

Parish of Quin-Clooney-Maghera

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Sunday, 2nd April 2017

Fifth Sunday of Lent

ANNIVERSARIES

Sat. 1 st April (Clooney), 7.00 p.m.	Maisie O'Neill , Quin.
Sat. 1 st April (Clooney), 7.00 p.m.	Barbara Clune-Hickey , Crowhill.
Sat. 1 st April (Clooney), 7.00 p.m.	Michael Clune , Rylane.
Sun. 2 nd April (Quin), 11.00 a.m.	Missa pro populo (The People's Mass).
Sat. 8 th April (Clooney), 7.00 p.m.	Pakie Conroy , Clooney.
Sat. 8 th April (Clooney), 7.00 p.m.	Anna McMahon , Spencilhill (1 st Anniversary).
Sun. 9 th April (Quin), 11.00 a.m.	Raymond Cunningham (<i>Month's Mind</i>).
Sun. 9 th April (Quin), 11.00 a.m.	Paddy & Patsy Lawlor , Creevaghmore, & deceased members of Lawlor family.

NEXT WEEK, LENTEN MASS, QUIN: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday – **5.00 pm** each day. Thursday – Benediction at **5.30pm**, followed by Mass.
Friday next, 7th April, is **FIRST FRIDAY** of the month. Mass as above.
Pastoral visits by Fr. McCormack to the sick and housebound, Friday 7th & Saturday, 8th.Apr.

SUNDAY NEXT, 9th April, is PALM SUNDAY, the beginning of Holy Week, which leads us to the paschal mystery of Easter (16TH April). Special Mass booklets, containing the readings for **Palm Sunday**, will be available as you enter the church next weekend. A copy of the Parish Newsletter will be inserted in each booklet. Palm branches will be blessed during Mass. Please take the Newsletter home with you as it will contain details of Holy Week and Easter ceremonies.

NEXT WEEKEND.....

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
CLOONEY – 7.00pm Saturday, 8 th April (Vigil).	<i>John Condon</i>	<i>Michael Murphy</i>
MAGHERA – 9.30am Sunday, 9 th April	<i>John O'Sullivan</i>	<i>Catherine O'Halloran</i>
QUIN 11.00am Sunday, 9 th April	<i>Annette Liddy & Marie Kelly</i>	<i>Ann Lyn ch & Eleanor Gallagher</i>
Eucharistic Adoration. Quin Church – Thursday 9.00am to 5.30pm. Benediction at 5.30pm , followed by Mass.		

Pray & Play: Quin Church; Leaders for Sunday, 9th April: (Team 4) – Noreen Thomas, Eleanor Gallagher & Mairead McMahon.

Offertory Donations – Parish contributions: 25/26th March: (three churches): €705. Tellers, **Quin**, Sunday 9th April: Teasi Ryan & Claire Duggan.

VOCATIONS BULLETIN: **Sunday, 2nd April** -- Fifth Sunday in Lent. **“Did I not assure you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”** Do you believe that Christ may be calling you to see the glory of the Blessed Trinity through a vocation to the priesthood? Why not discuss it with a friend, Call 086 2777139.

Novena: The annual Matt Talbot Novena continues at the church in **Tulla** next Wednesday, 5th April at **7.00pm**. Guest: Fr. Ger Nash. Topic: Confession. **“Bless me Father for I have sinned”**

Trócaire 2017: - **“Better to light one candle than to curse the darkness”.**

The United Nations has recently reported that there are 20 million people currently facing starvation in Africa due to unprecedented drought, and that the world is facing the greatest humanitarian crisis since the ending of the Second World War (1945). *Trócaire* is currently working in Somalia, South Sudan, Kenya and Ethiopia to ease the crisis. Let's play our part – by giving them more than we've ever done before. Let's light the candle!

Please Note – The collection of *Trócaire* boxes and envelopes (mauve-coloured) commences next weekend and will continue up to the Easter period. This parish has always been extremely generous to *Trócaire*. On its behalf, we appeal for even greater generosity this year because of the extraordinary crisis that currently prevails in Africa, as referred to above.

Meeting: The parish **Liturgy Group** will meet on Monday next, 3rd April at 8pm in the church meeting room, Quin, to finalise details of liturgical ceremonies in Holy Week & Easter.

Working With Children: The Killaloe Diocese will hold an Evening Workshop on **“The dangers and challenges of Social Media for those working with Children”** – on Wednesday next, 5th April, at the *Oakwood* Hotel, Shannon. Tea/coffee at 6.30pm for **start at 7.00pm**.. The Facilitator will be Dr Maureen Griffin, who has much experience in this area. The Meeting should interest anyone working with children and/or youth of the parish. Tariff - €10. For further information, contact Ms Cleo Yates, Director of Safeguarding, on c.yates@killaloediocese.ie

The Homeless: A churchgate collection on behalf of the agencies helping the Homeless, which was held in Quin last Sunday, yielded a total of €165. Many thanks for your support.

Quin Players: - The local Drama Group will hold its AGM on **Monday next, 3rd April**, at **8.30pm** in the Boardroom of Quin Community Centre. This is a real opportunity for new members to become part of the amateur drama movement which can be exciting and rewarding. No previous acting experience required. All welcome. More details: - Mary at **087 2535445**.

Magnificent - The achievements of teams of local adults & children in the raising of funds for the *Irish Cancer Society* last Friday, 24th March, *National Daffodil Day*, were simply magnificent. A full rota of volunteers collected and sold bunches of daffodils throughout the day and raised the grand total of €3,550 for the charity. Of this, €2,430 was collected in Quin by the local *Active Retired* group; €860 by the children, teachers and parents of Clooney N.S., led by Mary Gleeson; and a further €260 by Hazel O'Gorman, who operated a stall in Ennis. Full praise & thanks to all.

Quin StepFitt - A new 6-week programme of *StepFitt* cardio and tone exercises will commence on **Wednesday next, 5th April**, at 6.15pm in Quin Hall. Bookings to Clare on 087 6855569.

Clooney/Quin GAA: Results of LOTTO Draw, 30th March. – Numbers drawn: **05-25-30-31**. No Winner. Jackpot next week **€3,200**. Lucky Dip Winners (€40 each): Rita O'Halloran, Ballyhickey; Christina Nagle, Ballyhannon; Mary O'Loughlin, Corbally; Mary O'Rourke, *Daktronics*: Martin Clune, Crowhill.

Lasting happiness doesn't come from what you get, but from what you give.