

# Quin Clooney Maghera Parish Notes

## January 29<sup>th</sup> 2023

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Date		Anniversaries	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Sat Jan 28 <sup>th</sup>	Clooney 7.00pm	No Intention	Frances Earls	Frances Earls
Sun Jan 29 <sup>th</sup>	Maghera 9.30am	Patrick & Kathleen Clune, Ballymarkham	Mary Whelan	Anne Daffy
Sun Jan 29 <sup>th</sup>	Quin 11.00am	Michael Kelly, Ballyhannon John & Ciss Hastings, Feighquin & their granddaughter Erin Bentivegna, New York	Ann Lynch & Joe Brennan	Elaine Downey
Sat Feb 4 <sup>th</sup>	Clooney 7.00pm	Mary McInerney, Rathclooney	Tom Larkin	Nuala Daffy
Sun Feb 5 <sup>th</sup>	Maghera 9.30am	Maura Clune Maghera (Monthsmind) and Matty Clune	Mary Heffernan	Eileen Daly
Sun Feb 5 <sup>th</sup>	Quin 11.00am	Stephen & Kathleen Mullins, Carrowmeer	Kay O'Shaugh- nessy & Pat Carrig	Grainne O'Keeffe
Fri Feb 10 <sup>th</sup>	Quin 7.00pm	Ita Hayes, Creevagh (1st Anniversary)		

**Daily Mass Quin:** Monday to Friday 10am

**RIP:** Your Prayers are requested for the Repose of the Souls of Rita O'Sullivan, Keevagh and Kathleen Ryan, Feighquin who died during the week. May they Rest in Peace.

**Weekly Contributions.** Amount Collected €828. The Parish Council thanks 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 much appreciated.

**Bishops Conference Collection** will be taken up next Sunday 5th Feb. There is a white envelope with a green top in your box of envelopes for this collection. We thank you for your support.

**Novena to our Lady of Lourdes.** A novena in preparation for the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick will take place in the Cathedral Ennis from Friday 3rd to Saturday 11th February. Weekdays at 7.30pm, Saturdays at 11am and Sunday at 11.30am.

Novena prayer cards are available in the Cathedral and petitions can be left at the shrine in the Cathedral by Tuesday 7th February that will be brought to Lourdes by Fr Tom for the feast day and World Day of Prayer for the Sick on Saturday 11th February. This year there will be three direct flights from Shannon to Lourdes  
 27th June to 2nd July Diocesan Pilgrimage  
 22nd September to 27th September Franciscan Pilgrimage  
 2nd October to 7th October Diocesan Autumn pilgrimage

**Homeword Journey** is the title of the latest book written by Bishop Fintan Monahan. It tells the story of Pope Benedict. Published by Veritas and costing 9-Euro. It's available to buy from Ennis Parish Office.

**Grandparents Day** will be celebrated in Quin Church on Wed 1st Feb, St Bridget's day at 10am Mass and in Clooney School at 11am Mass.

**Candlemas Day.** Thursday 2nd February is the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord, known as Candlemas day. Candles for home and Church use will be blessed at the 10am Mass in Quin church on Thursday. We would appreciate candles for use in our three churches.

**The blessing of throats** will take place at 10am Mass on Fri 3rd Feb, the feast of St Blaise, in Quin Church.

**Chair Yoga class:** Tulla Library is hosting a Chair Yoga class with instructor Trish Cleary on Thursday 9th February @ 11am. Chair Yoga can help to keep the body supple and healthy, reduce stress and improve mental health. Free event for adults, limited numbers, booking is essential. Contact Tulla Library on 065 6835919 or email [tulla@clarelibrary](mailto:tulla@clarelibrary) to book a place.

**Mary's Meals:** Mary's Meals is a simple solution to world hunger. In our 21st year, we provide a daily meal to 2,429,182 children every school day in some of the world's poorest countries. It costs just €22 to feed a child in a place of education for an entire school year. For more information, please check out [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie) or contact Angela Moore at 089-4339592 or [angela.moore@marysmeals.org](mailto:angela.moore@marysmeals.org).

**Bus Escort Required :** Bus escort required for Scoil na Mainistreach Quin Dangan. Roughly 1 and a half hours in the morning and 1 and half hours in the afternoon, 5 days per week. Contact the school on 0656825785 or [quindanganns@gmail.com](mailto:quindanganns@gmail.com)

**Quin Taekwondo Split the Pot:** Total Pot €104. Congratulations to this week's winner Sandra McCarthy who wins €52. The next draw takes place on Tuesday, January 31st. Envelopes for Split the Pot can be found in Crowes Shop, The Abbey Tavern, The Village Inn, Abbey Express Laundry, Quin Post Office and A Taste of Quin.

**Clooney Quin GAA :** On Monday, February 6th next, Clooney Quin will hold a medal presentation (presented by Peter Duggan, Ryan Taylor and John Conneely) in Scoil na Mainistreach GP Hall from 5pm for our county winning Underage squads across Camogie, Football & Hurling. We are incredibly proud of our underage players, with over 100 boys and girls across 11 squads winning county medals in 2021 and 2022.

**Quin TT** held their AGM on Thursday last, Jan 19th in the Community Hall. After a very successful year where the village earned an extra 15 points in the National Competition with the village looking great, there are great plans afoot for the coming season. The Fountain Area has been awarded funding for development and it will make the whole area accessible to all people, increase the seating area and a new fountain will be installed. It is a major focal point in the village with the Abbey as its' backdrop and will draw many new visitors to Quin in due course.

Dave Loughman and Pat O'Brien have joined the Committee and if you'd like to volunteer in any way, please contact Gabriella Hanrahan on 086 770 8216 or Colette Collieran on 087 689 5489. Ní neart go cur le chile...

**Interested in becoming a Samaritan volunteer?:** Samaritans Ennis and Clare are currently seeking new volunteers for the Spring 2023 training programme. For information log onto their website [samaritans.org/ireland/branches/ennis](http://samaritans.org/ireland/branches/ennis) or phone **085 1763491**

**Pilgrimage to Poland:** 4th - 11th October 2023 Direct from Shannon Airport, led by Fr Brendan Quinlivan Tulla. Cost 995 euro includes flights, all taxes and baggage fees, all coaching and tours, all dinners, 4 star accommodation in the centre of Krakow. Itinerary includes; Divine Mercy Shrine, Wadowice (home of John Paul II), Wawel, Czestochowa and Auschwitz. Limited places remain. Please phone Kieran or Laura on 057 9355050 to book, or email [info@myriam.ie](mailto:info@myriam.ie)

**Looking to the future with hope.** On Thur 19th Jan the Diocese held the first of a series of meetings. Bishop Fintan invited representatives from the Pastoral Parish Councils in Co. Clare to gather for the first of such meetings that will be held around the diocese. Bishop Fintan is using the Synodal process to look at how we might proceed as a Diocese. At the meeting the Bishop outlined the stark reality we find ourselves in as a Diocese with regard to vocations, participation and resources. Following two inputs from invited speakers the views and opinions of all were shared and gathered. It is hoped that following a number of such meetings, that we as a Diocese will discern what is being asked of us and how best to respond with effective and relevant structural changes. Please pray that all of us would be open to the Holy Spirit at work in this process.

**Thought for the Week:** The man who admits his failures and does what he can to rectify them can honestly say he is wiser today than he was yesterday.