

Quin Clooney Maghera Parish Notes

March 21st 2021

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Masses:

Anniversaries

No Masses in Clooney & Maghera During these times of restrictions

Sun. Mar 21 st	Quin 11:00am	Mary Donnellan, Cragataska Johnathan McCusker, Quin & Kilcolgan Kathleen Gleeson, Glasnevin, Dublin.
Mon– Fri Mar 22 nd -26 th	Quin 10:00am	Private Intentions
Sun. Mar 28 th	Quin 11:00am Palm Sunday	Mary & Joe Clune, Orda Barbra Hickey nee Clune, Galway & Crowhill Michael Clune, Rylane Brenda Ryan, Ballymaclune, 1st. Anniversary

All Masses in Quin via Parish Radio link or Webcam

Daily Mass: (Quin) Mon—Fri: 10am

Weekly Contributions: Amount Collected from March 12th-March15th €500. Contributions can be left in the Parish Office during these times 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.

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.killaloe-diocese.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 to. Your support is greatly appreciated.

NOTICE FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FAMILIES: There will be a Webinar for the Parents of First Holy Communion children on this Tuesday, March 23rd at 7.00 pm. In order to join you need to register using the link here https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_zN_POulATymoz_Vz9ZWF3g

NOTICE FOR CONFIRMATION FAMILIES: There will be a Webinar for the Parents and Godparents of Confirmation Children and also the Confirmation children on this Wednesday, March 24th at 7.00 pm. In order to join you need to register using the link here https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SHRbJhzmQ8y3O0mSPFpTOQ

Virtual Discernment Evening for men who wish to explore the Diocesan Priesthood takes place Tuesday 23rd March 7.30-9pm Join on zoom with priests, seminarians and young men who will share their experiences. For more information or to register, please email info@vocations.ie

Webinar for the Diocese of Killaloe – this Monday, March 22nd at 7.30 pm: Fr Kieran O'Mahony OSA will be the principal speaker at a Webinar hosted by the Diocese of Killaloe on the Scriptural background of Holy Week and Easter which we are about to celebrate. The webinar will be of interest to anybody involved in parish or pastoral life in parish or diocese. It will commence at 7.30 pm on this Monday, March 22nd . To join the webinar, you need to register in advance and you can do this by using the link below. https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_rQO8yj9WTpiZTANWNeN9AQ

Trocaire Message 5th Sunday of Lent: In the Gospel today we see the image of the wheat grain that falls on the ground and dies. We are reminded of the process of death that comes before new life. Each day we are called to die to our selfishness so that we can be renewed and become who we are meant to be in the eyes of our Creator. Take some time this week to remind yourself of the story of Mahlet, the child on this year's Trócaire box by reading the side of your Trócaire box at home. Pray that our lifestyles may be renewed so that young lives like Mahlet's who are experiencing first-hand the destructive effects of climate change may be eased. ***Trocaire Collection will be taken up this year on Good Friday 2nd April. There is a special white envelope with purple top in your box of envelopes for this collection. We also ask that all Trocaire boxes be returned at this time. Thank you for your generosity to our brothers and sisters in the Third World and the Trocaire Lenten Campaign.***

Young Adult Catholic Conference: "Now, after a year of CoVid, we are more and more conscious of the weight of the restrictions... and moreover the finishing line seems like a mirage always moving farther and farther away from us! The Catholic Young Adult Conference via Zoom on March 27th from 5:30 - 7:30pm is a chance for young adults (18 – 40) wherever they are to come together online to build up their hope. The theme "Hope Springs Eternal" will be discussed in a great line up of short talks and testimonies mixed together with music and prayer. The Conference is free to attend just log in to Zoom: ID 847 1984 5205 Passcode: 771328 . Whatever about an injection for Covid, come and get a powerful injection of hope! Newcomers especially welcome."

Quin Tidy Towns : To help us cope better with the dog litter problem, some disposable bags have been left in the post office, in the new cafe and in the Gala shop for your convenience. 2 Pickers will also be available in the P. O. if you'd like to take one for a quick clean up in any area of the village that needs attention and please remember to return it. Some volunteers have been very busy weeding the flower beds and sincere thanks to all involved. If you would like to help in any way please let us know. Once again if everyone does a little we can achieve a lot.
Eugene Phillips 086 8128877 & Colette Colleran 0876895489

Scripture Thoughts

Jeremiah tells us that a new day is coming when God will place God's Word on our hearts. We will be God's people and all will know God. The author of Hebrews tells us that Christ offered prayers for us with loud cries and supplications. Jesus, Himself, tells us that His hour is coming; and, when that hour comes, He will be glorified. But first Jesus must endure the terrible death of crucifixion. Jesus does not hide this news from the Greek converts who come to see Him. They are told that they must die in order to live. They must hate their life in order to preserve it. This is what it means to serve and follow Jesus.

How shocking these words are to us! How we try to change them and make them fluffy! It doesn't work, not even for twenty-first century Christians who know how much computers, televisions, phones, ipods, faxes, etc., have made life easier. We are still called to be the disciple. We are still called to put all aside. At the call of Jesus, we are asked to pick up whatever cross we are given and follow in His footsteps. And as we do so, we will hear God say, "well done."

Today, be present, as a disciple, to God who dwells within. Allow God to lead you to others who are in need without regard to the cost.

Thought For the Week

***When the load gets too heavy or the task too hard, give it to God.
Nothing is too heavy or too hard for Him.***