

# Quin Clooney Maghera Parish Notes

## December 3rd 2023

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Date		Anniversaries	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers	Tellers
Sat Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Clooney 7.00pm	No intention	Catherine Ryan	Pamela McGrath	
Sun Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Maghera 9.30am	Michael & MaryAnn O'Halloran, Derrahalla.	Maureen Corbett		
Sun Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Quin 11.00am	Con & Kathleen O'Callaghan, Creevagh; Patrick O'Callaghan, Clonlara; Mary O'Callaghan (nee Garrihy), Ennis.	Joe Brennan & Kay O'Shaughnessy	Grainne O'Keefe	Maria Dolan & Veronica Kelly
Sat Dec 9 <sup>th</sup>	Clooney 7.00pm	PJ, Ann, Paul & Mackie Keogh, Carrahan; Robbie McMahon, Spencilhill.	Bridie McNamara	Linda Hale	
Sun Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>	Maghera 9.30am	No Intention	Catherine O'Halloran		
Sun Dec 10 <sup>th</sup>	Quin 11.00am	Maureen Quinn, Moohane, 1st Anniversary; Joan Clune, Danganbrack, Monthsmind; John French, Kilmurry.	Pat Carrig & Tom Frain	Aideen Flynn	Neeta Enright & Kay Sheehan

**Daily Mass:** Mon - Fri 10 am St Mary's Church Quin.

**Rest in Peace.:** Please remember in your prayers **John Casey** of Aylecotty, Quin who died during the week.

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception:** Friday next 8th December is the Feast of The Immaculate Conception, a Holy day. Mass will be celebrated at 10am in St. Mary's Church, Quin. We will be joined by Scoil na Mainistreach for the celebration of the feast.

**Weekly Contributions:** Amount Collected €670. The Parish Council thank you for your weekly contributions for the upkeep of the Parish. Contributions can also be left in the parish office or alternatively you can use the Donate Button on the Killaloe Diocese website. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

**Children's Liturgy:** 3rd December Team 4, Claire O'Halloran, Aine Costello, Donna Lyttle; 10th December Team 5, Brian O'Connor, Fionnuala Rooney & Angela O'Gorman.

**Priests Christmas Collection:** The Christmas Collection for the priests who serve the parish will be taken up at all Masses in the parish next weekend. As one of only four appeals in the year for your support, your generosity is very much appreciated. Envelopes are available in your box or at the Church porches.

**Quin Village Tidy Towns:** would like to invite you to join Santa for the **Christmas Tree Light Up** on Sunday, Dec 3rd at 5pm in the redeveloped Fountain Area. Entertainment will be provided by Una Clune and the Quin Clooney Youth choir. Please come along to meet up with friends and neighbours from our locality and start the festive season in style.

A short Clean Up will take place on Sat, Dec 2nd at 12 noon for anyone who would like to help us. We want to make sure that our village is clean and tidy before the big day and will meet at the Community Centre.

**Thank You:** We wish to acknowledge with thanks a contribution from Caherkine Group Water Scheme for parish funds. This was made possible with the group scheme hand over to Uisce Éireann.

**Giving Tree:** Unfortunately this year we will not be able to facilitate our annual 'Giving Tree' whereby parishioners donate food items to families in need at Christmas Time. If however you would like to donate money or vouchers for food stores you can do so by placing them in an envelope and dropping them to the Parish house or place your donation in an envelope marked Clare Care in the box at the front of our Churches. Last year vouchers were distributed to 158 families by Clare Care. All money/vouchers donated will be given to families in need via Clarecare.

**Year of Vocations:** We pray for those who hope to serve as priests of the Killaloe Diocese, that they will play their part in building up the Kingdom of Christ.

Our local **Quin 'n Tonic choir** will join Ennis Brass band as their special guest for their annual Christmas concert this evening, Sunday 3rd December, in St. Columba's church, Bindon Street at 8pm. All are welcome and entry is free.

**Advent:** This weekend we begin our preparations for the feast of Christmas with the blessing of the Advent Wreath. Our Advent Prayer, Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do, seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day. We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us, Amen.

**Advent Reconciliation Night:** The Abbey Pastoral Area has organised the annual Advent Reconciliation service for parishes in the Abbey Pastoral Area for Monday 18th December at 7.30pm. There will be an opportunity on the night for individual confession with the help of extra priests.

**The Messenger:** For many, many years, this pocket-sized magazine has been at the heart of Catholic Church life in Ireland. Published by the Jesuit Order, this little gem has - down the years - provided reassurance for our parents and grandparents in the beliefs and practices of their Catholic faith. We encourage families throughout the parish to re-engage with the Messenger. A year's subscription costs only €24 and the magazine is delivered each month. For further details, contact Joe Quinlivan, Main St., Quin, tel. (065) 6825643.

If you have an illness, disability or any extra support needs and would like some help to find work, **Employability Clare** can assist you. For further information, contact Karen on (065) 6844007 or email [info@employabilityclare.ie](mailto:info@employabilityclare.ie) or log on to [www.employabilityclare.ie](http://www.employabilityclare.ie)

**St Joseph's Secondary School Tulla presents Electrifying Production of 'Grease - The Musical'** : The musical will take place from Wednesday 13th to Friday 15th December at St Joseph's Secondary School. Doors open 6:45pm, Curtains raised at 7:30pm. Tickets are €15 available from [s.jt.ie](http://s.jt.ie), or from O'Halloran's Shop & Donlon's Super Valu in Tulla. Concession prices available for Wednesday's performance.

**Historical Quin Map:** Quin Heritage Group, with the help of local artist Judy Prendergast, has devised a map that should help locals and visitors alike to locate the principal archaeological and historical sites in the Quin area. Ideal for Christmas posting, a limited supply of the map will be available in the local shops and other outlets from mid-November.

**Lotto Draw 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023.** Jackpot: €20,000. Numbers drawn: 1; 6; 13; 30. No winner. €40 winners: Rita Montgomery, Feighquin; Eadaoin Cassidy, Clooney; Mikey Corry, Ballymaclune; Sean & Padraig Ward, Spancilhill; Scarlett O'Neill, C/O Brian. Next draw Clubhouse 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Jackpot: €20,000. Tickets available online [www.clooneyqingaa.ie](http://www.clooneyqingaa.ie) - purchase cut-off time 5.00pm. Also available in Crowes, Quin Post Office, and Clooney Stores - purchase cut-off time 1.00pm. We thank you for your continued support.

**Book Launch Invitation:** Bishop Willie Walsh will officially launch Fr. Harry Bohan's latest book entitled: *Building Dreams: Reflections on six decades of change in Irish society 1963 – 2023* at Sixmilebridge GAA Clubhouse on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of December at 19.30. All are welcome.

**Thought for the Week:** With God, the difficult can be done immediately, the impossible takes a little longer.