

# Quin Clooney Maghera Parish Notes

## 17<sup>th</sup> / 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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Date		Anniversaries	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers	Tellers
Sat May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Clooney 7.00pm	Bríd Harrison, Carrahan	Pauline Conheady	Nuala Daffy	
Sun May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Maghera 9.30am	Michael & Theresa Corbett, Rylane	Catherine O'Halloran	Mary Casey	
Sun May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Quin 11am	Ignatius & Margaret Murphy, Cornmallow Haulie Moloney, Monanoe	Nollie McCarthy & Eleanor Gallagher	Lena O'Halloran	Betty Shally & Helen Haugh
Sat May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Clooney 7.00pm	Valentine Clune, Clooney	Tom Larkin	Pamela McGrath	
Sun May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Maghera 9.30am	No Intention	Eileen Daly	Anne Daffy	
Sun May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Quin 11am	Paddy Kilmartin, Castlefergus	Anne Corbett & Anne Lynch	Eabha Brennan	Mary Culligan & Bridie O'Brien
Friday May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Quin 7pm	Liz Canny, Danganbrack			

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

**Weekly Contributions:** Amount Collected for the past week **€910. 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 May 18<sup>th</sup>: Team 10 - Sandra Quirke, Aislinn Homer & Marie Quigney.  
Sunday May 25<sup>th</sup>: Team 1 - Edwina O'Brien, Maria Riordan & Sarah Shally

**Safeguarding:** In the Churches Safeguarding Policy 'A Safe and welcoming Church' June 2024, Bishop Fintan Monahan pledges that the Diocese will safeguard children and young people from harm and to support them in their development as valued and integral members of the Catholic Church in Ireland. The Church's ministry will be inclusive and will uphold their rights. Consistent with Gospel values, and with civil and criminal law, those who minister will do so with dignity and integrity, honouring their calling to ensure that children and young people are welcomed, cherished and protected, following the example set by Jesus.

**First Holy Communion:** On Saturday next at 11am in St Mary's Church Quin, the boys and girls from Scoil na Mainistreach Quin will celebrate First Holy Communion. We congratulate the children on this very significant step in their faith journey and thank their teachers and parents who, with the parish community have journeyed with these children to this day.

**Confirmation:** On Thursday last Bishop Fintan confirmed students from both schools in the parish and celebrated First Holy Communion with the children of Clooney School. This was a very special day in the lives of these young people and we thank our teachers and parents who with the parish community have shared their faith with these boys and girls. We pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit at this time.

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

The **Return to Nature Church Project** at St. Mary's Church, Quin, involves six parishes, with Quin Village Tidy Towns leading pollinator enhancements at St. Mary's Church. The project is supported by Bishop Fintan and Fr. Tom Ryan, inspired by Pope Francis's vision. Restoration efforts include the restoration of the Statue of St. Francis, clearing moss from shingle beds, and power-washing the Millennium Stone. The grass management plan features two long-flowering meadows for pollinators, two six-week short-flowering meadows for bursts of colour, and regular grass cutting for other areas. **Biodiversity Signs** will be erected to inform parishioners and visitors about the project's purpose. The project aligns with Pope Francis's 30 x 30 vision, dedicating 30% of church grounds to nature by 2030, in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

**Thank you** to all who contributed to the education appeal last weekend to support our seminarians, the priests of tomorrow and all who are involved in formation for Lay Ministry. If you were away or forgot your contribution would still be appreciated.

**Sacred Heart Crusade:** The Sacred Heart Crusade of Love and Hope commenced with the papal blessing of four pilgrim Sacred Heart Statues on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025 in Rome by the late Pope Francis. The Statue is visiting all the Pastoral Areas of our Diocese and on this Monday and Tuesday will be in the Church of the Immaculate Conception Barefield for veneration. Mass of the Sacred Heart will be celebrated on Tuesday at 9.30am in Barefield. During this Jubilee year of Hope, you are invited to come and take some time before the Sacred Heart statue and encouraged to explore a relationship with the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

'O Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you'

This month's **Alzheimer Information Café** is being held on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May, in our Ennis Centre, Cuan An Chlair, Cahercalla, from 11.30-13.30. This month is Non cognitive symptoms of dementia and Psychiatry of later life Services. All welcome to join us for tea and a chat. For more information contact Linda Murphy 087-915 2151, e-mail: [samantha.fennel@alzheimer.ie](mailto:samantha.fennel@alzheimer.ie)

**All Ireland Rosary Rally at Knock Shrine** will take place on Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup>. Bus leaving St Joseph's, Ennis at 9am. Returning 5.30pm. €25 bus ticket (subject to filling the bus). To book a seat text Karen 087-4160385 or Séamus 087-275 2578. More details at [www.rosaryrally.ie](http://www.rosaryrally.ie)

**Killaloe and Ferns Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine** takes place on Sun July 6<sup>th</sup> 2025. We are inviting new members from the Parishes and community to consider attending our pilgrimage. The Ark Children's Club at The HUB is available for those coming with small children (open Wednesday to Sunday). Bus Organisers contact details: Brigdale Coaches for Ennis, Clarecastle, Doora Barefield and Quin contact 086-8034092 or email: [shaneandedwardbrigdale@hotmail.com](mailto:shaneandedwardbrigdale@hotmail.com) (preferably) to book a seat. Bus will be leaving St. Joseph's church, Ennis at approx. 9.30am.

Any questions Contact - Claire 065-6828638 Killaloe Diocesan Office or visit [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)

**Irish Seed Savers - Our Food Crop Heritage:** Anita Hayes, founder of Irish Seed Savers, will host an informal chat about the organization's history, established over 30 years ago in her own back garden. Irish Seed Savers, an environmental not-for-profit, houses over 600 seed varieties in their living seed bank. This talk will explore the role of a living seed bank in ensuring food security in Ireland. The event will take place on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 PM at the Lakeside Hotel, Killaloe. Admission is free and all are welcome!

**Ennis flower and garden club** present Sandra Jackson, Conna, on Tuesday May 20<sup>th</sup>, at Treacy's West County Hotel Ennis, doors open at 7.30pm and demonstration commences at 8.15pm sharp, 10 euro non-members, all are welcome, demonstrators arrangements raffled on the night, contact [ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:ennisflowerandgardenclub@gmail.com)

**Split the Pot:** Congratulations to this week's winner George Farr who wins €62. Next draw takes place on Tuesday May 20<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, Varden's Pharmacy, and The Pantry Cafe. "Be in to win".

**GAA Lotto Draw:** 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025 Jackpot: €20,000. Numbers drawn: 7; 13, 18; 27; No winner. €40 Winners - Denis Quinn, Moohaun, Jennifer Kelleghan, Mullingar, Mairead McMahon, Knocknagoug. Cliff Keegan, Ballyhickey, Shane Scanlon, c/o Joe Quinlivan, Jim Duggan, Co. Cork. Next draw Clubhouse 22<sup>nd</sup> May 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 [guinparish@gmail.com](mailto:guinparish@gmail.com)