

Quin Clooney Maghera Parish Notes Dec 24th 2023– 4th Sunday of Advent

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| Date | | Anniversaries | Eucharistic Ministers | Readers | Tellers |
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| Sat Dec 23 rd | Clooney 7.00pm | Marie Walsh, Clooney Vera O'Brien, Corbally | Chris Quigney | Orla Considine | |
| Sun Dec 24 th | Maghera 9.30am | No Intention | Mary Heffernan | Mary Heffernan | |
| Sun Dec 24 th | Quin 11.00am | No Intention | Deirdre Meaney & Colette Colleran | Joseph Quinlivan | Annette Egan & Claire Duggan |
| Thurs Dec 28 th | Quin 10.00am | Elizabeth and Michael Hogan, Knappogue | | | |
| Fri Dec 29 th | Quin 10.00am | Pat & Maureen Reynolds, Ballyhannon & Mae O'Connor | | | |
| Sat Dec 30 th | Clooney 7.00pm | No Intention | Tom Larkin | John Condon | |
| Sun Dec 31 st | Maghera 9.30am | Maura Clune, Maghera, First Anniversary and her husband Mattie Clune | Maureen Corbett | Maureen Corbett | |
| Sun Dec 31 st | Quin 11.00am | No Intention | Jimmy Maher & Chris Kelly | Brian McMahon | Betty Shally & Helen Haugh |
| Tues Jan 2 nd | Quin 10.00am | Pete, Bidy and Sile Considine | | | |

Daily Mass during Christmas Week: Mass will be celebrated in St Mary's Church, Quin on Thursday and Friday at 10am. Please note there will be no Mass in Quin on Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th December.

Weekly Contributions: Amount Collected €1995. The Parish Council thank 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.

Rest in Peace: Patrick Barrett, late of Dublin and Mayo father of Roisin Stynes Maigh Dara.

Children's Liturgy Leaders for Sunday Dec 31st - **Team 8:** Claire Ryan, Denise Fleming, Nicola Walsh.

Happy Christmas: Wishing all parishioners and visitors to our parish this Christmas a very happy and Blessed Christmas. Thanks to all who make parish life happen every day.

Abbey Franciscan Church Galway: If you are in Galway, why not visit the Abbey Church, near the Cathedral in Galway for the **Festival of Cribs** which takes place from **December 8th to January 8th 2024.**

Christmas Mass Times:

- Normal weekend Mass times for the fourth Sunday of Advent.
- Saturday 23rd December - 7pm St John XXIII Church, Clooney
- Sunday 24th December - 9.30am St Stephen's Church, Maghera
- 11am St Mary's Church, Quin
- Christmas Eve - 7pm St John XXIII Church, Clooney
- 7.30pm St Mary's Church, Quin
- Christmas morning - 9.30am St Stephen's Church, Maghera
- 11.00am St Mary's Church, Quin

Annual walk for CANCER CARE WEST is on Sunday 7th January 2024 from Malachys car park at 1 pm. All donations welcome.

Quin Tidy Towns Remembrance Service: Our Community are invited to bhailiú le chéile (gather together) on New Years Eve, Dec 31st from 7pm to 8pm. Candlelight Vigil Walk from Abbey to Fountain Area followed by reflection, music and song to honour all the people with us in spirit and our present community. (Assemble at the entrance to Abbey (opposite Monks) @6.50 pm. Bring Candle and warm clothes).

Tractor Run: Keep'er Lit Tractor & Truck Run in aid of Bunratty Search & Rescue and Make A Wish, taking place December 28th at Sixmilebridge Mart from 3pm. Travelling through Bunratty, Newmarket, Quin, Kilkishen, Kilmurry and Sixmilebridge villages. All support greatly appreciated.

Quin Taekwondo Split the pot: Congratulations to this weeks Split the Pot winner Pauline Hoey €52. Please note we are taking a break for Christmas, next draw takes place on Tuesday January 9th. Envelopes for split the pot can be filled in in Costcutter, The Abbey Tavern, The Village Inn, Abbey express laundry, Quin post office and a Taste of Quin. "Be in to win". Christmas Hampers on sale in all the businesses, Lines €2, draws will take place on / By December 20th.

Unwanted Presents: The Cathedral in Ennis is currently restoring its floor. To help with fundraising there will be an online auction of unwanted Christmas gifts in early January. If you have any unwanted or multiple gifts that you would like to donate to the auction, please leave them to the Cathedral during the week. Gifts must be unopened and not used. All proceeds will go to the Tiles for the Aisle appeal.

Pioneers around the world are invited to attend Mass next Wednesday 27 December and to prayerfully mark the 125th anniversary of the foundation of the Association in 1898. Mass and prayers will be live-streamed on that day at 10am (Irish time) around the world via www.pioneerassociation.org.

SVP Annual Appeal : "Many Families will face impossible choices this Christmas. You can help. Please support the SVP Annual Appeal by giving locally. Ways to donate: Online:<https://www.svp.ie/fundraiser/clare-christmas-appeal-2023/>By phone: 0818 176 176 and nominate your local area By post: to SVP, Vincent's Shop, 86 Parnell Street, Ennis. Cheques made payable to 'Society of St. Vincent de Paul' and nominate your local area. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity"

Silent Retreat: Theme: "If you but knew the gift of God..." **Preached by:** Fr. Kilian Byrne, Foyer of Charity. **Venue:** St. Mary's Accommodation, Knock, Co. Mayo **Date:** February 5th to 11th 2024. **Cost:** €540 full board. **Contact:** Helen : 086 1678027/ hellywilliams@gmail.com www.foyerofcharity.ie A privileged time to come away from noise and distractions, and listen to the Spirit of God, who is Love. Silence, prayer, teachings & liturgy of the Church.

Parish League: The Parish League returns on St Stephen's Day 26th December at Clooney Hurling Field. This year, we have 4 teams playing Semi-finals. There will be lots of hurling, loads of fun for all the family with an on-site shop and a target wall for all children looking to test their skills. Please make every effort to attend this very popular family event. First matches start at 11am. All welcome.

Accord: Do you need support? Individual and couple counselling available in Accord Ennis and Accord Nenagh. Everyone welcome. Telephone: 0656824297
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Thought for the Week: *Christmas is the season of love because God is the God of love.*