

Quin Clooney Maghera Parish Notes

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Date		Anniversaries	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Sat Feb 26 th	Clooney 7.00pm	No Intention	Frances Earls	Frances Earls
Sun Feb 27 th	Maghera 9.30am	No Intention	Maureen Corbett	Mary Casey
Sun Feb 27 th	Quin 11.00am	Kathleen & Patrick Clune, Ballymarkham	Tom Frain & Pauline Hogan	Deirdre Clune
Fri Mar 4 th	Quin 7.00pm	Joe Gallagher, Quin (1 st Anniv.)		
Fri Mar 4 th	Quin 8.00pm	Ita Hayes, Creevagh (M.M)		
Sat Mar 5 th	Clooney 7.00pm	Philomena Clune, Toonagh	Tom Larkin	Nuala Daffy
Sun Mar 6 th	Maghera 9.30am	Mattie Clune, Maghera	Eileen Daly	Maureen Corbett
Sun Mar 6 th	Quin 11.00am	Mary-Anne Doherty, Ballykilty & Dublin (M.M) Bridget & Paddy O’Grady, Cutteen John & Dora Lynch, Cragataska	Pat Phillips & Deirdre Meaney	Nita Enright
Mon Mar 7 th	Quin 7.00pm	John Donovan, Quin (1 st Anniv.)		

Rest in peace: Noel Baker, Athlone brother of Marjorie Molloy, Moyreisk and Nancy Cunningham, Ennis sister of Helen Vaughan, Maghera

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

Weekly Contributions: Amount collected €485. 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.

First Holy Communion enrolment Mass takes place on Thursday 3rd March at 7pm in Quin Church.

Newly Baptised: We welcomed into the Christian Community recently Lily Sophie McHugh, Paddy Mather, Bobby CJ Harrison and Amelia Teresa O’Connor.

Priests' Spring Collection: Next weekend March 5th/6th the first of four collections during the year to pay the Priests' of the Diocese of Killaloe will be taken up. There is a special white envelope with a yellow top in your box of envelopes for this collection. You may also if you so wish to use the Donate Button on the Killaloe Diocesan Website under Quin Parish/Priests Collection. We thank you in advance for your generosity to this collection.

First Friday: Friday next March 4th is the First Friday of the month. The sick and housebound will be visited during the week. If you would like to receive the Sacraments and your name is not on the list, please contact the Parish Office @ 6825612.

Notice of AGM: The AGM of the Clooney, Spencilhill & Maghera community development group will take place on Thursday March 3rd at 8pm in Clooney National School hall. All are welcome

The Beginning of Lent and Ash Wednesday March 2nd: The name of the day comes from the custom that churchgoers are marked on the forehead with a cross of ash to symbolise death and regret for past sins. The priest will accompany the marking with a recital of Genesis 3:19 - "Remember that you are dust, and to dust, you shall return". The tradition of marking with ashes began in the early church as a way for persistent sinners to outwardly show their desire for repentance. By the end of the 10th century, the custom had spread to all the faithful. Traditionally the ashes are created from burning the palms used in the church on Palm Sunday the previous year. Palm Sunday marked the arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem after his 40 days and nights in the desert. During the 40 days before Easter, Roman Catholics are supposed to abstain from all bodily pleasures, including the consumption of meat. This is intended to remember the fasting of Jesus, who spent 40 days in the desert before beginning his ministry. In the Catholic Church, Lent gets off to an appropriate start with Ash Wednesday as it is a day of fasting, abstinence from meat and repentance.

Trocaire Lenten Campaign 2022: Trocaire thanks you for the support you give to Trócaire's work each year. Your donations reach thousands of vulnerable communities and families all over the world. This help is critical, and it allows them to continue their work every year. The Lenten period is a time when people recommit their support for their brothers and sisters around the world through Trócaire's Lenten Appeal. This Lent, Trócaire's Appeal highlights the impact that climate change and Covid-19 has on people's lives in Zimbabwe and how your love and generosity can give families a chance to build a better tomorrow. From Southern Zimbabwe, we hear the story of Thandekile and her two children -her daughter Nomatter who is 11, and her son Forward who is 8 all featured on this year's Trocaire Box. For more information visit www.trocaire.org. Trocaire boxes are available in Church porches.

COVID Protocols: Since the government announcement at the end of January, Religious Services can continue to proceed without capacity limits but with a couple protective measures remaining in place. This means that in our churches face masks are still to be worn, and hand sanitizing to continue on entering and leaving the church. The sign of peace remains suspended and Holy Communion will continue to be distributed in the hand only. The Holy Water fonts will also remain empty. Please be respectful of others who come to pray in our churches by giving space to one another.

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.

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.

The Local ICA Guild is back to regular meetings after lifting of restrictions. Guild meets 1st Wednesday each month, next meeting Wed 2nd March in Quin Community Centre at 8pm, new members always welcome where you can experience a great evening of demonstrations/talks on health and wellbeing, arts and crafts, drama and fun. Looking forward to seeing you there.

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

The Annual Matt Talbot Novena : will return on Ash Wednesday, 2nd March at 7:00PM in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Bishop Fintan Monahan will open the Novena. We are very happy for the return of this long-standing Lenten tradition in Tulla and invite you to join us for some or all of the celebrations. Bishop Fintan will bless and distribute the ashes on Ash Wednesday

Lotto Draw : 24th February 2022. Jackpot: €13,600. Numbers drawn: 1; 3; 29; 32. No winner. €40 Lucky Dip winners: Connie Corry, Ballymaclune; Anthony Kirby, Maigh Dara; Ruth Keating, Mooghaun, Frank O'Grady, Mause. Michael Ryan, Quin Village. Next draw Online 3rd March 2022. Jackpot: €13,800. 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.