

Quin Clooney Maghera Parish Notes

March 7th 2021

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Masses:	Anniversaries	
Sun March 7th	Quin 11:00am	Philomena Clune, Toonagh 1st Anniv. Paddy & Biddy O’Grady, Cuteen. John & Doora Lynch, Cragataska
Mon. March 8th	Quin 10am	Special Intention — Birthday remembrance
Tues March 9th	Quin 10am	Patrick Walsh, Sraheen
Wednes– Fri March 10th— 12th	Quin 10am	Private Intentions
Sun March 14th	Quin 11:00am	Denis Meaney, Keevagh; Carrie Clune, Quin Michael McNamara & Desc, Family Members, Ballykilty.

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

Daily Mass: Mon-Fri: (Quin) 10am. All Masses via the Parish Webcam or Radio Link

Rest In Peace: Joe Gallagher, Newline rd., Quin

Weekly Contributions: Amount Collected from Feb. 24th- March 2nd €535. 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. 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: This 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 for your generosity to this collection.

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

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 Week Three of Lent: Would you like to know what Pope Francis thinks about the environment? In one of his first Papal addresses to the 1.2 billion Catholics across the world he said: 'Let us protect Christ in our lives, so that we can protect others, so that we can protect creation! ... Whenever human beings fail to live up to this responsibility, whenever we fail to care for creation and for our brothers and sisters, the way is opened up to destruction and our hearts are hardened.' Let's live Lent this year and become fully aware of our Christian responsibility towards the earth and our brothers and sisters in the developing world. See www.Trócaire.org/lent

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 or email 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

QUIN TIDY TOWNS 2021: On behalf of Quin Tidy Towns we, the new committee, are appealing to you all for a little help as we work towards a cleaner Quin and a good result in the Tidy Towns Competition this coming year. Due to Covid 19 we cannot meet in groups so we're asking you all to have a look over your own property and to commit to improving it in any way you can. "Ní neart go cur le chéile" "Together we are strong". Dog litter has become a real problem recently and each dog owner has a duty to clean up after their pet so please remember to bring a small disposable bag with you on your walk. We will keep you updated on further developments over the next few weeks. Eugene Phillips, Chairman. 0868127788 Jim Halpin, Treasurer. 0868278238 Colette Colleran, Secretary. 0876895489

Scripture Thoughts

Today we find Jesus responding to those who desecrate the temple by selling goods there. The leaders of the Jews have set this up so as to make a profit. Jesus sees how hard their hearts are and how far they have drifted from the truth. The Jews become indignant not so much because of the action of Jesus but because their profit making is upset. The letter to the Corinthians bridges the first reading and the Gospel by calling us to remember that Christ was a stumbling block to those who want profit. Paul reminds us that Christ is the power and wisdom of God. God's wisdom goes beyond anything that we could imagine.

How do you look upon the worship of God? Do you treat the house of God as holy? How do you treat others? Are they seen as holy? What can you do today to treat God and people with great holiness?

Lenten Prayer for Spiritual Renewal

God, heavenly Father,
look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent.
By the good works You inspire, help me to discipline my body and
to be renewed in spirit.
Without You I can do nothing.
By Your Spirit help me to know what is right and to be eager in doing Your will.
Teach me to find new life through penance.
Keep me from sin, and help me live by Your commandment of love.
God of love, bring me back to You.
Send Your Spirit to make me strong in faith and active in good works.
May my acts of penance bring me Your forgiveness, open my heart to Your love,
and prepare me for the coming feast of the Resurrection of Jesus.