

Quin Clooney Maghera Parish Notes

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Date		Anniversaries	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Sun Dec 26 th	Maghera 9.30am	St. Stephen’s Day	Flan Hassett	Maureen Corbett
Sun Dec 26 th	Quin 11.00am	St. Stephen’s Day	Pat Phillips & Deirdre Meaney	Sally O’Neill
Mon Dec 27 th	Quin 10.00am	John O’Halloran, Quin Village		
Tue Dec 28 th	Quin 10.00am	Elizabeth & Michael Hogan, Knappogue		
Sat Jan 1 st	Clooney 7.00pm	New Years Day	Frances Earls	Frances Earls
Sun Jan 2 nd	Maghera 9.30am	No Intention	Mary Corbett	Mary Casey
Sun Jan 2 nd	Quin 11.00am	J.J. Doherty, Ballykilty (1 st Anniv.)	Collette Colleran & Mary Clune	Mary Liddy

Daily Mass: (Quin) Mon-Fri: 10am

Weekly Contributions: Amount collected €1,215. Contributions can also be left in the parish office during this time of restrictions or use the Donate button on the Killaloe Diocese website. The Parish Council continues to thank all who leave contributions to the parish office at this time. Your generosity is much appreciated.

On- line Donations to Parish: In these times of Government lockdown and restrictions on attendances at public masses, many people who are unable to attend church services are interested in contributing to the support of their parish or their priests. Sincere thanks to all our parishioners who have contributed during this time. It is now possible to make a contribution by credit or debit card directly to your parish using the Diocesan website – www.killalodiocese.ie. The full contribution as received by the Diocesan website will be fully paid to your parish. Simply go to the Diocesan website and click on the red “Donate to your parish” button on the top of the page. You will be invited to select your parish and the parish fund you wish to contribute. Your support is greatly appreciated.

St. Stephen’s Church Maghera: We continue to thank all who have contributed towards the cost to repair the roof. This week we would like to acknowledge the donation of €100. All contributions are greatly appreciated.

Newsletter Deadline: If you wish to put a notice in the newsletter, please have your notice in by 12 noon on Tuesdays. Please email quinparish@gmail.com

Cancee Care West Walk: Date: Sunday 2nd Jan 2022. 7k from Malachys Car Park Quin. Time: 1 pm. Go when it suits and spread out please. DONATION BUCKET At "Real Bean". All donations welcome.

Bottle Bank: The wonderful facility that is the Bottle Bank is once again being abused by people who refuse to use it properly. A number of full boxes have been left there although there is plenty of bottle space in the containers. Clare County Council have been advised and cameras will have to be installed to offset this atrocious behaviour. If you see anyone littering this area please call the Environmental Dept of Clare County Council on 065 6821616. Thank you.

Clare Library upcoming online events for adults 18+ throughout Co. Clare : **Chair Yoga** classes with Trish Cleary will be taking place through zoom on the following dates: Thursdays 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th January 11am – 12 noon.

Tai Chi classes with Kevin Copeland will be taking place through zoom on Tuesdays 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th January 10.30am – 11.30am. Classes are Free. Participants will need access to zoom. To book your place, contact Kilrush Library on 065 9051504 or email kilrush@clarelibrary.ie Classes are funded by Healthy Ireland at Your Library.

Sanitizing Machine: For the past year our Parish was blessed to have a Covid sanitizing machine which sanitized St. Mary's Church. Quin all year. We take this opportunity to thank all those families who contributed to the cost of hiring out this machine for a year. Our contract is up on Jan. 10th 2022. Unfortunately, due to funds being low, we cannot afford to hire out this machine any longer. Needless to say, St. Mary's Church, Quin, needs to be sanitized each evening prior to closing. We are looking for volunteers who will carry out this task of sanitizing. If you feel you can assist please contact Deridre Meaney at 087-4549754. The more people who volunteer the less you will be called on and it only takes fifteen minutes to do.

COVID Protocols: Since the 22nd October Religious Services can proceed without capacity limits but with all other protective measures remaining in place. This means that in our churches face masks should continue to be worn, social distancing continue to be observed and hand sanitizing to continue on entering and leaving the church. Please be respectful of others who come to pray in our churches.

Quin Tidy Towns : A huge Thank You to all who supported our Church Gate collection on Sunday morning. We raised €384.50 and we're very grateful. Happy Christmas to all our supporters, stay safe and healthy and let's continue to keep our lovely village of Quin clean and tidy.

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At Masses Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, the many people who volunteer in our Parish were given a word of thanks and appreciation. Those who volunteer within our Parish family, are a very important part of the fabric of our Parish. We thank all of you for making Christmas so beautiful. Even though the crowds were small in comparison to previous years due to Covid-19, the liturgies assisted everyone in learning and celebrating the "Reason for the Season." We thank all who were involved in the liturgies especially for your time and talent.

On this Holy Family Sunday let us pray for our own family, as well as for our parish family, that we may be open to the Lord's direction in our lives. This is how the Holy Family became holy...they followed what God showed them to do in times of joy and in times of confusion and danger.

Through the intercession of Mary Our Mother. May God teach to do what is good in life and be filled with God's abundant blessings in 2022.

New Year's Prayer

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends.

Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way. Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, color or creed.

Let us keep God of our own understanding in our hearts and to chant God's name each day. Let us lead the world from darkness to light, from falsehood to truth and from wrong to right.

Let us remember that we are all one, embracing all, discriminating against none.

May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.

- Rev. Marcy Sheremetta

Thought for the Week

Its humbling to think how infinitesimally small we are compared to God, and more humbling still to comprehend that He created us to be His friends.

(Please take your newsletter home with you. Do not leave in the pew.) Thank you!