Parish of Quin-Clooney-Maghera

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Sunday, 31st July 2016

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ANNIVERSARIES

Sun. 31st July (Quin), 11.00 a.m. Sat. 6th Aug. (Clooney), 7.00 p.m. Sun. 7th Aug. (Quin), 11.00 a.m. John-Joe & Helen Malone, Ballyhickey. Elizabeth O'Looney Nonie, Michael & Jeffrey Dooley, Corbally.

<u>Next week</u>: No Mass, Quin, Monday, Tuesday or Thursday (1^{st,} 2nd & 4th Aug.); Mass on Wednesday and Friday at **10am** each day.

Friday next, 5th August, is FIRST FRIDAY of the month. Mass as above.

Fr. McCormack is due to return to the parish on Friday and intends to carry out his usual First Friday visitations (to the sick and housebound).

Note: Sat, 6th August, Quin church, Mass in Italian at 4pm, (Italian celebrant). All welcome

NEXT WEEKEND ...

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
CLOONEY – 7.00pm Sat. Vigil, 6 th August	Kate Murphy	Grainne O'Connor
MAGHERA — 9.30am Sunday, 7 th August	John O'Sullivan	Elaine Corbett
QUIN - 11.00am Sunday, 7 th August	Pat Carrig & Hannah O'Brien	Nicola McNamara, Nollie McCarthy &John Culligan

Due Wedding, Quin church, on Thursday next, 4th August, no Eucharistic Adoration that day. Will resume on following Thursday, 11th August, **9,00am to 7.00pm**,

Offertory Donations: (Administration costs, upkeep of parish property, insurance, etc)...

Last weekend, (23rd - 24th July): Three churches: €919 − plus €861 obtained from parishioners via Ennis and Doora/Barefield parishes. Tellers: Quin, 7th August − Maria Dolan & Nollie McCarthy. Tellers, Maghera − month of August: Helen Vaughan & Rory Corbett. Tellers, Clooney − month of August: Tony O'Grady & Michael John Quigney.

Monday next, 1st August, is a Public Holiday in Ireland.

Parish Pilgrimage - The annual Pilgrimage from this parish to Knock Shrine, Co. Mayo, will take place on its traditional date, **15**th **August**, the Feast of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary (- a Church Holyday). This year's Pilgrimage is particularly appealing because it takes place during the closing phases of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy (which ends on November 20th). Pilgrims from all over Ireland - and abroad - will attend the ceremonies in Knock on this special occasion. `A coach will depart Quin church at **9.00am** and Clooney church at **9.30am**. Please book early. Contact Nita Enright 086 9511682 or Moira Scanlan 087 6457744.

<u>Samaritans</u>: The Ennis and Clare branch of the Samaritans will hold their annual churchgate collection at each of the three churches in the parish next weekend, 6th & 7th August. The Samaritans offer confidential support to those who are suicidal, despairing or passing through crises in their lives. The support is available on their H24 telephone helpline – **116123** – or in person at their office in Ennis (Kilrush Road). Please support their collection next weekend.

<u>Tulla</u> – Cemetery Mass in Tulla on Tuesday next, 2nd August, at 7.30pm. All welcome.

QuinFit Sessions: *QuinFit* kettlebell HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training) – Summer classes at Quin Community Centre. Contact David on 086 1595521 for more details.

Clooney-Quin GAA:

The great Cycle Rally for Charity – "Cathal Cycle 2016" – takes place today, Sunday 31st July. Members and friends of GAA Clubs - Clooney/Quin, Gort and Kilburn Gaels (London) are participating. (Please note, for the Clooney to Gort segment, departure time changed to **4pm**). We wish them all a safe passage on their various marathon journeys. Through their efforts they are hoping to raise funds and greater awareness of (a) Multiple Sclerosis and (b) SADS – Sudden Adult Death Syndrome. PLEASE BE GENEROUS IN YOUR SUPPORT OF THEIR CAUSE.

Clooney/Quin GAA - Results, LOTTO Draw, 28th July. Numbers Drawn: 05-13-16-31 No Winner. Jackpot next week: €8,300. Lucky Dip (€40 each): Sean Nash, Toonagh; John Ryan, *Village Inn*, Quin; Colm Murray, Spancilhill; Mikey Bradley, U.S.A.; Pat Leamy, Quin.

Reflection

Slow Me Down, Lord

Slow me down, Lord. Slow me down!
Ease the pounding of my heart by the quieting of my mind.

Give me, among the confusion of my day, the calmness of the everlasting hills.

Break the tensions of my nerves and muscles with the soothing music

of the singing streams that live in my memory.

Help me to know the magical, restoring power of sleep.

Teach me the art of taking minute vacations, of slowing down to look at a flower.

to chat with a friend, to pat a dog; to read a few lines from a good book.

Remind me each day of the fable of the hare and the tortoise, that I may know that the race is not always to the swift
- that there is more to life than increasing speed.

Let me look upward into the branches of the flowering oak and know that it is great and strong because it grows slowly and well!

Slow me down, Lord, and inspire me to send my roots deep into the soil of life's enduring values that I may grow towards the stars of my great destiny.

(per Fr. Peadar O'Loughlin. - Author unknown.)