## Quin Clooney Maghera Parish Notes January 25<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup> 2025

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Date		Anniversaries	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers	Tellers
Sat Jan 25 <sup>th</sup>	Clooney 7.00pm	No Intention	Pauline Conheady	John Condon	
Sun Jan 26 <sup>th</sup>	Maghera 9.30am	No Intention	Mary Whelan	Ann Daffy	
Sun Jan 26 <sup>h</sup>	Quin 11.00am	John & Ciss Hastings, Feighquin & their granddaughter Erin Bentivegna, USA Kathleen & Martin Ryan, Feighquin Michael Kelly, Ballyhannon	Nollie McCarthy & Eleanor Gallagher	Chloe Duggan	Maria Dolan & Veronica Kelly
Sat Feb 1 <sup>st</sup>	Clooney 7.00pm	Michael & Rita Daffy, Rathlooney	Frances Earls	Frances Earls	
Sun Feb 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Maghera 9.30am	No Intention	Marie Heffernan	Mary Casey	
Sun Feb 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Quin 11.00am	John & Eileen Hassett, Ballyhannon	Anne Corbett & Ann Lynch	Grainne O'Keeffe	Neta Enright & Kay Sheehan

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

Weekly Contributions: Amount Collected for the past week €1,500. 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: Sun 26th Jan 2025 Team 4: Claire O'Halloran, Aine Costello, Donna Lyttle. Sun 2nd Feb 2025 Team 5: Brian O'Connor, Fionnuala Rooney, Angela O'Gorman

Recent Baptisms: We welcome to the Christian Community Jack Paul O'Loughlin, Ava Patricia O'Loughlin & Patrick John Murphy who recently received the Sacrament of Baptism.

**Blessing of Throats:** The feast of St Blaise will be celebrated on Monday 3rd February which this year is a bank holiday. We will bless throats at all weekend masses in the Parish next weekend.

**Sunday of the Word of God:** The Sunday of the Word of God was established six years ago by Pope Francis. The Word of God Sunday falls each year on the third Sunday in Ordinary Time. The theme chosen this year is taken from Psalm 119 verse 74, "I HOPE IN YOUR WORD" This is very appropriate this year as we have in this Sunday's Gospel the words, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen" and we note at the end of the Isaiah citation the programme of Jesus, "to proclaim the Lord's year of favour." That is the Jubilee Year we are now celebrating.

**St Brigid's Day Saturday 1st February:** Brigid founded a monastery in Kildare. Her life depicts her as an active Nun living with her community, often travelling for evangelization or charitable purposes. Hospitality, alms giving, care of the sick, were her main preoccupation. We can learn so much from her life. St Brigid, pray for us.

**Feast of the Presentation of the Lord:** Known as Candlemas Day will be celebrated next Sunday 2nd February. Candles for both home and Church use will be blessed at all weekend masses. We would welcome candles for use in our churches that you can donate in memory of loved ones.

Abbey Pastoral Area Meeting: A meeting of representatives of the four parishes which form the Abbey Pastoral Area will take place in the Parish Centre Ennis on Wednesday at 8pm. Fr Michael Collins, Director of Mission and Evangelision in the diocese, will address the meeting. The Abbey Pastoral Area comprises the parishes of Doora Barefield, Clarecastle Ballyea, Ennis and our own parish and is served by 8 priests with the help of some retired priests. It is the largest Pastoral Area in the diocese of Killaloe. In our Pastoral area we have 12 churches, 13 primary schools, two hospitals and three nursing homes that we provide pastoral care.

**YOGA in Quin Hall (Abbey Room):** A New start for the new year, why not join our community yoga classes, accessible to all ages: Monday 7pm contact Jackie: 087 2055295; Thursday 6.30pm and Saturday Morning 10am Contact Úna: 087 2388463.

Accord now seeking marriage preparation facilitators. Might this be you ...? Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. If you are supportive of marriage in the Catholic Church, and have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team that supports couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage then Accord wishes to hear from you! An Accord marriage preparation facilitator is a personally fulfilling role, blending life experience and faith. Successful applicants will receive professional training in the Accord marriage preparation programme and be part of a team delivering programmes locally.

Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to <a href="mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie">marriagepreparation@accord.ie</a> and for further information see <a href="mailto:www.accord.ie">www.accord.ie</a>

**Split the Pot**: Congratulations to this week's Split the Pot winner, Joe Dowling who wins €56. Next draw takes place on Tuesday Jan 28th. 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".

**QCM Cycling Club:** The local QCM cycling club will hold a general meeting on next Thursday, January 30th in Quin Community Centre at 8.30pm. Following a very busy first year, the club have ambitious plans for the upcoming season. Cycling is an excellent way of maintaining fitness with all levels and ages catered for with a lively social scene to add to the enjoyment. New members are always welcome. If you have a bike and would like to get back on it, why not drop into the meeting.

**Lotto Draw 23rd. January 2025**; Jackpot: €20,000. Numbers drawn: 1; 15; 17; 19. No winner. €40 Winners: Robbie McMahon, Cragataska; Catriona Kelly, K2 Salon; Kate McInerney, Ard na Mainistreach; Stephanie McKey, Limerick; Ger Clune, Keevagh. Next draw Clubhouse 30th. January 2025. Jackpot: €20,000. Tickets available online <a href="https://www.clooneyquingaa.ie">www.clooneyquingaa.ie</a> - 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 <a href="mailto:quinparish@gmail.com">quinparish@gmail.com</a>