

# Quin Clooney Maghera Parish Notes

## 13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

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Date		Anniversaries	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers	Tellers
Sat Dec 13 <sup>h</sup>	Clooney 7.00pm	Robbie McMahon, Spencilhill	Catherine Ryan	Linda Hale	
Sun Dec 14 <sup>th</sup>	Maghera 9:30am	Mary Corbett, Maghera, First Anniversary & James Corbett	Eileen Daly	Marie Moloney	
Sun Dec 14 <sup>th</sup>	Quin 11:00am	Special Intentions	Pauline Hogan & Pat Philips	Sally O'Neill	Nita Enright & Kay Sheehan
Sat Dec 20 <sup>th</sup>	Clooney 7:00pm	Patrick Liddy, Muckinish	Mary O'Connor	Mary O'Connor	
Sun Dec 21 <sup>st</sup>	Maghera 9:30am	Special Intentions	Stella Corbett	Anne Daffy	
Sun Dec 21 <sup>st</sup>	Quin 11:00am	Maureen Quinn, Mooghaun Jack Mai & Tom Leyden, Ballyhannon Vera O'Brien, Corbally Rd Billy Wixted, Broadford, Monthsmind Johnny O'Halloran, Quin	Colette Colleran & Maureen McKeogh	Joseph Quinlivan	Kay O'Shaughnessy & Claire Duggan

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

**Bambinelli Sunday:** This Sunday, the third in the Advent season is also known as Bambinelli Sunday, when all parishioners & especially children, are invited to bring the baby Jesus figure from their home crib to be blessed at all Masses in the parish as a blessing to you and your family for Christmas. On returning home after the blessing, the blessed figurines should be 'gift wrapped', placed either under the tree, or in another suitable location. On Christmas Day it should be the first gift to be opened, helping the children to make the connection between the gifts they receive on Christmas Day and the greatest gift that any of us can receive, Jesus.

**Masses for Christmas:**

<u>Christmas Eve:</u>	<b>7:00pm</b>	St John XXIII Church Clooney
	<b>7:30pm</b>	St Mary's Church Quin
<u>Christmas Day:</u>	<b>9:30am</b>	St Stephen's Church Maghera
	<b>11:00am</b>	St Mary's Church Quin.

**RIP:** We extend our condolences to Una Clancy, Ard na Mainistreach, on the death of her father Buddy McMahon, Newmarket on Fergus, who was buried during the week.

**Weekly Contributions:** Amount Collected for the past week **€1370**. The Parish Finance Committee 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.

**Children's Liturgy:**

Sunday December 14 <sup>th</sup> :	Rachel McHugh & Liam Quirke
Sunday December 21 <sup>st</sup> :	Irene Hayes & Diana Flemming

**Sacramental Masses:** We welcome the children and parents from the parish who are preparing for Sacraments in a few months time. Sacramental Masses take place at the 7pm vigil in St John XXIII Church and at the 11am Mass in St Mary's Church, Quin.

**Sick and Housebound Parishioners:** Fr Tom will be visiting sick and housebound parishioners in the parish this week with the Sacraments. If you know of any housebound parishioner who would like to receive the sacraments, please contact Fr Tom on 087 2349816.

**Priests Christmas Collection:** The Christmas collection for the priests from the Pastoral Area who serve our parish takes place at all Masses this weekend. Your generosity to this appeal is very much appreciated. Envelopes are available in your box of envelopes and in the porches of all three churches.

**Advent Reconciliation Ceremony:** The Abbey Pastoral Area will hold its Advent Reconciliation Service with the opportunity for individual confession in the Cathedral in Ennis on this Monday night at 7:30pm. 12 Priests will be available for confession on the night. An excellent opportunity to prepare spiritually for Christmas.

**St Flannan's Day:** Thursday next 18th December is the feast of St Flannan, our Diocesan Patron. Bishop Fintan will celebrate Mass with the priests of the Diocese and students from St Flannan's College on Thursday at 1pm in the College Chapel to celebrate the feast day.

**The Messenger:** For many, many years, this pocket-sized magazine has been at the heart of Catholic Church life in Ireland. Published by the Jesuit Order, this little gem has, down the years, provided reassurance for our parents and grandparents in the beliefs and practices of their Catholic faith. We encourage families throughout the parish to re-engage with the Messenger. A year's subscription costs only €30 and the magazine is delivered each month. For further details, contact Joe Quinlivan, Quin, Tel. (065) 6825643.

**Bring Cillian Home Fund:** Liam Kitson and Pat Ryan from QCM Cycling Club will cycle from **Noreen O'Brien's house in Quin (Cillian's Nana's)** to **Cillian's home in Galway city** and back—a total of **144 km**—on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec**. Winter conditions make this challenging, so if roads are icy, we'll postpone to Christmas—but the ride will happen! We're asking for your support: just **€5**, the price of a coffee. To support this worthy cause you can buy a line on **sponsorship cards available in local businesses** or donate via Revolut **@liam3bha** or **@patricndqp**, mark your payment with "Cillian". All donations go directly to the Fund! Follow updates on Facebook during the ride, and thank you for helping us make a difference.

**Showcase of Cribs:** Catherine Ryan, Ennis (formerly McMahon, Clooney), will display her impressive personal collection of cribs, from around the world, in the new Ennis Library on Saturday December 20th from 11am to 4pm. All are welcome. Donations if desired to The Children's Health Foundation – Crumlin Hospital

**Christmas Market:** Quin Christmas Market in The Monks Courtyard, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec, 11-5pm. Local Crafts, Food & Art galore, last minute stocking fillers all available to buy. For a great family outing, Santa's Elves workshop will be a highlight for the kids to make a Christmas Keepsake to bring home.

**Split the Pot:** Congratulations to this week's winner **Frank O'Grady**, who wins **€72**. Next draw takes place on Tuesday December 16<sup>th</sup>. Envelopes for split the pot can be filled in at Gala, The Abbey Tavern, The Village Inn, Abbey Express Laundry, Quin post office, and A Taste of Quin. "Be in to win".

**GAA Lotto Draw:** 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025 Jackpot: €20,000. Numbers drawn: **3, 13, 18, 23; No winner. €40 Winners** - Kevin O'Farrell, Quin, Gerry Eustace, Cathal Egan, Knocknagoug, Noel O'Sullivan, C/O Clooney Stores, Alan Culligan, Lissycasey.

Next draw, Clubhouse 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025. Jackpot: €20,000. Tickets available online [www.clooneyquingaa.ie](http://www.clooneyquingaa.ie) - purchase cut-off time 5:00pm. Also available in **Quin Post Office, Gala and Clooney Stores**; purchase cut off time 1pm. We thank you for your continued support. Go raibh maith agaibh as bhur dtacaíocht leanúnach.

**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](mailto:quinparish@gmail.com)

**Thought for the Week:** *To live long, it is necessary to live slowly.*