Quin Clooney Maghera Parish Notes December 27th 2020

Masses:		Anniversaries:	Eucharistic Ministers	: Readers:
Sat. Dec 26th	Clooney 7.00pm		Bridie McNamara	Orla Considine
Sun. Dec 27th	Maghera 9.30am	Pa Murphy, Derhalla	Eileen Daly	Elaine Corbett
Sun. Dec. 27th	Quin 11.00am	Elizabeth & Michael Hogan, Knappogue	Mary Clune & Jimmy Maher	Carol O'Neill
Mon. Dec 28th	Quin 11.00am	John O'Halloran, Quin Village		
Tue. Dec 29th	Quin 11.00am	Pat & Maureen Reynolds, Ballyhannon Mae O'Connor, Sixmilebridge		
Wed. Dec 30th	Quin 11.00am	Peter, Sile, Biddy Considine, Dangan		
Thu. Dec 31st	Quin 11.00am	Christmas Intention		
Fri. Jan 1st	Quin 11.00am	Dermot O'Halloran, Clare Rd. Ennis		
Sat. Jan 2nd	Clooney 7.00pm		Chris Quigney	Claire Murphy
Sun. Jan 3rd	Maghera 9.30am	John & May O'Halloran, Derryhalla	Mary Corbett	Mary Casey
Sun. Jan 3rd	Quin 11.00am	Morty Cunningham, his daughter Carmel and son Martin. Knocknagogue	Jimmy Maher & Chris Kelly	Carol O'Reilly

Rest In Peace: Pat Liddy, Muckinish, Spancilhill; Marie Walsh, Feenagh, Clooney

Daily Mass: (Quin) Mon-Fri: 11am (Please Note Change of Mass time)

Weekly Contributions: Amount Collected from Dec. 17th-Dec. 23rd €2,010. Contributions can be left in the box at the front door of Churches or dropped off at the Parish Office. 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.killaloediocese.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 to. Your support is greatly appreciated.

New Tabernacle: A Restored Tabernacle has been installed in St. Mary's Church, Quin during the week. The Tabernacle came from Mount Carmel Convent in Dublin. All refurbishment, and manufacturing of design with instalment was carried out by ICS Church Furnishings, the same company that carried out works previously in the Church. Total cost of all works and instalment is €2,840 +VAT. A donor, from outside the Parish and who wishes to remain anonymous has donated €2,900 for this project. We thank Sr. Bridget Finnucane of the Little Company of Mary, Milford for the tabernacle and the donor for their very generous contribution towards the cost. All both ask is that you keep them in your prayers.

Clooney Spancilhill Community Development Group: The Clooney Spancilhill Community Development (Environment) Group have entered a three year partnership with the SEAI. The community of Clooney, Spancilhill and Maghera have signed up as a Sustainable Energy Community (SEC) and have been successful in obtaining funding to carry out an energy master plan. The aim as far as possible is to be energy efficient, achieve financial and energy savings, leverage funding and contribute to energy reduction. The first part of the partnership is to carry out surveys and audits in the area. Mentors from the SEAI and CLDC have been approved. Tipperary Energy Agency (TEA) is the company that has been appointed to carry out this work. The energy master plan should be completed by 21st June 2021. This will provide the foundation and road-map for projects (retrofit, energy projects - community, residential, business etc) and release funding and grants. TEA and the local environment group will guide you in the process and help in identifying energy initiatives.

Lotto Draw 23rd December 2020. Jackpot: €4,400. Numbers drawn: 1; 18;30;31. No winner. €100 Voucher Winners: Sean Pickett, Devon; Ryan Taylor, Clooney; Stephen Littleton, Dangan. €50 Winners: Maria Kennedy, Clooney; Bridget Williams, Clooney; Martina Murphy, Cornmallow; Assumpta Hehir; Pius O'Loughlin, Corbally; Una McInerney, Tulla. Tickets available online - purchase cut-off time 5.00pm. Tickets now also available in Crowes, Quin Post Office, and Clooney Stores - purchase cut-off time 1.00pm. Next draw Online 7th January 2021. Jackpot: €4,600. Happy Christmas. For all up-to-date news you can follow us on Facebook, Twitter or visit www.clooneyquingaa.ie. We thank you for your continued support. Go raibh maith agaibh as bhur dtacaíocht leanúnach

The Year of St. Joseph

Pope Francis on Tuesday the 8th of Dec. announced a special year dedicated to St. Joseph starting from 8 December 2020 until 8 December 2021, on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church, as well as the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady.

During this period, the faithful will have the opportunity to commit themselves "with prayer and good works, to obtain, with the help of St. Joseph, head of the heavenly Family of Nazareth, comfort and relief from the serious human and social tribulations that besiege the contemporary world today."

Prayer to St. Joseph

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities. O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

Buíochas

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to thank all of you for making Christmas so beautiful, especially to all who participated in each of the Christmas Masses. Even though the crowds were small in comparison to previous years due to Covid-19, I do believe the liturgies assisted everyone in learning and celebrating the "Reason for the Season." So again, thank you for all 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.

Fr. Tom