

Quin Clooney Maghera Parish Notes

December 12th 2021

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Date		Anniversaries	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Sat Dec 11th	Clooney 7.00pm	Robbie Mc Mahon, Clooney	Bridie McNamara	Orla Hanrahan
Sun Dec 12th	Maghera 9.30am	Mary-Ann & Michael O’Halloran, Maghera	Catherine O’Halloran	Stella Corbett
Sun Dec 12th	Quin 11.00am	John French, Kilmurry (1st Anniv.)	Ann Corbett & Ann Lynch	Grainne O’Keeffe
Sat Dec 18th	Clooney 7.00pm	Pat Liddy, Muckinish (1st Anniv); Vera O’Brien, Corbally	Mary O’Connor	Mary O’Connor
Sun Dec 19th	Maghera 9.30am	James Corbett, Maghera	Mary Whelan	Catherine O’Halloran
Sun Dec 19th	Quin 11.00am	Carmel Cunningham & her father Morty Cunningham, Knocknagoug; Mai, Jack & Tom Leyden, Ballyhannon; Timmy Scanlon, Quin Gardens	Joe Brennan & Kay O’Shaughnessy	Lena O’Halloran

Daily Mass: (Quin) Mon-Fri: 10am.

Weekly Contributions: Amount collected €750. Contributions can also be left in the parish office during this time of restrictions or use the Donate button on the Killaloe Diocese website. The Parish Council continues to thank all who leave contributions to the parish office at this time. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Priests' Christmas Collection: The final of four collections throughout the year to pay the Priests' of the Abbey Pastoral Area and the Diocese will be taken up this weekend Dec. 11/12 at all Masses. There is a special white envelope with a yellow top in your box of envelopes for this collection. Alternatively you can go to the Killaloe Diocesan website and find Quin Parish and use the donate button for Priests' Collection. We thank you in advance for your generosity during these difficult times.

Bambinelli Sunday (Baby Jesus Sunday): A Beautiful Advent Tradition. Every year on one of the Sundays of Advent, families bring the figure of the Baby Jesus to St. Peter’s Square in Rome for the Pope to bless. It is called “Bambinelli Sunday.” Many homes in our parish still give a central place to the crib among their Christmas decorations. At Masses this weekend 11th/12th December we invite you to bring the Baby Jesus from your home to any Mass in the Parish and they will be blessed.

Giving Tree: Due to Covid 19, unfortunately 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 Clare Care.

Church Cleaners: For St. Mary's Church, Quin, Church Cleaners are needed for cleaning the Church on Wednesday mornings. If you feel you can lend a hand please contact Pat Carrig or Jimmy Maher. Many hands make light work!

Pastoral Council: A brief Pastoral Council meeting will take place this Monday night at 8pm in St. Mary's Church, Quin. This meeting is to discuss Christmas Masses and the assistance needed at them. All members are urged to attend.

St. Stephen's Church Maghera: We continue to thank all who have contributed towards the cost to repair the roof. All contributions are greatly appreciated.

Blessing for a Christmas Crib: O God, out of love for us you sent your dearly beloved Son to become man. You willed that he be born in a humble stable in order to give us an example of humility. We pray you now bless this crib, a representation of the scene of his birth; may it draw us closer to Him. By imitating His humility may we become a worthy dwelling place for His rebirth, Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. Amen.

On-line Donations to Parish: In these times of Government lockdown and restrictions on attendances at public masses, many people who are unable to attend church services are interested in contributing to the support of their parish or their priests. Sincere thanks to all our parishioners who have contributed during this time. It is now possible to make a contribution by credit or debit card directly to your parish using the Diocesan website – www.killalodiocese.ie. The full contribution as received by the Diocesan website will be fully paid to your parish. Simply go to the Diocesan website and click on the red "Donate to your parish" button on the top of the page. You will be invited to select your parish and the parish fund you wish to contribute. Your support is greatly appreciated.

COVID Protocols: Since the 22nd October Religious Services can proceed without capacity limits but with all other protective measures remaining in place. This means that in our churches face masks should continue to be worn, social distancing continue to be observed and hand sanitizing to continue on entering and leaving the church. Please be respectful of others who come to pray in our churches.

Lotto Draw 9th December 2021. Jackpot: €11,600. Numbers drawn: 5; 17; 21; 25. No winner .
€40 Lucky Dip winners: Anne Porter, Village Inn; Michael O'Halloran, Creevaghmore; Mary McCarthy, Rathclooney ; Orla Hoey, Barefield; Peter Sheehy, Clooney.
Next draw Online 16th December 2021. Jackpot: €11,600 Tickets available online - purchase cut-off time 5.00pm. Tickets also available in Crowes, Quin Post Office and Clooney Stores - purchase cut-off time 1.00pm For all up-to-date news you can follow us on Facebook, Twitter or visit www.clooneyquingaa.ie. We thank you for your continued support. Go raibh maith agaibh as bhur dtacaíocht leanúnach

Christmas Masses 2021

Friday Dec. 24th Christmas Eve

St. Mary's Church, Quin, 5pm & 9pm
St. John XXIII, Clooney, 7pm

Saturday Dec. 25th Christmas Day

St. Stephen's Church, Maghera 9:30am
St. Mary's Church, Quin 11am

(Please note there will be no Vigil Mass in Clooney Dec. 25th)

Sunday Dec. 26th St. Stephen's Day

St. Stephen's Church, Maghera 9:30am
St. Mary's Church, Quin, 11am

For other Mass times please check the neighbouring parishes websites in the Abbey

Thought for the Week

To live long, it is necessary to live slowly.

(Please take your newsletter home with you. Do not leave in the pew.)

Thank you!