

# Parish of Quin-Clooney-Maghera

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Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017

## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

### ANNIVERSARIES

Sat. 26 <sup>th</sup> August (Clooney), 7.00 p.m.	<b>Christy, Mary &amp; Brian Mungovan</b> , Quin.
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug. (Quin), 11.00 a.m.	<b>Jim Slattery</b> , Moyriesk.
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Aug. (Quin), 11.00 a.m.	<b>Helen &amp; John Joe Malone</b> , Ballyhickey.
Fri. 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept. (Quin), 7.00 p.m.	<b>Tom Conroy</b> , Ballyhannon. ( <i>Month's Mind</i> )
Sat. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept. (Clooney), 7.00 p.m.	<b>Noel Williams</b> , Clooney.
Sat. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sept. (Clooney), 7.00 p.m.	<b>Michael Ryan</b> , Clooney ( <i>Month's Mind</i> ).

**Mass in Quin next week:** Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday – 6pm  
 Thursday – Benediction at 5.30pm, followed by Mass. Friday – 7pm (as above).  
 Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> September, is FIRST FRIDAY of the month.  
 Pastoral visits to sick & housebound by Fr. O’Gorman, Adm..

### NEXT WEEKEND.....

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
<b>CLOONEY – 7.00pm</b> Sat. (Vigil) 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	<i>Eoin Conheady</i>	<i>Theresa O’Sullivan</i>
<b>MAGHERA – 9.30am</b> Sunday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	<i>Vincent O’Halloran</i>	<i>Maureen Corbett</i>
<b>QUIN - 11.00am</b> Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	<i>John Hourigan &amp; Robert Downes</i>	<i>Ann Corbett &amp; Marie Lawlor</i>
<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b> - Quin church, next Thursday and every Thursday, 9am to 5.30pm.:		

**Offertory Donations:** Last week, 19/20<sup>th</sup> August – (three churches): €775. **Tellers: Quin.**  
 Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, - Antoinette Leamy & Emma Maher.

VOCATIONS BULLETIN – **Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> August 2017:** - Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time. **“Who has known the mind of the Lord?”** Through prayer our minds become better aligned with the mind of Christ and his Will for us. If the Spirit is prompting you to know Christ as a priest, you have an opportunity to discuss it on 086 2777139.

**World Meeting of Families – (Dublin, 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018):** In order to lend our support to the organisers of the event - which may include a Papal Visit - there will be a second basket collection (- after Communion) at each of the Masses this weekend. Your generous support would be much appreciated.

### Changes in the Parish

From this weekend, 26/27<sup>th</sup> August, 2017, the parish of Quin-Clooney-Maghera is entering an era of change and uncertainty. To begin with, this is the last weekend in the ministry in our parish of Fr. Ignatius McCormack as he leaves to take up the post of full-time Principal of St. Flannan’s College, Ennis, the Diocesan Secondary School (with 1,200 students and 100 staff). In consequence, and for the first time in living memory, this parish will not have a resident Catholic priest. On July 7, 2017, Bishop Monahan issued a statement to all parishioners (published in this Newsletter) in which he explained the difficulties caused by shortage of priests in the diocese, and outlined the contingency measures being put in place locally as a result. In his *Pastoral Letter*, published at Easter, the Bishop had addressed the issue of similar changes occurring widely across the Diocese in coming years.

We welcome **Fr. Tom O’Gorman**, parish priest of Cloughleigh, Ennis, who, at the request of the Bishop, will take on the additional responsibility of *Parish Administrator* for Quin-Clooney-Maghera, while continuing to reside at the Presbytery, Cloughleigh. The priests of the other three parishes in the partnership of the *Abbey Cluster* (Ennis, Doora-Barefield and Clarecastle) will work closely with Fr O’Gorman to ensure continuity of Sacramental and church services in our parish. It is envisaged that our Parish Council and Pastoral Council will take on more pro-active roles in the conduct of parochial and pastoral affairs.

In the meantime, we are all very sorrowful at the loss of Fr. McCormack, a much beloved pastor and friend to all. We wish him every success in his new post.

### Farewell

I first came to Quin in July 2013, to be an *Assistant Pastor* (AP) to the late Fr. Michael Collins, P.P. He introduced me to the parish and to many of its parishioners. Sadly, Fr. Collins was to pass away a year and a half later (19<sup>th</sup> February 2015) and his death occasioned a great outpouring of sadness throughout parish and diocese.

Since then, I have been *Parish Administrator*, a role that I have come to enjoy most heartily. In a relatively short space of time, I have gotten to know many of you in all parts of the parish, Maghera, Clooney and Quin (embracing 78 townlands) and I have been overwhelmed by your kindness and generosity towards me at all times. In my Sunday homilies, I have occasionally referred to my priestly vocation and to the joy it has brought to my life. That joy is now much enhanced as a result of the friendship I encountered among you. You have added to my store of memories I will carry with me for the rest of my days. As I leave - with a heavy heart - I express my sincere thanks, and pray for God’s blessings on you and your families at all times into the future.

*Fr. Ignatius McCormack*

