

# Quin Clooney Maghera Parish Notes

## February 28th 2021

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Masses:	Anniversaries	
Sun. Feb 28th	Quin 11:00am	John Murphy, Quin Village Michael & Rita Daffy, Rathclooney Mattie Clune, Maghera
Mon– Fri March 1st- 5th	Quin 10am	Private Intentions
Sun March 7th	Quin 11:00am	Philomena Clune, Toonagh 1st Anniv. Paddy & Bidy O’Grady, Cuteen. John & Doora Lynch, Cragataska

**No Masses in Clooney or Maghera during these times of restrictions.**

**All Masses in Quin via the Parish Webcam or Radio Link**

**Rest In Peace:** Ciss Burke, Clarecastle. Mother of Maria Meade & Noel Burke, Carrowmeer

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

**Weekly Contributions: Amount Collected from 18th- Feb. 23rd €670.** 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](http://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.

**Priests’ Spring Collection:** Next weekend March 7th the first of four collections during the year to pay Fr. Tom and the Priests’ of the Diocese of Killaloe will be taken up. There is a special white envelope with 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 for you in advance for your generosity to this collection.

**First Friday:** Friday next March 5th is the First Friday of the month. Due to current Level Five restrictions visitation to the sick and housebound is not permitted. Fr. Tom will offer Mass this First Friday morning for all your intentions. In the event of an emergency contact Fr. Tom on his mobile at 087-02285355.

**St. Patrick’s Day with a Difference:** This year, Clare County Council is organising and presenting an online St Patrick’s Day Event with the theme of ‘Connecting Clare’, and everyone can get involved. The Council is inviting Clare People at home and abroad to celebrate St Patrick’s Day together, by actively participating in the online event or by joining in on the day as a member of a global audience. The event is a wonderful opportunity for Clare People to showcase their talents across the globe so get creative, get thinking and get involved! Prizes to be won! For more details see [www.clarecoco.ie](http://www.clarecoco.ie)

**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. 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.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** The Weekly Adoration that takes place on Thursdays in St. Mary's Church, Quin will cease due to current restrictions. A Holy Hour will take place every Thursday instead from 12 noon-1pm. This Holy Hour can be viewed on the Parish Webcam or tuned into on the Parish Radio Link.

**Trocaire Message 2nd Sunday of Lent:** The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that 'The Eucharist commits us to the poor. To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognise Christ in the poorest, of his brethren.' (CCC. 1397)

Community Energy Project: Clooney Spencilhill Development Group is seeking local landowners interested in a Community Renewable Energy Project. If you have suitable land in the Clooney Spencilhill areas for potential lease please complete and return the Expression of Interest slip available on [www.clooneyspencilhill.ie](http://www.clooneyspencilhill.ie) or email [clooneyspencilhillcdg@gmail.com](mailto:clooneyspencilhillcdg@gmail.com) before March 12th. 25 acres of land approx is required. Landowners with neighbouring plots amounting to 25 acres can also be considered. The response to the energy survey has been excellent (74 returns to date). Due to the present restrictions the survey will remain open until the 12th March. The opportunity for a free audit will also remain open until this date

### Scripture Thoughts

All of the readings today call us to recognise God's love for us. God seems to test Abraham and asks him to sacrifice his son. When God sees that Abraham's love of God comes before anything and anyone, God saves Isaac because God loves him and will not allow harm to come to him. In Romans, Paul reminds us that God did sacrifice His Son, Jesus, and allowed Him to endure suffering and death to bring us to salvation. Jesus is transfigured before the apostles so that they will have all the strength and courage they need at the time of the crucifixion and death of Jesus. At the same time, God tells them, "This is my beloved Son, listen to Him." God reminds us that Jesus is God's Son and that Jesus came to teach us how to live and love.

Think of God's love for you. This is the call of Lent. Come to recognise all that God has done for you and promises to do for you. Accept that love of God. Allow yourself to realise that God has gone to all lengths to prove His love for you and will go to all lengths to continue to love you. Spend time with God today in response to this love. "Listen to Him

### Prayer for the Coming Week.

Dear Lord, prepare me for the coming week.

You know my heart and all the situations I am dealing with and you know the things that are happening beyond my control.

Please give me your peace and help me to accept what I cannot change.

Take away my stress, my worries, my disappointments,  
my frustrations and my sadness.

Help me to live with an attitude of gratitude, live each moment to the fullest  
and take nothing for granted.

Help me to remember that no matter what comes my way, your grace,  
love and strength are sufficient to carry me through.

Please wrap your arms around those who are sick and hurting  
and let them feel how much you love them.

Bless my family and friends and guide us through this week.

Help each of us to act responsibly through this trying time  
and ease the anxiety felt by many due to Covid-fear.

Comfort the lonely and especially the bereaved.

In Jesus name I pray. Amen.