

Quin, Clooney & Maghera Parish Notes

5th / 6th September 2026

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Date		Anniversaries	Eucharistic	Readers	Tellers
Sat Sept 5 th	Clooney 7:00pm	Special Intentions	Pauline Conheady	Nuala Daffy	
Sun Sept 6 th	Maghera 9:30am	Special Intentions	Maureen Corbett	Stella Corbett	
Sun Sept 6 th	Quin 11:00am	Bridie Doherty & Marie Doherty Miller, Ballykilty	Teasie Ryan & Breege Kelleher	Chloe Duggan	Ann McNamara & Mary Moloney
Fri Sept 11 th	Quin 7:00pm	Kieran Brown, Ballyhickey, Monthsmind			
Sat Sept 12 th	Clooney 7:00pm	Special Intentions	Catherine Ryan	Linda Hale	
Sun Sept 13 th	Maghera 9:30am	Special Intentions	Mary Whelan	Eileen Daly	
Sun Sept 13 th	Quin 11:00am	Harry Shally, Arbutus Grove 1 st Anniversary Tom & Maura Conroy, Ballyhannon Gerard Clune and his sister Mary Clune, Ballymaclune	Nollie McCarthy & Eleanor Gallagher	Grainne O'Keeffe	Fiona McMahon & Fionuala O'Sullivan

Daily Mass this week: Monday to Thursday at 10am St Mary's Church Quin. Please note there will be no morning mass on Friday 11th September.

Weekly Contributions: Amount Collected for the past week **€790**. The Parish Finance Committee thanks 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.

Season of Creation 1st September - 4th October: This year's theme LIVING WATER, explores EZEKIEL 47:9 and 12 as a powerful biblical vision of hope and ecological healing. Set amid exile and loss, the image of living water flowing from God's sanctuary reveals divine healing that renews land, water, biodiversity and human responsibility towards the whole creation. The context of this text is one of political, social, theological and national catastrophe. Pope Leo's monthly intention for September asks us to reflect on **Water**.

Prayer for the Love of Creation Creator God:

You show us what love is through the beauty of the earth and the gift of your Son. For the love of animal and plant, mountain and forest, sea and city, woman and man, friend and family, those who live far from us and those yet to be born. Move us to love more simply, to protect the earth and to speak up for those in need. Amen

Eucharistic Adoration: Each Thursday from 12 noon until 4pm the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in St Mary's Church, Quin for private prayer. Please consider spending some time during those 4 hours in the company of the Lord. The Blessings that flow are immense. All you need do is sit in silence or read and enjoy the stillness and quietness of the experience.

Pastoral Council: The Pastoral Council will meet on Thursday 10th at 8.15pm in St Mary's Church, Quin.

Children's Liturgy: Sunday September 6th: Aine Costello & Donna Lyttle
Sunday September 13th: Brian O'Connor & Fionnuala Rooney

Church St. John XXIII Clooney Golden Jubilee 1976-2026: On Sunday 27th September, Bishop Fintan will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the Church at a special Sunday Mass at 11am. All parishioners are invited to this celebration to give thanks and share the memories of 50 years.

In medieval times Clooney was an independent parish with its own patron saint, St Richin and its own church. The ruins of this church are to be found to this day in the cemetery in Clooney. With the penal laws of the 18th century, Catholic worship transferred to the remote Carrahan Cross and today the water font outside the sacristy door came from this Church. It was donated by the late Pat O'Dwyer, who dug it up on his land 100 years ago and used it as a trough feeding hens. It is now restored and back in its original use for the last 50 years. In 1820 Carrahan Cross Church was abandoned and a "NEW" Church built on the present site. This "NEW" Church is the old Church that many older parishioners will remember as the "OLD" Church. It was built on the present site by the Parish priest, Fr Dan Corbett. The site was donated by Mr Bindon, a wealthy protestant who fought hard for Catholic Emancipation, which was highly unpopular for a landlord to do at the time. In 1975 when the new Church was suggested James McDonagh gave more land to allow for expansion.

Jubilee Year of Saint Francis 1226-2026: Franciscan Family Gathering on Saturday 26th September at the Franciscan Friary, Multyfarnham, Co Westmeath, N91 Y540 from 11am to 4pm with Mass at 3pm. Individuals and communities are welcome. To register by 21st September contact francis.cotter@franciscans.ie or text 086 0235 999

Sick & Retired Priests Appeal: The annual collection at all Masses this weekend is the annual appeal to support and care for our sick and retired priests of our diocese. In our parish we are very grateful for the weekly help & support that both Frs Harry & John give in celebrating Masses and their availability when needed. Some of our priests need nursing care in their twilight years are often the only surviving member of their family. Your generosity to this appeal is very much appreciated.

To Retiring (and Retired) Priests: So many years have passed since ordination, so many souls encouraged on the way, so many joys and sorrows shared with people. A lifetime's work of giving, night and day. 'I baptise thee' so often said to babies. 'Do you take X' to couples who were wed. In changing times they carried out their duty. We're criticised, perhaps by those who 'know' with certitude how God is really thinking. Yet, priests must listen to both friend and foe. So God will surely honour their devotion, and show appreciation for work done, by telling them in words of kindness feeling 'You served me well, step in, my faithful Son'.

Dates for First Holy Communion & Confirmation 2027: On Saturday 13th March Bishop Fintan will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in St Mary's Church Quin at 11am and in SS. John XXIII Clooney at 3pm. First Holy Communion will be celebrated in St Mary's Church Quin on Saturday 24th April at 11am and in St John XXIII Church on Saturday 15th May at 11am.

First Confession will be celebrated in both Churches during the season of Lent.

Enrolment for the sacraments will take place this September on Saturday 19th September at 7pm Mass in SS. John XXIII Church Clooney and on Saturday 26th September at 7pm Mass in St Mary's Church Quin.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults): Do you, or someone you know want to become a Catholic? Please contact Fr Tom or the Parish Office for more details.

Help Us Find Clare's Recorded Voices!: Clare County Council's Heritage Office, with Mac Conmara Heritage and the Heritage Council, is undertaking a county-wide audit of **recorded memories, oral history and folklore relating to Clare**. We are particularly interested in recordings that may be held privately, old **cassettes, reel-to-reel tapes, CDs or digital recordings** of any subject related to the county. If you know of material that may be relevant, please contact: macconmaraheritage@gmail.com or ring 086 274 7230

Evelyn Mac Mahon School of Speech and Drama: Classes resuming for primary and secondary pupils. For further info contact Evelyn MacMahon A.L.C.M.T.D. L.L.C.M.T.D. F.L.C.M. on 085 188 4158

Split the Pot: Congratulations to this week's winner **Cormac O'Keefe**, who won **€81**. Next draw takes place on Tuesday 8th September. Envelopes for split the pot can be filled in at Gala, The Abbey Tavern, The Village Inn, Abbey Express Laundry, Quin Post Office, and A Taste of Quin. "*Be in to win*".

GAA Lotto Draw September 3rd: Jackpot: €20,000. Numbers drawn: **17, 22, 23, 29; No winner. €40 Winners** - Eamonn Murphy, Clooney, Sandra Reynolds, Quin, Damien O'Halloran, Quin, Kevin Whelan, Whelan's Garage, Cathal Larkin, Clooney. Next draw, Clubhouse 10th Sept 2026. Jackpot: €20,000. Tickets available online www.clooneyquingaa.ie - purchase cut-off time 5:00pm. Also available in, **Quin Post Office, Gala and Clooney Stores**; purchase cut off time 1pm. 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: *There is no heart too hard for God's love to touch and change.*