30am	Betty & Willie Joe Corbett, Maghera.	Eileen Daly	John O'Sullivan	
Sun Jan 11th	Quin 11am	Jack & Dolly Colleran, Quin. Mary & Thomas Rice, Mooghaun. Kathleen Clune, Hazelwood, First Anniversary.	Anne Corbett & Ann Lynch	Mary Liddy	Mary Culligan & Bridie O'Brien
Sat Jan 17th	Clooney 7.00pm	Mary & Bernie McInerney, Rathclooney & their Daughters Marian & Geraldine. Mary McMahon, Spancilhill. Tim & Anne Halpin, Toonagh.	Tom Larkin	Pamela McGrath	
Sun Jan 18th	Maghera 9.30am	Special Intentions	Catherine O'Halloran	Vincent O'Halloran	
Sun Jan 18th	Quin 11am	Michael McNamara, Corbally. Mary Ann & JJ Doherty, Ballykilty. Karen O'Brien O'Halloran, Dun na Manach.	Joe Brennan & Kay O'Shaughnessy	Deirdre Clune	Ann McNamara & Mary Moloney

Daily Mass this week: Monday to Friday at 10am St Mary's Church Quin.

Weekly Contributions: Amount Collected for the past week €1,390. The Parish Council thank you for your weekly contributions for the upkeep of the Parish. Contributions can also be left in the parish office or alternatively you can use the Donate Button on the Killaloe Diocese website. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Sick & Housebound: Fr Tom will visit the sick and housebound of the parish with sacraments this week. If you know of any housebound parishioner who would like to receive sacraments please contact Fr Tom on 087 2349816

Children's Liturgy: Sunday January 11th: Siobhan Morris & Marissa McCarthy. Sunday January 18th: Sandra Quirke & Aislinn Homer.

Recent Baptism: We welcome to the Christian Community **Aidan Thomas Meere** who recently received the Sacrament of Baptism.

Offertory Envelopes: The new box of envelopes begin on 1st February. We thank all those who use these envelopes each week. If you do not currently receive a box and would like to, please contact the Parish Office. We ask you to consider, if not already doing so, signing up for the Tax Rebate Scheme. This is of great support to the parish at no additional cost to you. Again, please contact the Parish Office for details. 065-6825612. Our thanks to the many volunteers who each year faithfully deliver the boxes.

Blessing of Babies: On this Sunday 11th January we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of our Lord. We invite all children who were baptised in the parish in the last year to a special ceremony of blessing for their first year of life. The ceremony will take place this Sunday January 11th at 3pm in St. Mary's Church Quin.

Sacramental Masses: As preparation for the Sacraments continue, our next Masses of preparation will take place at the 7pm Mass in St John XXIII Church Clooney and at the 11am Mass in St. Mary's Church Quin next weekend 17th/18th January.

Calling all Eucharistic Ministers and Readers of The Word: The Abbey Pastoral Area is organising a short refresher course for all who serve as Eucharistic Ministers and Readers of the Word in any of the Churches in our Pastoral Area. The course will be offered on two nights each so as to give all involved an opportunity to attend ONE of the dates that suits best. The Venue will be St Joseph's Church Ennis on the following dates at 7.30pm

Readers of the Word : Tuesday 27th January or Tuesday 3rd February

Eucharistic Ministers: Tuesday 13th January or Wednesday 14th January.

Anyone involved in these ministries is asked to attend **ONE** of the relevant meetings. The meetings are also open to those interested in becoming a Reader or Eucharistic Minister. We take the opportunity to thank all those who serve in these ministries for your dedication and commitment.

Why Baptism?

The feast of the Baptism of our Lord always comes at the beginning of the new year, a time associated with resolutions and new beginnings. What makes us truly human is that we are capable of making decisions and promises and of sticking faithfully to them. Baptism for Jesus meant that the will of his Father became the meaning and message of his life. Indeed there is a sense in which we can say that every Baptismal Font is a "tributary" of the River Jordan.

My name was called.....

Helen/Paul "I baptise you...."

In our lives there are decisions, moments, opportunities when God calls us to new beginnings, renewed fidelity, deepening trust, more generous service. Our calling is to be like Christ to have his values, his attitudes, his way of dealing with people. It's a decision which must be renewed daily, a decision to follow Jesus Christ, a commitment to try to grow in faith. It may be to heal a quarrel, to let a grievance go, to give up alcohol or drugs, to serve one's neighbour in a new way. In Baptism I became a "child of the Light". In this way I was called to be a "light". Through me, others see the "light" and in this way we are empowered to "shine" in our particular way.

ABC Playschool/Montessori (situated on the school grounds of Scoil na Mainistreach Quin Dangan) are now accepting enrolments for 2 free years of ECCE preschool. Contact: Mary 087-2413869.

Clare Roots Society commence their 2026 series of lectures at 7:30pm on Thursday January 15th, at the Clare Education Centre, Kilrush Road, Ennis, V95F782. Lecture Title: Finding Ogle: The Mystery of the Disappearing Workhouse Master by David Broderick.

Split the Pot: Congratulations to this weeks Split the Pot winner Kathleen Kearse who wins €83. Next draw takes place on Tuesday January 13th. Envelopes for split the pot can be filled in, at Gala, The Abbey Tavern, The Village Inn, Abbey Express laundry, Quin post office & A Taste of Quin. "Be in to win".

GAA Lotto Draw: 8th January 2026 Jackpot: €20,000. Numbers drawn: 2; 5; 27; 31; No winner. €40 Winners - Trish Halpin, Maghera; Kieran Quinn, Spancillhill; Alice Jackson, Quin; Jack Landy, C/O Quin PO; Michael Bradley, Pennsylvania USA. Next draw Clubhouse 15th January 2026. Jackpot: €20,000. Tickets available online at www.clooneyquingaa.ie - purchase cut-off time 5.00pm. Also available in Quin Post Office and Clooney Stores; purchase cut off time 1pm. Go raibh maith agaibh as bhur dtacaíocht leanúnach.

Unwanted Christmas Gifts: The Cathedral Renovation Appeal would appreciate any unwanted unopened Christmas Gifts for their online auction to support the Cathedral Renovation Appeal. Gifts can be left at Ennis Parish Office or at the Cathedral.

Newsletter Deadline: The cut-off time for submission of notices for inclusion in the newsletter is Tuesday at 5pm. Notices can be emailed to quinparish@gmail.com