

Quin Clooney Maghera February 19th 2023

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Masses:		Anniversaries	Eucharistic Ministers:	Readers:
Sat 18 th Feb	Clooney 7.00pm	No Intention	Pauline Conheady	Linda Hale
Sun 19 th Feb	Maghera 9.30am	Joe & Bridie Murphy, Derryhalla	Stella Corbett	Catherine O'Halloran
Sun 19 th Feb	Quin 11.00am	Fr. Michael Collins Michael O'Neill Snr & Mi- chael O'Neill Jnr, Feighquin	Pauline Hogan & Pat Philips	Mary Maher
Thurs 23 rd Feb	Quin 10.00am	Gerry O'Neill, Corbally House		
Sat 25 th Feb	Clooney 7.00pm	Michael & Rita Daffy, Rathclooney	Mary O'Connor	Mary O'Connor
Sun 26 th Feb	Maghera 9.30am	No Intention	Maureen Corbett	Mary Casey
Sun 26 th Feb	Quin 11.00am	John Murphy, Quin Kathleen Ryan, Feighquin (Monthsmind) Rita O'Sullivan, Keevagh (Monthsmind) Pat Callaghan, Ballykilty.	Deirdre Meaney & Colette Colleran	Robert Downes

Daily Mass: Monday to Friday 10am

Weekly Contributions. Amount Collected €710. The Parish Council 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 much appreciated.

Tellers: Sunday Feb 19th: Fiona McMahon & Fionnuala O'Sullivan. Tellers Sunday 26th: Haulie Hannon and Moira Scanlon.

Clothing collection in aid of Scoil na Mainistreach Quin Dangan commencing Monday the 20th until Wednesday the 23rd of February. Items can be dropped directly to the school on these dates. Items accepted are as follows: Re-wearable items of clothes, paired shoes, handbags and belts, towels and blankets, curtains and soft toys. Please **no** duvets, pillows, ribbed or soiled clothes or single shoes. Any queries please contact Caroline Kelly on 086-3874237. We greatly appreciate your support and generosity.

Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season: Lent comes from the word Lenten, the beginning of the new season of Spring, longer days. In our Christian tradition we are encouraged to reflect on the meaning of our Christian calling and also to deal with personal obstacles that hinder our spiritual growth. Beginning with Ash Wednesday, one of the more popular rituals, the reception of ashes, to remind us of our mortal fate and also in preparation for the feast of the Resurrection when Christ conquers death. The blessing and distribution of Ashes will take place at the 10am Mass in St Mary's Church Quin on Ash Wednesday.

A Day of Fast and Abstinence: There are two days each year in the Catholic Faith that we are asked to fast and abstain, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting means that one full meatless meal can be eaten in the day. Two other meatless meals may be taken to maintain strength but together they should not exceed one full meal. Those in good health between the age of 18 until 59 are asked to observe the fast.

The Annual Matt Talbot Novena will return on Ash Wednesday, 22nd February 2023 at 7:00PM in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Bishop Fintan Monahan will open the Novena.

Sick & Housebound Parishioners: Fr Tom will visit sick and housebound parishioners with the sacraments this week. If you know of any housebound parishioner who would like to receive the sacraments, please let Fr Tom know on 087-2349816.

Trocaire: The annual Trocaire Lenten campaign begins on Ash Wednesday. This year Trocaire is celebrating 50 years working on behalf of the Irish Church in working for Justice and responding to the cry of the poor. Trocaire boxes are distributed through the schools and are available in all Churches this weekend.

Seed Savers: The Irish Seed Savers Annual Community Seed Share event takes place on Saturday February 25th from 12 to 4pm in Scariff. Seed Savers would like to extend a warm invitation to all parishioners, as part of the local community, to attend free of charge. Just bring along proof of address.

Quin Taekwondo Split the Pot: Total Pot €104. Congratulations to this week's winner Olivia Glowski who wins €52. The next draw takes place on Tuesday, February 21st. Envelopes for Split the Pot can be found in Crowes Shop, The Abbey Tavern, The Village Inn, Abbey Express Laundry, A Taste of Quin and Quin Post Office. Many Thanks for your continued support.

The Quin/Clooney Apostolic Work are happy to announce we are holding a display of work on the 12th March, in Quin Community centre after 11 o'clock mass and from 2-4 pm. All are welcome. If anyone is interested in donating a sacred vessel in memory of a loved one, such as a chalice, sick call set, mass kit or a ciborium, please contact Moira 087 645 7744 for more information.

QUIN CLOONEY MAGHERA SENIOR CITIZENS would like sincerely to thank Quin Players for their very generous donation of €946 from their wonderful production of The Field. Much appreciated.

Tidy Towns: A big thank you to all the volunteers, young and older, who came out last Saturday morning to help clean up the approach roads into Quin Village. 22 bags of rubbish were collected and hopefully this job will not have to be done again any time soon. We now appeal to all drivers/cyclists and walkers not to dispose of fast food containers, cans, bottles, sweet wrappers etc on these roads. We would like to welcome all new volunteers who joined us and those who joined our What's App Group, Quin Tidy Towns. Please be sure to avail of our Book Exchange in the village, located beside the Hall where there are plenty of children's and adult books to read. Míle Buíochas.

Ennis flower and garden club present Bernadette Scanlan Limerick, at Treacys West County Hotel Ennis on Tuesday February 21st, doors open at 7.30, demonstration starts at 8.30 sharp, 10 euro non members, all are welcome, demonstrators arrangements raffled on the night.

Clooney Spencilhill Maghera Community Development Group AGM 2023. Thursday 23rd February at 7.30pm in Clooney National School Hall. Facilitated by Niamh Wiley Rural Community Development Office, Clare County Council.

Emergency Appeal: The earthquake in Syria and Turkey on 5th February have had a devastating impact on millions of people in both countries. There will be an opportunity as you leave Mass next weekend 25th /26th February to contribute to an emergency appeal organised by Trocaire. Thanking you in responding to the cry of the poor. Please find a prayer for Syria and Turkey at this link <https://www.trocaire.org/our-work/working-in-ireland/parishes/>

Diocesan Nurse: The Diocese of Killaloe is looking to appoint A Diocesan Nurse(2 days per week) to work with clergy in the Killaloe Diocese, providing an advocacy and support service to priests in the community. For more information, contact Colette Ryan at Carebright on email at cryan@carebrighft.ie Closing date is this Monday 20th February.

Future of the Diocese: At the present time discussions are taking place across the Diocese trying to discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us in this parish and Diocese. On Tuesday 28th February there will be an opportunity for anyone in this parish and for Pastoral Councils from the four parishes in the Abbey Pastoral Area to meet and discuss in the Parish Centre Station Road Ennis from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Bishop Finian will attend the meeting to hear and listen to what people have to say as he leads the Diocese in making important but difficult decisions.