## *Quin Clooney Maghera Parish Notes* Sept 26<sup>th</sup> 2021

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Date		Anniversaries	Eucharistic Min- isters	Readers
Sat. Sept 25 <sup>th</sup>	Clooney 7.00pm	Eileen Hassett, Anniv. Mass	Rebecca O'Neill	Pamela McGrath
Sun Sept 26 <sup>th</sup>	Maghera 9.30am	No intention	Mary Corbett	Vincent O'Halloran
Sun Sept 26 <sup>th</sup>	Quin 11.00am	Tom O'Loughlin, Creevaghmore & deceased family members. Patrick & Frances Larkin	Nollie McCarthy & Eleanor Gallagher	Annette Liddy
Sat. Sept 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Clooney 7.00pm	No Intention	Pauline Conheady	Linda Hale
Sun Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Maghera 9.30am	No Intention	Eileen Daly	Ann Daffy
Sun Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Quin 11.00am	John & Kathleen Nagle, Bally- hannon John Browne, Ballyhickey Paddy Hassett, Ballyhannon	Martha Deegan & Ann Corbett	Pat O'Brien

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

## Rest In Peace: Eugene Ryan, Ennis. Brother of Fr. Tom Ryan, Ennis

Weekly Contributions: Amount collected €1,030. 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.

**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 – <u>www.killalodiocese.ie</u>. 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.

**St. Stephen's Church Maghera**: Works are now complete on the church roof in Maghera. We thank the many people who have made one off donations towards this project. This week we would like to thank and acknowledge the donations of  $\in$ 200 &  $\in$ 100. All donations are greatly appreciated.

**Clare Older People's Volunteer of the Year Award 2021**: The search is on again to recognise those who give their time, energy and skills to help others in the local community. For nomination forms for the Clare Older People's Volunteer of the Year Award 2021 please contact Helen on (065) 6846240 or email: <u>hmoloney@clarecoco.ie</u> Closing date for receipt of nomination forms is Friday 1st October.

**Congratulations First Holy Communion Candidates:** Every blessing and congratulations to the boys and girls, families of Quin/Dangan School, who celebrated First Holy Communion over the weekend. To all the teachers & staff, parents, priests, our Church Sacristans, all who made this beautiful occasion a one to remember, sincere thanks and gratitude to all who have helped and supported the children on their faith journey.

**First Friday**: Friday next Oct. 1st is the First Friday of the month. A Priest from the Pastoral Area will visit the sick and housebound during the week. If you would like your name added to the list to receive the Sacraments please ring the Parish Office at 6825612.

**COVID-19 Protocols:** We ask all parishioners attending Mass, and other Church ceremonies that the wearing of masks and sanitising of hands is mandatory. Please exit the Church by designated exits. We are also permitted to have 50% of Church capacity. We thank everyone for your co-operation and to the teams of stewards who assist you.

**Mary's Meals:** International school feeding charity, Mary's Meals, have announced that they are now feeding more than 2 million children every school day, in 19 of the poorest countries around the world. To celebrate this wonderful achievement, Mary's Meals Ireland is hoping to raise enough funds to feed ALL of the children, for one day. It costs just 9c to provide a nourishing meal in school, and so, a little goes a long way. To find out more, or to donate, please visit their website <u>www.marysmeals.ie</u>, or call Patricia Friel on 086 314 0814.

**Quin TKD Split the Pot:** Congratulations to Fionnuala O' Sullivan, this week's Quin TKD Split the Pot winner. The total pot was €74 and the winner was sold in the Post Office. Next draw is Tuesday, 27th September. Simply place €2 in the envelope and put in the red buckets in our local businesses.

**Booking of Mass Intentions:** Please give at least two weeks notice when booking a Mass intention. One intention will be taken for weekday Masses and for Sunday's NO more than three family intentions will be taken for Clooney and Quin Churches and one intention for Maghera Church. Please ring the Parish Office during office hours 11am-5pm at (065) 6825612. If there is no answer please leave a name, date that you would like and contact number and we will get back to you. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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

## **Scripture Thoughts**

Through both the first reading and the Gospel we are reminded that God's Spirit is a free gift. Those who question Moses and those who question Jesus about prophesying or curing soon come to see that neither Moses nor Jesus is concerned about this. Why? Because it is clear to them that God's Spirit is a gift and comes to whomever wants it. What this calls forth from us is a spirit of respect for all whom God has gifted. And all of creation is gifted in some way or other by God. We need to recognise that fact and give thanks to God for each person and his/her giftedness. We likewise are called to show gratitude for the gifts that we have received. We give honour and glory to God by so doing. The Gospel also calls us to use our gifts for the good of others. We should be wary of not doing so or causing others scandal by the misuse of our gifts.

Today look around and observe how others use their gifts and talents. Find a way to compliment them. Be grateful for your own gifts and talents. Thank God for all the ways in which God blesses our world through you and through all the other people.

## Thought for the Week

Even wrong decisions work for our good if they teach us to make wiser decisions in the future.

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