

# Quin Clooney Maghera Parish Notes

## 7th/8th December 2024 Second Sunday of Advent

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Date		Anniversaries	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers	Tellers
Sat Dec 7th	Clooney 7.00pm	PJ, Anne Paul & Mackie Keogh, Carrahan	Pauline Conheady	Orla Considine	
Sun Dec 8th	Maghera 9.30am	MaryAnn, Michael & Sean O'Halloran, Maghera	Mary Heffernan	Vincent O'Halloran	
Sun Dec 8th	Quin 11am	Nora McCusker, Arbutus Grove, First Anniversary John French, Kilmurry	Anne Corbett & Ann Lynch	Robert Downes	Betty Shally & Helen Haugh
Sat Dec 14th	Clooney 7.00pm	Robbie McMahon, Spencilhill	Tom Larkin	John Condon	
Sun Dec 15th	Maghera 9.30am	No Intention	Stella Corbett	John O'Sullivan	
Sun Dec 15th	Quin 11am	Carmel & Murty Cunningham, Knocknagogue	Joe Brennan & Kay O'Shaughnessy	Lena O'Halloran	Mary Culligan & Bridie O'Brien

**Daily Mass this week:** Mon-Fri 10am St Mary's Church Quin

**RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bernie Casey, Newmarket on Fergus & late of Ballyhannon- sister of Kay Lynch & PJ & Jimmy Reynolds.

**Weekly Contributions:** Amount Collected for the past week **€559** .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.

**Children's Liturgy:** Sunday Dec 8th Team 7 : Linda Quirke, Irene Hayes, Anna Corry. 15th December 2024; Team 8: Claire Ryan, Denise Fleming, Nicola Walsh.

**Priests Christmas Collection:** The Christmas Collection for the Priests of the Pastoral Area who serve the parish will take place at all Masses in the parish this weekend. This is one of only four appeals to the people of the parish to support your priests. Envelopes are available and your generosity is very much appreciated.

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception:** This year the Feast is celebrated on Monday 9th December, but it is not a Holyday of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated on Monday at 10am in St Mary's Church Quin.

**Sacramental Masses:** This weekend we welcome the children and their families of second and sixth classes preparing for Sacraments who are participating at the 7pm vigil Mass in Clooney and the 11am Mass in Quin this weekend. Ms Anne Marie Custy, one of our Pastoral Ministers in the Abbey Pastoral Area will speak at both masses.

**Ecumenical Carol Service:** The Pastoral Area Advent Carol Service will take place on Sunday 15th. December at 7pm in the Cathedral.

**Advent Reconciliation Service** :This annual opportunity for individual confession will take place on Monday 16th December at 7.30pm in the Cathedral for all four parishes in the Abbey Pastoral Area.

**Bambinelli Sunday:** We invite you to bring your figure of Baby Jesus to Mass next weekend for a blessing of the Baby Jesus figure. This tradition known as Bambinelli Sunday is celebrated on the third Sunday of Advent known as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word for 'rejoice' and this Sunday is the time for us to rejoice because Jesus came and died so that we may live forever with him.

**St Vincent de Paul Appeal:** Many families will face impossible choices this Christmas. You can help. Please support the SVP Annual Appeal by giving locally. Ways to donate: Online:<https://www.svp.ie/fundraiser/clare-christmas-appeal-2024/> By phone : 0818 176 176 and nominate your local area/ By post: to SVP, Vincent's Shop, 86 Parnell Street, Ennis. Cheques made payable to 'Society of St Vincent de Paul' and nominate your local area. That you in anticipation of your generosity.

**Festival of Cribs:** Would you like a free few hours on the Clare Coast? On Saturday and Sunday of next weekend the annual festival of Cribs takes place in St Bridget's Church Liscannor with over 100 cribs on display. Admission is free .While on the coast why not avail of the free admission to all Clare households at the Cliffs of Moher Experience up until 5th January.

**Digital Advent Calendar:** The Irish catholic Bishops' Conference are delighted to be bringing you our digital Advent Calendar again this year. Advent marks the beginning of the new calendar year for Christians. The digital Advent calendar offers a distinctive and spiritually enriching way to journey through this holy season. Based on the Jubilee Year's theme of #Hope, the 2024 calendar offers prayers and resources designed to guide individuals, families and faith communities to reflect on the hope that Christ brings to the world, while also preparing for the upcoming Holy Jubilee Year in 2025. To access the calendar please visit: <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar/>

**Community Funding Information Clinics** Clare County Council's Rural Development Directorate has scheduled a series of in-person sessions to support Community Groups/Organisations who may wish to apply for current and upcoming funding schemes for their community. Any group who requires guidance and support to inform their ideas or projects in their area are more than welcome to discuss this with our Rural & Community Development Officers. The following funding schemes are set to open for calls for applications from Community Groups in the coming weeks:

- Clare Local Area Grants Scheme (CLAGS) 2025
- Local Enhancement Programme 2025
- Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Scheme 2024/2025
- In-Person Advice clinics will also be held across the County at various locations and times. Please see Clare County Council website for more information. If you cannot make these dates, please email your queries to [rcdo@clarecoco.ie](mailto:rcdo@clarecoco.ie)

**Split the Pot:** Congratulations to this weeks Split the Pot winner Kate Tighe who wins € 63. Next draw takes place on Tuesday Dec10th. Envelopes for split the pot can be filled in, at Gala, The Abbey Tavern, The Village Inn, Abbey Express laundry, Quin post office and a Taste of Quin. "Be in to win".

**Light refreshments** will be served after 7pm Mass in Clooney Church on Saturday 14th December. All are welcome to gather for a cup of tea and chat after Mass.

**Christmas Concert:** Our local Quin and Tonics choir will join Ennis Brass Band tonight, Sunday December 8th for their annual Christmas concert. The music kicks off at 7.30 pm in St. Columba's church, Bindon Street. Entry is free and all are welcome.

**Lotto Draw the 5th Dec 2024** Jackpot: €20,000.00 Num drawn: 1; 8; 12; 23 No winner €40 winners: Winnie Hastings, Quin; Teresa Eustace, Labasheeda; John Culligan, Corbally; John O'Shaughnessy, Quin; Ruth Leamy, Toonagh Clooney draw Clubhouse 12th December 2024 . Jackpot: €20,000 Tickets available online [www.clooneyqingaa.ie](http://www.clooneyqingaa.ie) - purchase cut-off time 5.00pm Also available in Gala, Quin Post Office, and Clooney Stores - purchase cut-off time 1.00pm We thank you for your continued support. Go raibh maith agaibh as bhur dtacaíocht leanúnach

**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](mailto:quinparish@gmail.com)