

Quin Clooney Maghera Parish Notes

April 11th 2021

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Masses:	Anniversaries
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No Masses in Clooney & Maghera During these times of restrictions

Sun. Apr. 11 th	Quin 11:00am	Joe & Mary McNamara, Ballyhickey & their daughter Marlyn Hanrahan, Ennis & Desc. family members. Michael & Una Leamy, Knappogue. Paddy & Peggy Birmingham, Ballyhannon.
Mon– Weds. Apr. 12 th –14 th	Quin 10.00am	Private Intentions
Thurs. Apr. 15 th	Quin 10.00am	Pat Conroy, Clooney.
Fri. Apr. 16 th	Quin 10:00am	Private Intentions
Sun. Apr. 18 th	Quin 11.00am	Ina, Seamus & Nancy Reddan, Quin. Bobby Clune, Danganbrack

All Masses in Quin via Parish Webcam & Parish Radio Link.

Daily Mass: (Quin) Mon—Fri.: 10:00am

Rest In Peace: Michael (MJ) Twomey, Roslevan, Ennis. Father of Orla Senten & Tracy McDonald, Clooney. Paddy Lynch, Kilmaley, Brother of Mary Whelan, Tyreda, Tulla.

Weekly Contributions: Amount Collected from March 31st—April 6th - €1,165. Contributions can be left in the Parish Office during these times of restrictions or use the Donate Button on the Killaloe Diocese Website. The Parish Council continues to thank all who leave contributions to the Parish Office at this time. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Trocaire Collection: It is now time for all Trocaire boxes and envelopes to be brought to the Parish Office. There is a special white envelope with purple top in your box of envelopes for this collection. Thank you for your generosity to our brothers and sisters in the Third World and the Trocaire Lenten Campaign which concentrated this year on South Sudan.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People: ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Thursday Holy Hour: The Holy Hour has been taking place the past few months on Thursday’s will cease for the month of April. Depending on restrictions, it is hoped that Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday’s will begin again in the month of May.

On-line Donations to Parish: In these times of Government lockdown and restrictions on attendances at public masses, many people who are unable to attend church services are interested in contributing to the support of their parish or their priests. Sincere thanks to all our parishioners who have contributed during this time. It is now possible to make a contribution by credit or debit card directly to your parish using the Diocesan Website – www.killaloe-diocese.ie. The full contribution as received by the Diocesan website will be fully paid to your parish. Simply go to the Diocesan Website and click on the red “Donate to your Parish” button on the top of the page. You will be invited to select your parish and the parish fund you wish to contribute to. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Divine Mercy Sunday: This special feast was established by Pope John Paul 11 at the Canonisation of St. Faustina Kowalska 21 years ago. Between 1931-1938 Jesus appeared several times to this humble Polish nun and gave her this wonderful devotion to Divine Mercy for everyone. This Sunday afternoon there will be a special devotion in honour of Divine Mercy in Ennis Cathedral at 3pm streamed live on Ennis Parish webcam.

Booking of Mass Intentions: Please give at least two weeks notice when booking a Mass intention. One intention will be taken for weekday Masses and for Sunday's NO more than three family intentions will be taken. Please ring the Parish Office during office hours 11am-5pm at (065) 6825612. If there is no answer please leave a name, date that you would like and contact number and we will get back to you. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Buíochas

A sincere thank you to all who helped with our Holy Week Ceremonies. We thank Jimmy O'Halloran & Maureen Corbett for providing the palm for Palm Sunday. To our **Organists**, Una Clune, Marie Clune and Mary Corbett. **Cantors:** Joe O'Connor, John Condon, Pauline Hoey, Catherin Casey and Mary O'Regan. **Readers:** Linda Hale, Sally O'Neill, Brian McMahon, Martin Casey, Pamela McGrath, and Pauline Hogan. **Sacristans** Jimmy Maher & Pat Carrig. We thank Breda Kilmartin for the beautiful floral displays. We also thank Jimmy Maher & Eugene Phillips for maintaining the Parochial House and Church grounds at this time and to Tom Larkin who has been looking after Clooney Church grounds. Although our Ceremonies were virtual again this year it was truly a Great Week!

Mile Buíochas

Men's Rites of Passage, Kiltegan, 18th – 22nd August 2021

Nowadays, the question of what it means to be a man can be perplexing, and to be a man of faith in Ireland today can be very difficult. Most men have a longing for the support and guidance of other men in their journey towards masculinity, maturity, and a deeper experience with the divine. Living a shallow unexamined life is an empty experience. Opening the door to this journey can start with the ***Men's Rites of Passage (MROP)***, a five-day deeply spiritual/ experience that builds on the classic patterns of male initiation through profound rituals and teachings. It is the kind of experience that can help awaken men to the adventure and mystery of their own masculinity, their potential for leadership, and their life's purpose. Join with other men on this journey in ***Kiltegan, Co Wicklow, 18-22 August 2021. For more information, go to malejourney.ie/rites/mrop-2019 or phone 087-176 3729***

Scripture Thoughts

In today's Gospel, Jesus appears to the frightened disciples who have been locked up in the upper room. For some reason, Thomas is not with them. Jesus offers peace to the disciples and tells them to forgive sins. Thomas returns and refuses to believe that Jesus is alive. Jesus does not give up on Thomas but returns so that Thomas may believe. Jesus tells him to put his finger and hands into His wounds so that he will not doubt any longer. Thomas kneels down and exclaims:

“My Lord and My God.” We seem to have branded Thomas for his lack of belief; but, if we are honest with ourselves, most of us have doubted at some point or other. Thomas, in fact, has done us a favor because we are able to see that Jesus will not abandon us because of our lack of faith.

We do believe in Jesus. Take time today to express your belief. Know that Jesus has given you the gift of the Holy Spirit so that you can live that belief despite the pressures of the world and culture which attempt to lead in other directions.

Thought for the Week

***Prayer puts problems in perspective
and puzzle pieces in place***