

Quin Clooney Maghera Parish Notes

Jan 23rd 2022

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Date		Anniversaries	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Sat Jan 22 nd	Clooney 7.00pm	No Intention	Pauline Conheady	Linda Hale
Sun Jan 23 rd	Maghera 9.30am	No Intention	Stella Corbett	Vincent O’Hal- loran
Sun Jan 23 rd	Quin 11.00am	Eamon Carey, Clooney	Nollie Mc Carthy & Eleanor Gallagher	Pauline Hogan
Sat Jan 29 th	Clooney 7.00pm	No Intention	Catherine Ryan	Orla Hanahan
Sun Jan 30 th	Maghera 9.30am	No Intention	Mary Whelan	Anne Daffy
Sun Jan 30 th	Quin 11.00am	John & Ciss Hastings, Feighquin & their granddaughter Erin Ben- tivegna. Michael Kelly, Ballyhannon (1 st An- niv.) Mary Clune, Manhattan & Ballymark- ham	Martha Deegan & Ann Corbett	Annette Liddy

Rest in Peace : John O’Halloran USA & late of Ballyhannon, brother of Kay O’Shaughnessy, Quin. Mary-Anne Doherty, Ballykilty, Quin & Dublin, sister of the late JJ Doherty.

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

Weekly Contributions: Amount collected €870. 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.

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.

Church Offertory Collection: In accordance with present Covid-19 guidelines and in the interests of public health it is not possible to have the usual basket offertory collection at weekend masses. If you wish to support the parish financially, please do so in the Collection Boxes provided at the church entrances or donate online using the Killaloe Diocesan website. We wish to thank you for your ongoing generosity and making such a huge effort to support the Parish since the onset of Covid.

Catholic Schools Week: Catholic Schools Week takes place from Jan. 23rd to Jan 30th. The theme this year is, **Catholic Schools: Living Life to the Full**. Every Catholic school fosters the holistic development of its students, promotes their wellbeing, and encourages them to learn and nurture their talents and skills. Each child has the potential to change the world for the better, making it a kinder, more inclusive and more welcoming place.

Parish Council: There will be a meeting this Wednesday evening 26th January at 8pm. All members are encouraged to attend as we review the year’s financial statement and distribute the annual collection envelopes for the parish.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Jan.18th-25th: As we put a close to the week of Prayer for Christian Unity we reflect on the theme *'We saw His Star in the East'*. This theme has been prepared by the churches of the Middle East, the history of which was, and still is, characterized by conflict and strife, tainted with blood and darkened by injustice and oppression. It was in the Middle East that the Word of God took root and bore fruit; and it was from this East that the apostles set out to preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Christians of the Middle East are conscious that the world shares many of the travails and difficulties that it experiences, and yearns for a light to lead the way to the Saviour—the light that overcomes darkness. Serving the Gospel requires commitment to the human being, the poorest, the weakest and those marginalized. It requires from the churches transparency and accountability in dealing with the world, and with each other. May we work together, to provide relief to the afflicted, to welcome the displaced, to relieve their burden, to build a just and honest society so that human beings can experience life, peace, justice and love.

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.

Lotto : Draw 20th January 2022. Jackpot: €12,600. Numbers drawn: 1; 6; 13; 15. No winner
€40 Lucky Dip winners: Michelle Gardiner, Spencilhill; Ryan O'Neill, Quin; Ray Hynes, Craggataska; Kate Deegan, Spencilhill; Brian Leamy, Toonagh. Next draw Online 27th January 2022. Jackpot: €12,800. 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.

Newsletter Deadline: If you wish to put a notice in the newsletter, please have your notice in by 12 noon on Tuesdays. Please email quinparish@gmail.com

Clooney National School: Clooney National School are now accepting enrolments for Sept 2022. Please contact the school at 065 6835806 or email clooneyns@gmail.com for further information

Farmers Market : Farmers Market is on in Malachys Bar Quin 11am-1pm on Sunday 23rd January. There will be fresh fruit, vegetables, cheese, seafood, freshly baked goods, arts & crafts along with live entertainment. Malachys will be serving freshly brewed coffee and crepes.

Dog Fouling : The problem of dog litter is on the increase again, particularly between the playground and the Church. It is your responsibility as a dog owner to clean up after your pet especially on the footpaths where young children and older people are walking regularly. There are small litter bags available in the Post Office and in the shops and cafes. "Under the Litter Pollution Act 1997, dog owners are LEGALLY obliged to clean up after their pets. Those in breach of the law are liable to receive a €150 on the spot fine." Thank you, as always, for your cooperation.

Scripture Thoughts

The first reading from Nehemiah presents Ezra, as priest, reading the book of the law to all the men, women and children of Israel. At the end of this reading, Ezra tells the people not to be sad but rather be happy and to celebrate this day greatly. Paul is celebrating the human body and the Body of Christ. If we understand the workings of the human body, then we will come to see that all of us, as members of Christ's Body, the Church, need to work together to keep the Body of Christ together. We are members of this Body through our baptism. Each has a part to play in carrying out all the works of the Church. To do so, we have each received our own gifts and talents. In using these gifts to the best of our ability we bring about a wonderful unity for all the churches. Mark relates the story of Jesus' standing before the Jews and proclaiming the scripture passage from Isaiah. This is a passage that should catch our attention and our response. Jesus proclaims that He has been anointed by the Spirit to proclaim liberty, recovery of sight, freeing the slaves and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord. Jesus completes this proclamation saying: "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your midst. What a statement! We are called to listen to these words and to see how we proclaim God's Word. To whom do we proclaim this message? Who is healed? What oppression has ceased because of our proclamation?"

Thought for the Week

What happens around us is largely outside our control, but the way we choose to react is not.

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