

Quin Clooney Maghera Parish Notes

25th / 26th April 2026

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Date		Anniversaries	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers	Tellers
Sat April 25 th	Clooney 7.00pm	Special Intentions	Catherine Ryan	Linda Hale	
Sun April 26 th	Maghera 9:30am	Special Intentions	Stella Corbett	Marie Moloney	
Sun April 26 th	Quin 11:00am	John McNamara, Ballyhickey. John Fall, Knappogue, (Monthsmind). Elizabeth Flaherty, Limerick.	Maureen McKeogh & Colette Colleran	Anne Enright	Grainne O'Keefe & Anita Clune
Sat May 2 nd	Clooney 7:00pm	Special Intentions	Mary O'Connor	Mary O'Connor	
Sun May 3 rd	Maghera 9:30am	Special Intentions	Eileen Daly	Vincent O'Halloran	
Sun May 3 rd	Quin 11:00am	Josephine Hassett, Coogane	Teasie Ryan & Breege Kelleher	Sally O'Neill	Carol O'Reilly & Bart O'Brien

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

RIP: Peter O'Malley, Spancihill.

Weekly Contributions: Amount Collected for the past week **€1,010**. 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.

Thank You Education Appeal: A word of thanks to all who contributed to the appeal last weekend to help educate students for the priesthood and lay ministry. Your generosity will help the gift of faith in our diocese to be nourished and supported.

First Friday of May: Friday is the First Friday in the month of May, a day of special devotion to the Sacred Heart.

Adoration: Each Thursday at 12noon Adoration takes place in St Mary's Church Quin. Please consider spending some time in quiet prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Sacramental Preparation Masses: This weekend at the 7pm Mass in St John XXIII Clooney and at the 11am Mass in St Mary's Church Quin we welcome the children and families of those preparing for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please continue to keep the children, along with their teachers and parents in your prayers as they continue in their preparation.

Ceremony of Light: On Wednesday 6th May, children preparing for Confirmation in both schools in the parish, with their parents, will gather in St Mary's Church Quin at 7pm for the Ceremony of Light in preparation for Confirmation.

Dates of Sacraments:

Confirmation: Students from Quin School: Friday 15th May at 11.30am in St Mary's Church, Quin.
 Students from Clooney School: Friday 15th May at 2.30pm in St John XXIII Church, Clooney.

First Holy Communion: Students from Clooney School: Friday 15th May at 2.30pm in St John XXIII Church, Clooney.

Confirmation: Students from Quin School: Saturday 23rd May at 11am in St Mary's Church, Quin.

Blessing of Expectant Mothers: Parents expecting the gift of new life in the Abbey Pastoral Area are invited to a very special blessing for the gift of new Life on Tuesday 12th May at 8.30pm in St Mary's Church Quin. Please share this information with any expectant mothers you know.

Children's Liturgy: Sunday April 26th: Sandra Quirke & Aislinn Homer
Sunday May 3rd: Sinead O'Halloran & Maria Riordan

Vocations Sunday: One year ago this weekend, Pope Francis was laid to rest. In the conclave that followed, Cardinal Robert Prevost recalled being asked about the conclave and he replied by saying "*I think everything is in the hands of God, and I believe that profoundly*", he also said at the conclave as he saw how it was emerging he prayed, "*Here we go Lord. You are in charge, you lead the way.*".

Ireland's vocational landscape in 2026 feels suspended between grief and quiet hope. Vocations to priesthood and religious life remain few but their nature is shifting. The challenge is no longer "*How to attract more*" but "*How to recognise the spirit moving*".

Ireland's faith is being stripped back to essentials: Hospitality, justice, care of creation and prayer. In that stripped back church, vocations emerge differently, not as a numbers game, but as a prophetic whisper.

While traditional pathways may be fewer, there remains a quiet but resilient call to service and community. The challenge now is not to lament decline but to recognise new forms of calling emerging in unexpected places, among lay people in small faith communities. We need to be open to the unexpected as it may be revealing hidden treasures. We currently have two seminarians Brian Tuohy, Tulla and Mark Nestor Ennis and one candidate preparing to enter to study for the Diocese of Killaloe. On 31st May Ian Cunningham from Ennis will be ordained a Franciscan priest in the Friary in Ennis. Please keep them in your prayers in a special way.

Reading for Wellness Launch: The launch of the Reading for Wellness Programme will take place on **29th April 2026**, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, in Cultúrlann Sweeney Library, Kilkee, Co. Clare. The event will feature contributions from Cillian Keane (Mental Health Ireland), author Roisin Meaney and Lauretta O'Dea, and Shanelle Waring from the Clare Age Friendly Programme, highlighting the role of reading in supporting mental health and wellbeing.

"Problem-Solving for Life – A Creative and Playful Approach": A one-day workshop for adults, learning creative-thinking tools to approach knotty decisions with fresh perspective and discover new possibilities—in your own way. **Saturday, May 9th, 10am - 4pm**, Croi Nua, Galway. €70. Advance booking required on eventbrite.ie. Any questions? Contact Maria at 085-835 7566, mariakingguidance@gmail.com

Milford Care Centre Invitation: We wish to invite you to a **Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving** for those who have died under the care of Milford Care Centre. This service offers an opportunity to come together in community and solidarity as we grieve and give thanks. Your loved one's memory continues to be a source of strength and encouragement to you and your family.

Bereavement brings deep and lasting emotions. While cherished memories endure, pain and sorrow often take time to ease, and our lives continue to be shaped by both the past and the present. Whatever your experience of loss or faith, you are warmly welcome to attend this service, which will be suitable for people of all ages.

Families are invited to bring a stone from their home or a place of special significance and, if they wish, write their loved one's name on it. During the service, a member of each family may place the stone on the altar, or alternatively do so after the service. These stones will be placed beneath the altar at Christmas, at the foot of the Easter Cross next year, and thereafter will find a final resting place around our *Light Up a Memory Tree* at Milford.

The service will take place at **Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Castletroy, V94 X832, on Sunday 10th May 2026 at 3pm**. You are welcome to invite family and friends to join you in support and remembrance. We hope you will be able to join us for this special occasion.

Split the Pot: Congratulations to this week's winner **Kate Fallon**, who won **€70**. Next draw takes place on Tuesday 28th April. 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: 23rd April 2026 Jackpot: €20,000. Numbers drawn: **9, 17, 29, 32; No winner. €40 Winners** - Anne Porter, Sharon Titley, Sean Quinn, Rita Finnerty, C/o Gala and Stephanie O'Neill. Next draw, Clubhouse 30th April 2026. Jackpot: €20,000. Tickets available online 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

Thought for the Week: *To get an idea of what Heaven will be like, take the happiest moment of your life and multiply it by a million.*