

And people stayed home

*'And people stayed home
and read books and listened
and rested and exercised
and made art and played
and learned new ways of being
and stopped
and listened deeper*

*someone meditated
someone prayed
someone danced
someone met their shadow*

*and people began to think differently
and people healed
and in the absence of people who lived in ignorant ways,
dangerous, meaningless and heartless,
even the earth began to heal*

*and when the danger ended
and people found each other
grieved for the dead people
and they made new choices
and dreamed of new visions
and created new ways of life
and healed the world completely
just as they were healed themselves'*

by Kathleen O'Meara (1869)

Quin, Clooney, Maghera
Parish Newsletter



*Palm Sunday April 5th 2020
Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ*

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Sun. April 5th 11am (Quin) MASS via WEBCAM & PARISH RADIO LINK

Anniversaries

Mon. April 6th 930am (Quin) Eileen Cunningham & Desc. Family Members, Knock-
agogue

Sat. April 11th 7pm (Quin) Easter Vigil Mass: Louis Clune, Clooney

Sun. April 12th 11am (Quin)

Rest In Peace

Marcella (Cella) McMahon, Ennis. Sister of Eileen McMahon, Quin.

Brenda Ryan nee O’Shea, Ballymaclune

Mary Clune, Mervue. Co. Galway and late of Ballymaclune

Daily Mass: Quin: Mon-Weds: 9.30am

Holy Week Ceremonies

*All Holy Week Ceremonies will take place in St. Mary’s Church, Quin and can be
viewed via Webcam or listened to on Parish Radio Link FM 107.9*

- Holy Thursday April 9th: Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7pm followed by conduct-
ed Holy Hour
- Good Friday April 10th: Stations of the Cross: 12noon
Prayer around the Cross: 5pm
- Holy Saturday April 11th: Easter Vigil:7pm (Quin Church)
- Easter Sunday April 12th: 11am Mass (Quin Church)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Forgiveness of Sins and Easter Duty

Catholic doctrine teaches that if a person cannot get to Confession, it is sufficient to confess one’s sins to God, seeking forgiveness and with the intention of going when next possible to Confession. God forgives the sins and the person is renewed in heart and soul. When the opportunity then arises later to go to Confession, he or she should do so.

At his morning Mass on March 20th, Pope Francis’ spoke about this doctrine in words that can also help resolve any issue about fulfilling our Easter duty:

“I know that many of you go to confession before Easter... Many will say to me: ‘But Father...I can’t leave the house and I want to make my peace with the Lord. I want Him to embrace me... How can I do that unless I find a priest?’. Do what the cate-
chism says. It’s very clear. If you don’t find a priest to go to confession, speak to

God. He’s your Father. Tell Him the truth: ‘Lord. I did this and this and this. Pardon me.’ Ask His forgiveness with all your heart with an act of contrition, and promise Him, ‘afterward I will go to confession.’ You will return to God’s grace immediately. You yourself can draw near, as the catechism teaches us, to God’s forgiveness, with-
out having a priest at hand.”

Weekly Contributions: The Parish Council thanks all those who have left weekly contri-
butions into the Parish Office at this time. Your generosity is much appreciated.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People: ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818222 024.

Coronavirus Support. The Irish Red Cross Clare with the support of Clare GAA Clubs & Local Community Groups are offering assistance to anyone who may find it difficult to get access in getting your medications, food supplies and household essentials. We are here to support you where possible; please watch out for neighbours. If you or some-
one you know requires this support please contact our Community Support Officer James Lafferty on 086 8323456.

Killaloe Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes It is with profound regret we announce that the Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes on 26th June 2020 has been rescheduled to 29th June 2021. The decision was taken by the Diocese in consultation with Joe Walsh Tours in the light of the Covid 19 Coronavirus Pandemic which prevents us guaranteeing the health and safety of all who travel with us. The agreement is with JWT to carry forward to next year all current bookings so that there will be no financial loss to those who are booked. Please do not at this time contact JWT as staff are working from home and do not have full access to their office. A decision on the Autumn Pilgrimage will be taken in due course. May our Lady of Lourdes and St. Bernadette keep us all safe from danger and protect us over the coming weeks and months.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE We are all overwhelmed by the Corona virus outbreak and we hope that you and yours are all safe and healthy. Now more than ever we need to stay calm, be resourceful, and do what we do best: focus on supporting each other. As an national charity that offers “emotional” and “practical” support to all victims of crime and those and their families that have experienced a “traumatic” incident, we want to reassure all concerned that we at Victim Assistance are committed to continuing our services to those that need us. Whilst some of our staff are working remotely, we can be contacted though our NATIONAL HELPLINE at 1800 277 477, our office telephone 094 9000251 or by email at support@victimassistance.ie. Our offices are manned Monday-Friday 9.30am-5.30pm during these difficult times.