

Quin Clooney Maghera Parish Notes

December 5th 2021

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Date		Anniversaries	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers
Sat. Dec 4th	Clooney 7.00pm	PJ, Ann, Paul and Mackie Keogh	Catherine Ryan	Linda Hale
Sun Dec 5th	Maghera 9.30am	PJ, Ann, Paul and Mackie Keogh	Catherine O’Halloran	Anne Daffy
Sun Dec 5th	Quin 11.00am	Con, Kathleen, Mary & Patrick O’Callaghan & Sr. Enda O’Callaghan, Sunderland who died recently. Tom McGrath, Knappogue	Eleanor Gallagher & Martha Deegan	Brian Mc Mahon
Sat Dec 11th	Clooney 7.00pm	Robbie Mc Mahon, Clooney	Bridie McNamara	Orla Hanrahan
Sun Dec 12th	Maghera 9.30am	Mary-Ann & Michael O’Halloran, Maghera	Catherine O’Halloran	Stella Corbett
Sun Dec 12th	Quin 11.00am	John French, Kilmurry (1st Anniv.)	Ann Corbett & Ann Lynch	Grainne O’Keeffe

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

Weekly Contributions: Amount collected € 750. 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.

Priests' Christmas Collection: The final of four collections throughout the year to pay the Priests' of the Abbey Pastoral Area and the Diocese will be taken up next weekend Dec. 11/12 at all Masses. There is a special white envelope with a yellow top in your box of envelopes for this collection. Alternatively you can go to the Killaloe Diocesan website and find Quin Parish and use the donate button for Priests' Collection. We thank you in advance for your generosity during these difficult times.

Bambinelli Sunday (Baby Jesus Sunday): A Beautiful Advent Tradition. Every year on one of the Sundays of Advent, families bring the figure of the Baby Jesus to St. Peter’s Square in Rome for the Pope to bless. It is called “Bambinelli Sunday.” Many homes in our parish still give a central place to the crib among their Christmas decorations. At Masses next weekend 11th/12th December we invite you to bring the Baby Jesus from your home to any Mass in the Parish and they will be blessed.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception: On this Wednesday the 8th of December we will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Due to the pandemic, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be one Mass for this Feast in St. Mary’s Church, Quin at 10am. Please see neighbouring Parishes in the Abbey Pastoral Area for other Mass times.

Giving Tree: Due to Covid 19, unfortunately we will not be able to facilitate our annual ‘Giving Tree’ whereby parishioners donate food items to families in need at Christmas Time. If however you would like to donate money or vouchers for food stores you can do so by placing them in an envelope and dropping them to the Parish house or place your donation in an envelope marked Clare Care in the box at the front of our Churches. Last year vouchers were distributed to 158 families by Clare Care All money/vouchers donated will be given to families in need via Clare Care.

CLOTHING COLLECTION: Scoil na Mainistreach is having a clothing collection on Monday 6th December. All donations can be brought to the school from next week. If anyone needs assistance with this contact Pauline on 0868192374 and she can arrange a collection.

Church Cleaners: For St. Mary's Church, Quin, Church Cleaners are needed for cleaning the Church on Wednesday mornings. If you feel you can lend a hand please contact Pat Carrig or Jimmy Maher. Many hands make light work!

Advent by Candlelight: At Cathedral of SS Peter & Paul, Ennis on this Sunday 5th December at 7pm for a selection of Advent hymns, poetry & music, performed by familiar faces & voices. This candlelit evening concert will see Ennis Cathedral musicians & singers tell the story of advent through music & song. Free entry —donations if desired to Cathedral Renovation Appeal.

St. Stephen's Church Maghera: We continue to thank all who have contributed towards the cost to repair the roof. This week we would like to acknowledge the donation of €50. All contributions are greatly appreciated.

Twelve Days of Christmas Candle Event: This coming festive season, the entrance to the Clare 250 Cancer Centre in Ballygriffey will be lit up by 150 votive candles, each one a kind prayer for a loved one who is ill or has sadly passed away. Weather permitting, the candles will be lit from 6pm to 9pm from the 25th of December to the 5th of January. The name and homeplace of those who are to be remembered will be displayed on the plinth in front of the statue of Our Lady each night. One candle will cost €5 (with one name per candle) & you may purchase as many as you wish. For further details call 0656841600 or go to www.clare250cancercentre.ie.

Samaritans Ennis and Clare Branch are currently recruiting new volunteers for the New Year. Full training will be given. For information please log on to volunteer.samaritans.org, text 085 176 3491 or email Ennis.BranchRecruitment@samaritans.org

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.

COVID Protocols: Since the 22nd October Religious Services can proceed without capacity limits but with all other protective measures remaining in place. This means that in our churches face masks should continue to be worn, social distancing continue to be observed and hand sanitizing to continue on entering and leaving the church. Please be respectful of others who come to pray in our churches.

Lotto : Draw 2nd December. 2021. Jackpot: €11,400. Numbers drawn: 9; 10; 16; 19. No winner €40
Winners: 1.Connie Corry, Ballymaclune ;2.Nuala White, Corbally ;3.Theresa & Kieran Shanahan, Craggataska ;4.;Mary O’Loughlin, Corbally 5.Eugene Phillips, Quin .Next draw Online 9th December 2021. Jackpot: €11,600. Tickets available online - purchase cut-off time 5.00pm. Tickets also available in Crowes, Quin Post Office and Clooney Stores - purchase cut-off time 1.00pm For all up-to-date news you can follow us on Facebook, Twitter or visit www.clooneyqingaa.ie. We thank you for your continued support. Go raibh maith agaibh as bhur dtacaíocht leanúnach

Community Games It was a busy weekend for our local competitors taking part in the Community Games National Finals.Sadbh McGeehan and Jodie Perkins represented Clare in the National Swimming Finals in UL on Saturday last.Daithi Ryan represented Clare as a member of the U12 mixed distance relays with the team finishing in sixth position,also Issac Hassett who came home with a first place National Team medal in the U13 Cross Country event held in Navan last Saturday. We are very proud of all our competitors who have represented Quin/Clooney and their County in Community Games events this year.Hopefully we will have continued success in 2022.

Clooney N.S Clothing Collection: Clooney National School is having a clothing collection on Tuesday Dec 7th. All donations can be dropped off to the school Halla on or before this date.