Quin Clooney Maghera Parish Notes December 31st 2023

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Date		Anniversaries	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers	Tellers
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	John O'Sullivan	
Sun Dec 31 st	Quin 11.00am	No Intention	Jimmy Maher & Chris Kelly	Brian McMahon	Colette Colleran & Marian Reynolds
Tue Jan 2 nd	Quin 10.00am	Pete, Biddy and Sile Considine			
Sat Jan 6 th	Clooney 7.00pm	No Intention	Frances Earls	Frances Earls	
Sun Jan 7 th	Maghera 9.30am	No Intention	TBC	TBC	
Sun Jan 7 th	Quin 11.00am	Mary & Thomas Rice, Mooghaun	Teasie Ryan & Frances Reynolds	Pauline Hogan	Betty Shally & Helen Haugh

Daily Mass: St Marys Church Quin Mon - Fri 10am

Weekly Contributions: Amount Collected €4,385. 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.

New Year's Day: Mass on Monday New Year's Day will be at 10am in St Mary's Church Quin.

First Friday of January: Mass in St Mary's Church Quin at 10am on Friday 5th January.

Feast of the Epiphany: Saturday 6th January is the Feast of the Epiphany and a Holyday. Mass to celebrate the feast will be celebrated in St Mary's Church Quin on Saturday at 11am

A Word of Gratitude: As we bid farewell to 2023 and stand on the threshold of a new year it is an ideal time on behalf of the Priests of The Abbey Pastoral Area to say thank you to all in our three church communities of St Mary's Quin, St John XXIII Clooney and St Stephen's Maghera for your support and kindness during the past year. Thank you so much for your generosity, care and support of our parish and the priests who serve in the Pastoral Area. To the many people who give their service and time to the parish above the call of duty.

We thank all who help with the Sunday liturgy, readers, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Basket Collectors and Counters, SafeGuarding Representative, Sacristans, Choirs, Organists. Our thanks to those who serve on both the Pastoral and Finances Committees, organisers of Eucharistic Adoration, Children's Liturgy and those who take care of Parish property. We appreciate the support of our two schools, Principals, teachers and school staff who help and support handing on the faith. A special word of appreciation to both the outgoing and incoming Boards of Management who look after our schools. We appreciate the work and support of our parish secretary Mary and all who help produce the weekly parish newsletter. It is a privilege and blessing for us priests to serve in this Pastoral Area and in this year of prayer for Vocations to Diocesan Priesthood, we highly recommend the priestly life and encourage any young and not so young man to listen out for a call from the Lord. So many people in this parish are living out their vocational calling by serving our parish in so many different ways every day. May 2024 bring us peace and blessings.

Quin Village Remembrance: 31 December 2023: 7:00pm to 8:00pm. Our community are invited to gather together New Year's Eve 2023. Candle Light Vigil Walk from Quin Abbey to Fountain Area followed by music, reflection & song. In honour of our people with us in spirit & our present community. Assemble at entrance to Abbey, opposite Monks at 6:50pm. Bring candle & warm clothes.

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 at the Cathedral during the week. Gifts must be unopened and not used. All proceeds will go to the 'Tiles for the Aisle' appeal.

The annual walk for **CANCER CARE WEST** will take place on Sunday 7th January 2024 from Malachy's car park at 1 pm. All donations welcome.

Children's Liturgy: December 31st 2023 : Team 8, Claire Ryan, Denise Fleming, Nicola Walsh. January 7th 2024 : Team 7, Liam Quirke, Irene Hayes, Diana Fleming.

Accord: Do you need support? Individual and couple counselling available in Accord Ennis and Accord Nenagh. Everyone welcome. Telephone: 065 6824297. E-mail accordennis1@gmail.com & accordenagh@gmail.com

Newsletter Deadline: The cut-off time for submission of notices for inclusion in the newsletter is Tuesday at 5pm. Notices can be emailed to quinparish@gmail.com

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.

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.

Babysitting Service: Reliable experienced fifteen year old girl available for babysitting in Quin area. Contact 085 8427945

Thought for the Week: The coming year is an opportunity for you to see what wonders God can do in your life. Present each day to Him, and let Him guide you and fill you with His love.