

Parish of Quin-Clooney-Maghera

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Sunday, 31st December 2017

Feast of the Holy Family

OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

ANNIVERSARIES

Sun. 31st Dec (Quin), 11.00 a.m. Elizabeth & Michael Hogan, Knappogue.
| Sun. 7th Jan. (Quin), 11.00 a.m. Mary & Thomas Rice, Mooghaun.
| Sun. 7th Jan. (Quin), 11.00 a.m. Carmel & Murty Cunningham, Knocknagoug.

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of the following who died recently:

- **Gerry Clune**, Cathedral Court, Ennis, formerly of Clooney, and
- **Pat Costello**, Rathclooney, Crusheen. (Funeral Mass in Clooney yesterday).

Monday, 1st January, New Year’s Day is the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God.
It is also *World Day of Peace*. Mass in Quin at 12noon. (not a day of Obligation).

Daily Mass, Quin: Tuesday to Friday, 2nd to 5th January. – 9.15am each day
Friday, 5th January, is FIRST FRIDAY of the month.

Epiphany

Saturday next, 6th January, is the Feast of the Epiphany, the Twelfth day of Christmas.
It is sometimes called “Little Christmas” or, in Irish, *Nollaig na mBan* (Women’s Christmas).
The Epiphany is *manifestation*, evidence or proof that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, as foretold by the prophets of the Old Testament. The Feast also commemorates the adoration of the child Jesus by the wise men (*Magi*) from the East. It is a Holyday of Obligation.
One Mass in the Parish – 11am in Quin.

Churchgate Collections (a) The Collection today is being taken up for Quin/Clooney Community Games, the annual festival of sport & culture for all our children.
(b) The Committee of *Epilepsy Ireland* has expressed its gratitude for your support in a recent churchgate collection in the parish. It yielded a total of €350.

NEXT WEEKEND.....

Mass	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
CLOONEY – 7.00pm Sat. (Vigil) 6 th January	Betty Murphy	Chris Quigney
MAGHERA – 9.30am Sunday, 7 th January	Mary Corbett	Eileen Daly
QUIN – 11.00am Sunday 7 th January	Pauline Hogan	Teasi Ryan & Nollie McCarthy

Pray & Play: Leaders for Quin - Sunday next, 7th January: (Team 5): Sarah McFadden, Sarah McGowan, Pauline Hoey.

Medjugorje with Fr. O’Gorman: A seven-night pilgrimage to Medjugorje, with Fr. Tom as Spiritual Director, will take place on 5th to 12th Sept. 2018. Cost €669. Book before 1st February to obtain €50 discount. Bookings with Jimmy at 085-7385385.

Marriage Preparation Programme: The details of Preparation Courses for couples planning marriage in 2018 are held over until next week due insufficient space.

New Year Walk: The annual sponsored 7km walk, in aid of *Cancer Care West*, will take place in Quin on **Sunday next, 7th January. Assemble – Malachy’s Yard, Quin.** More details - Nollie on 086-8125840.

Macra in Quin: In a move to vary the location of its monthly meetings and to encourage new members to join, the Sixmilebridge/Kilmurry branch of Macra will hold its next meeting in Quin (Malachys) on Friday next 5th January at 9pm. All welcome.

Clooney/Quin GAA: Results of LOTTO Draw, 28th Dec. Numbers: **06-10-21-24**. No Winner. Jackpot next week: **€9050**. Lucky Dip (€40) Winners: Melanie Holmes, Moyriesk; Eoghan Mulcahy, Spencilhill; Des Hayes, N-O-F; Ml. Ryan, Quin Village; Albert O’Connell. Doora. We wish a Happy & Prosperous New Year to all our subscribers, members and friends.

Welcome 2018

The New Year is a time for reflection on the year gone by and for looking forward – hopefully with much optimism – to the year now being ushered in.
You may recall that, during the Christmas ceremonies, I was able to acknowledge, with much gratitude, the contributions of so many people in this parish who give so generously of their time and talents for the welfare of the church and the community. Since being appointed as Administrator in Quin/Clooney/Maghera parish some months ago I have been impressed and delighted with the general level of commitment. Long may this spirit of generosity and selflessness prevail.
I thank you sincerely, and call for God’s blessings on you and your families at this time. May Mary, our Mother, continue to intercede for us and wrap her mantle around you and your families this year, as we prepare for the **World Meeting of Families** (August 2018) and the possible visit of Pope Francis to Ireland at that time.

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