

# Parish of Quin-Clooney-Maghera

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## Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> February 2016 First Sunday of Lent

### ANNIVERSARIES

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. (Quin), 11.00 a.m.

**Michael O'Neill (Sr.) & Michael O'Neill (Jr.)**,  
Feighquin.

Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. (Clooney), 7.00 p.m.

Deceased members, **O'Doherty family**, K'anoura.

| Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. (Quin), 11.00 a.m.

**Fr. Michael Collins, P.P.** (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary).

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**Noel Collieran**, Feighquin, (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

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**Pat Callaghan**, Ballykilty.

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Lylie Mabel O'Connell**, Ennis and Quin, who died during the week (in her 100<sup>th</sup> year). She is mother of Mary Donovan, Quin Village.

**Eucharistic Service, Quin**, next week, Monday – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> Feb. - **9.00am**.  
**Mass**, Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> Feb. at **7.30pm**.  
(Fr. McCormack in Rome next week, leading a group of *Classic Studies* Students he teaches at St. Flannan's College)

NEXT WEEKEND.....

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
<b>CLOONEY – 7.00pm</b> Sat. Vigil, 20 <sup>th</sup> February	<i>John Skehan</i>	<i>Pauline Conheady</i>
<b>MAGHERA – 9.30am</b> Sunday, 21 <sup>st</sup> February	<i>Eileen Daly</i>	<i>Mary Corbett</i>
<b>QUIN - 11.00am</b> Sunday, 21 <sup>st</sup> February	<i>Shauna Duggan &amp; Teasi Ryan</i>	<i>Kay O'Shaughnessy, Pauline Hogan &amp; Connie Corry</i>
<b>Please note:</b> Eucharistic Adoration, Quin church, every Thursday, from 9.30am. Vigil will conclude with Benediction at 7.15pm and Mass at 7.30pm.		

**Collection** – Because of the transition last weekend to the new batch of collection envelopes, no prior notification was given regarding the collection for the **Bishops' Conference & Commissions**, scheduled for 7<sup>th</sup> February. This yearly collection is the primary source of revenue to finance the Diocese, the work of the Bishop (or the Bishop's representative), and the work of the various Diocesan Commissions, e.g. *Education, Justice & Peace, Social Issues, Theology, Liturgy, Catechetical, etc.* If you have not already done so, it would be much appreciated if you submit your contribution (in the green envelope, dated 7<sup>th</sup> February), whenever convenient.

**Pray & Play:** Leaders, Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> February; Elaine Downey, Lianda D'Auria, Mary McMahon.

**Offertory Donations:** (To meet administration costs, upkeep of parish property, insurance, etc.)

Last week, (3 churches): **€1600**. Tellers: **Quin**, Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> Feb: - Betty Shally Anne McNamara.

**Confirmation 2016:** The "You Shall be my Witness" programme for Confirmation students from both parish schools will be continued at *Scoil na Mainistreach*, Quin, from **7.30pm to 8.30pm** on Thursdays, 25<sup>th</sup> February and 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Queries to Melanie Hassett at 087 2750541.

**Matt Talbot Novena:** The annual Matt Talbot Novena continues at Tulla on Wednesday next, 17<sup>th</sup> February (and each Wednesday during Lent) at 7.00pm. The guest this week will be Fr. Pat Larkin who will speak on "Stations", and St. Padre Pio.

### St. Valentine

Today, 14<sup>th</sup> February, is St. Valentine's Day, widely celebrated as an occasion for the expression, especially by young people, of romantic love and devotion. St. Valentine lived in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century AD. Because of his commitment to Christianity, he was tortured and martyred by the Roman emperor, Claudius, in the year 270AD.

In 1836, Fr. John Spratt, an Irish priest and famous preacher, was given a gift by Pope Gregory XVI consisting of the remains of St. Valentine and a small vessel tinged with his blood. These relics were brought to Whitefriar Street Church in Dublin (- just off Grafton St.) where they remain to this day. The Church has become a place of pilgrimage for the more romantic.

**Trócaire 2016** - This year's Lenten Campaign by *Trócaire* is asking people here at home to join the fight for justice by supporting their work throughout the Third World. The injustices faced by the world's poorest people are many and can only be tackled with your help. To find out more, visit [www.trocaire.org/lent](http://www.trocaire.org/lent).

**Combined Choirs:** The church choirs of Maghera, Clooney & Quin will come together to mark the First Anniversary of the late **Fr. Michael Collins** on Sunday next, 21<sup>st</sup> February (11am Mass). In the meantime, the 3 choirs will hold a rehearsal in Quin on Wednesday next, 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. at 8pm.

**Cahercalla Hospice:** The annual collection for the Hospice, organised by *Quin Active Retired*, takes place in the parish **next weekend, 20/21<sup>st</sup> February**. Cahercalla, a registered charity, offers hospice care free of charge. With only part of the running costs funded by the HSE, they rely on the generosity and goodwill of the local community to support them.

**House Rail Sale** - Come bag a bargain at Carrigoran House **Rail Sale** on Sunday next, 21<sup>st</sup> February, from **1.00pm**. Interested in taking a Rail? - contact 061-368100. All proceeds to the Alzheimer's and Elderly Care Units, Carrigoran Nursing Home, (Newmarket-on-Fergus).

**Fashion Show:** Clare ICA will host a Spectacular Fashion Show in aid of Bushy Park (Addiction Treatment Centre) at Woodstock Hotel on Friday week, 26<sup>th</sup> February. More info next week.

Pilates A new *Pilates* 6-week course commences on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February at Quin Hall. Schedule: Intermediate at 6.30pm & Beginners at 7.30pm. Book with Mary Donlon 087 2818408.

Spring Stepfitt– The Quin Spring *Stepfitt* programme will commence on Wed. 2<sup>nd</sup> March at Quin Hall and will run for 6 weeks; suits all levels of fitness. Book with Clare on 087 6855569.

Clooney-Quin GAA: Results, LOTTO DRAW, 11<sup>th</sup> February. Numbers drawn: **07-20-26-31**. No Winner. Jackpot next week: €4,700. Lucky Dip (€40) Winners: Michael Flannery, Kilmurry; Noel Harrison, London; Jim O’Neill, Arbutus Grove; Ryan Bros. c/o Duggans; Owen O’Brien, c/o Quin PO.;

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*Learn to hold loosely all that is not eternal.* (A. Maude Royden)