

# **Quin Clooney Maghera Parish Notes**

## **November 30<sup>th</sup>/ December 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 (First Sunday of Advent)**

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<b>Date</b>		<b>Anniversaries</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	<b>Readers</b>	<b>Tellers</b>
Sat Nov30 <sup>th</sup>	Clooney 7.00pm	No Intention	Mary O'Connor	Mary O'Connor	
Sun Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	Maghera 9.30am	No Intention	Mary Whelan	Eileen Daly	
Sun Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	Quin 11.00am	Con, Kathleen, Patrick & Mary O'Callaghan, Creevagh and deceased family members  Jim McKeogh (late of Doora)	Nollie McCarthy & Eleanor Gallagher	Maureen McKeogh	Colette Colleran & Marian Reynolds
Fri Dec 6 <sup>th</sup>	Quin 10.00am	Denis Rahilly, Quin Gardens			
Sat Dec 7 <sup>th</sup>	Clooney 7.00pm	PJ, Anne, Paul & Mackie Keogh, Carrahan	Pauline Conheady	Orla Considine	
Sun Dec 8 <sup>th</sup>	Maghera 9.30am	MaryAnn, Michael & Sean O'Halloran, Maghera	Mary Heffernan	Vincent O'Halloran	
Sun Dec 8 <sup>th</sup>	Quin 11.00am	Nora McCusker, Arbutus Grove, 1st Anniversary  John French, Kilmurry	Ann Corbett & Ann Lynch	Robert Downes	Betty Shally & Hellen Haugh

**Daily Mass this week:** Mon-Fri 10am St Mary's Church Quin

**Weekly Contributions:** Amount Collected for the past week €1,205. The Parish Council 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 Leaders for Sunday Dec 1st Team 6:** Rachel McHugh, Johanne Nihill, Diana Fleming.  
**Sunday Dec 8th Team 7 :** Linda Quirke, Irene Hayes, Anna Corry.

**Season of Advent:** Advent is traditionally a season of remembering and hoping, remembering how the people of the Old Testament had longed for a new beginning, for a Messiah, and learning from them how to live with hope in a wintry world. The term ADVENTUS meant COMING or ARRIVAL. When Christians began to use this term they used it to refer to what they celebrated at Christmas, the advent of our God in poverty. His continuing advent especially in the sacraments, and his final advent , when he will appear visibly and lovingly among his people.

The dominant attitude evoked by the Advent and Christmas season is clearly that of Hope as we prepare to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope. You and I are called to bring that hope to life as we begin Advent. Let us hope we all respond in a good way to the Spirit of Advent.

**Priests Christmas Collection:** The Christmas Collection for the Priests of the Pastoral Area who serve the parish will take place at all Masses in the parish next weekend. This is one of only four appeals to the people of the parish to support your priests. Envelopes are available and your generosity is very much appreciated.

**Sacramental Masses:** Our children preparing for First Holy Communion and Confirmation will participate in our Sacramental Masses of preparation next weekend at the 7pm Mass in St John XX III Church Clooney and the 11am Mass next Sunday in St Mary's Church Quin.

**Recent Baptism:** We welcome to the Christian Community Beibhinn Laura Culligan, who recently received the Sacrament of Baptism.

**First Friday:** This Friday 6th December is the First Friday of the month with Mass in St Mary's Church Quin at 10am.

**The Travelling Crib:** We welcome you to take part in our Quin, Clooney & Maghera Advent Travelling Cribs. This Advent, Joseph and Mary and our Nativity will travel throughout the Parish and beyond, being received by a new host each day during the Advent and Christmas Season. If you would like to take part please sign the sheet that is on the Altar beside our Crib with your name & telephone number on the date you are available to welcome our Travelling Crib into your home, you will be contacted by the previous household/family to arrange handover of the Travelling Crib. Should you receive this Travelling Nativity into your home, please be gracious and respectful hosts. Included is a travel log to track Joseph and Mary's journey, along with suggested prayers for your use. Our Cribs will begin their Journey with their first household/family after the 7pm Mass on Saturday 30th November in Clooney Church, 9.30am Mass on Sunday 1st December in Maghera Church & 11am Mass In Quin Church, before arriving back at church for Mass on Christmas Eve.

**Reconciliation Service:** The Abbey Pastoral Reconciliation Service takes place on Monday 16th December at 7.30pm in the Cathedral with the opportunity for individual confession.

**Bambinelli Sunday, Baby Jesus Sunday:** On the third Sunday of Advent 15th December, you are invited to bring the figure of baby Jesus from your crib to Mass for a special Blessing for your crib and home.

**Church Cleaning Group:** We are trying to set up a new voluntary church cleaning group for Quin Church. If anyone would have some free time to give on a weekly/fortnightly basis, it would be very much appreciated. If interested, please contact Patricia on 086-3130656.

**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, Main St., Quin, Tel. (065) 6825643.

**Cantare Choir and Orchestra Christmas Concert** featuring seasonal favourites, classics you know and love such as pieces from Ennio Morricone's soundtrack from The Mission, along with some uniquely Irish traditional contributions from the pen of Irish composer Shaun Davey, and many more. December 20th, 8.15pm, SS Peter and Paul Cathedral, Ennis-a very special start to your Christmas! Tickets available online at [www.glor.ie](http://www.glor.ie) or from Glór box office - 065 6843103. In support of Samaritans, Clare. See you there!

**Michael Donnellan Entertainment** presents "Danceperados of Ireland" - An authentic Irish Dance Production in Glór Ennis on Dec 7th at 8pm & on Dec 8th at 4pm and 8pm [www.glor.ie](http://www.glor.ie) 0656843103.

**Christmas Spirit - Annual Christmas Concert** at St Columba's Church of Ireland, Bindon St, Ennis V95 D261 on Saturday Dec 7th at 8.00pm. Booking: [www.reginanathan.com](http://www.reginanathan.com) or 0879188222. Tickets €30 **Regina Nathan** Soprano **Michael Hennessy** Piano.

**Lotto Draw 28th Nov 2024;** Jackpot: €20,000. Numbers drawn: 7; 9; 15; 16. No winner. €40 winners: Emer McGrath, Ballymarkham; Aoine Mahony, Creevagh Beg; Deirdre Woodrow, Maghera; Catriona Kelly, K2 Salon; Chris McMahan, Craggataska. Next draw Clubhouse 5th December 2024. Jackpot: €20,000. Tickets available online [www.clooneyquingaa.ie](http://www.clooneyquingaa.ie) - purchase cut-off time 5.00pm. Also available in Gala, Quin Post Office, and Clooney Stores - purchase cut-off time 1.00pm. We thank you for your continued support.

**Split the Pot:** Congratulations to this week's Split the Pot winner Joe McCormack who wins €52. Next draw takes place on Tuesday Dec 3rd. 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".

**Epilepsy Ireland** are holding a church gate collection on Saturday and Sunday, the 7th and 8th of December at Quin, Clooney and Maghera churches. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**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:

Call people by name. It is music to their ears & shows that you care about them as individuals.

