Quin Clooney Maghera Parish Notes April 8th/9th 2023— Easter Sunday

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Date		Anniversaries	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers	Tellers
Sat April 8th	Clooney 7.00pm	No Intention	Rebecca O'Neill	Linda Hale	
Sun April 9th	Maghera 9.30am	No Intention	Stella Corbett	Mary Whelan	
Sun April 9th	Quin 11am	No Intention	Pat Carrig & Annette Liddy	Annette Liddy	Annette Egan & Claire Duggan
Sat April 15th	Clooney 7.00pm	Nan Clune, Crowhill (Monthsmind) , Barbara Hickey (nee Clune) & Michael Clune, Rylane	Mary O'Connor	Mary O'Connor	
Sun April 16th	Maghera 9.30am	No Intention	Eileen Daly	Catherine O'Halloran	
Sun April 16th	Quin 11am	Mary & Joe McNamara, Ballyhickey; Marlene & Brendan Hanrahan and Deceased family members; Paddy Neylon; Kevin O'Neill, Quin Gardens (1st Anniversary)	Tom Frain & Pauline Hogan	Pat O'Brien	Colette Colleran & Marian Reynolds

Daily Mass: Quin - 10am on Monday and Tuesday. Please note there will be no Mass on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday of Easter week.

Dawn Mass: All are welcome to join Bishop Fintan this Easter Sunday morning for Dawn Mass in Quin Abbey. Should the morning be raining, the Mass will be celebrated in the Church. This is an Abbey Pastoral area initiative in which the Dawn Mass rotates around the different parishes of the Pastoral area.

Weekly Contributions: Amount Collected €1,030. 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.

Trocaire: Now that Lent has concluded, we appeal to you to return your Trocaire Box or offering to the parish. Those who will benefit from your Lenten sacrifices really appreciate your generosity.

Rejoice: On this Easter Sunday morning, the priests of the pastoral area who minister here in the parish pray that this Easter will bring new beginnings, new hope and new joy to you all. We thank all who in the past week helped celebrate Holy Week.

Moveable Feast: In AD 325 the Council of Nicaea was convened by Emperor Constantine. Until then Easter had been celebrated on different days of the week. That Council however, decreed that Easter be celebrated on a Sunday between the dates of March 22nd and April 25th. The pagan festival of Easter occurred at the same time of year as the Christian observance of the Resurrection of Christ. As Christian converts were slowly won over, it made sense to alter the festival and make it a Christian celebration. The early name, Eastre was eventually changed to its modern spelling Easter.

Easter Holy Water: In response to Pope Francis call in Laudate Si to protect the environment, here in the parish of Quin, Clooney, Maghera we will be providing Easter Holy Water in containers and ask all parishioners to use recyclable bottles and containers from home to fill your Easter Holy Water. In previous years bottles were used in the parish, so we hope this initiative will contribute in some small way to reducing our dependence on plastic and help protect the environment.

Readers Required: Readers required for 11am Sunday Mass in Quin Church. If you are interested please contact 087-2953579 or alternatively, contact Mary Maher (065-6825612) or Connie Corry (086-8417704)

Pray and Play will return weekly to Quin Church at 11am from Sunday 16th April. This children's liturgy is for children from preschool age to 2nd class. At the beginning of mass, the children are brought upstairs with their leaders to hear the gospel story through singing and colouring. They return for the end of mass before Holy Communion. All children are welcome. Note - under child safeguarding rules- only parents of children with Diocese Garda Vetting are permitted to stay with their child.

Ugandan 5Km Family Run/Walk: On Friday April 14th at 7.30pm from Barefield Village a 5km Family run/walk will take place John Conroy and volunteers from Clare will volunteer in Uganda this Summer at a facility to assist with palliative care and also with special needs. All flights and costs are paid for by the volunteers with funds raised going directly into education and health care. For further info please contact Frank 087 7726617 or John 087 6666927

The Junior SVP Conference of St. Flannan's College are running a clothing appeal in aid of St. Vincent De Paul from Wednesday April 19th to Saturday April 22nd. Members of the public are asked to drop off their clothing donations for this worthy cause to the old college building during the following times, Wednesday to Friday from 1.20pm to 2.00pm or 3.20pm to 4.00pm and on Saturday morning from 10.00am to 12.00pm.

Quin Tidy Towns: THANK YOU to the marvellous group of volunteer workers who were out improving thd Grotto area, the Fountain area and the Water tower area last Saturday morning. New plants were added, shrubs were tidied up and the village is now looking marvellous for Easter. New volunteers always welcome.

ARE YOU, OR IS SOMEONE YOU KNOW, LIVING WITH A LONG TERM HEALTH CONDITION?

If so, then you may be interested in the 'Living Well Programme'. Living Well is a Free ONLINE, 6 week group self-management programme for adults living with long term health conditions, such as asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart conditions, stroke and others to name but a few. There are spaces available on our MAY 2023 Programmes. To book your place please contact Aine (041) 6850676 / (087) 1140371 or Joanne (041) 6860710 / (087) 4308735 or www.hse.ie/livingwell

Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Bishop Fintan will lead the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from Shannon Airport on Tuesday 27th June, returning Sunday 2nd July. €809.00 includes flight, airport transfers, full board with three meals a day & sanctuary levy. For more information and bookings please contact - Joe Walsh Tours 01-2410800 or email info@joewalshtours.ie

Accord Marriage & Relationship Counselling Services: DO YOU NEED SUPPORT? Counselling available at Accord Ennis & Accord Nenagh. Everyone is very welcome. Tel: 065-6524297 Email: accordennis1@gmail.com

Quin Taekwondo Split the Pot: Total Pot €128. Congratulations to this week's winner Claire Ryan who wins €64. The next draw takes place on Tuesday, April 11th. Easter hamper winners; Abbey Express: Nancy Angeloni; Abbey Tavern: Ger Fahy; Club Hamper: Conor Copeland; Crowes Costcutter: Kelly & Kate McMahon; Post Office: Daniel Reddan; Village Inn: Christy & Barbara McCarthy. Envelopes for Split the Pot can be found in Crowes, The Abbey Tavern, The Village Inn, Abbey Express Laundry, and Quin Post Office.

GAA Lotto Draw: 6th April 2023. Jackpot: €20,000. Numbers drawn: 1; 2; 5; 6. No winner. €40 winners: Darragh Egan, Nenagh; Aileen Reynolds, Ballyhannon; Niall Courtney, Roslevan; Martha Deegan, Ballyhickey; Helen Reynolds, Ballymaclune. Next draw Clubhouse 13th April 2023. Jackpot: €20,000. Tickets available online www.clooneyquingaa.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. Go raibh maith agaibh as bhur dtacaíocht leanúnach

Newsletter deadline: The cut-off time for submission of notices for inclusion in the newsletter is Tuesday at 5pm. Notices can be emailed to quinparish@gmail.com

Thought for the Week:

Love is compassion, understanding, and forgiveness