

Quin Clooney Maghera Parish Notes

22nd/23rd August 2026

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Date		Anniversaries	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers	Tellers
Sat Aug 22 nd	Clooney 7pm	Special Intentions	Tom Larkin	John Condon	
Sun Aug 23 rd	Maghera 9.30am	Special Intentions	Eileen Daly	John O'Sullivan	
Sun Aug 23 rd	Quin 11am	Jim Slattery, Moyriesk	Pauline Hogan & Pat Philips	Breege Kelleher	Betty Shelly & Helen Haugh
Sat Aug 29 th	Clooney 7.00pm	Special Intentions	Frances Earls	Frances Earls	
Sun Aug 30 th	Maghera 9.30am	Special Intentions	Marie Heffernan	Catherine O'Halloran	
Sun Aug 30 th	Quin 11am	Special Intentions	Maureen McKeogh & Colette Colleran	Carol O'Reilly	Mary Culligan & Bridie O'Brien

Daily Mass this week: Monday to Friday at 10am St Mary's Church Quin.

Weekly Contributions: Amount Collected for the past week €825. 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.

Eucharistic Adoration: Each Thursday from 12noon to 4pm the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in St Mary's Church Quin for private silent prayer. Please consider spending sometime during those 4 hours in the company of the Lord. The Blessings that flow are immense. All you need do is sit in silence or read and enjoy the stillness and quietness of the experience.

Prayer for those who received results: On Friday last the Leaving Cert results were made available. We congratulate all Leaving Cert students who received results. As decisions await, be open to the unexpected, it may reveal hidden treasures. Loving God, calm the anxious hearts of those waiting CAO offers. Grant them peace as the time approaches to make decisions. Help them to trust that their worth lies not in a grade, but in your unchanging love. Give them courage to accept whatever comes and wisdom to see this moment as just one step in their unique journey. Surround them with your comfort and support.

Happy 50th Anniversary to John XXIII Church, Clooney — 50 years of faith, community, and cherished memories. This weekend we celebrate 50 years of prayer in SS. John XXIII Church Clooney. On 22nd August 1976 the late Bishop Michael Harty dedicated the church as a sanctuary of prayer for the people of Clooney. Fifty years of St. John XXIII Church is a wonderful milestone and an opportunity to pause with gratitude. Over five decades, this church has been much more than a building—it has been a place of prayer, welcome, friendship and community. Through times of joy and sorrow, generations of families have gathered here to celebrate baptisms, First Communions, confirmations, the Sacrament of the Sick, marriages, funerals and the many ordinary moments of faith that make up our lives. Countless people have given their time, gifts and dedication to keep the parish alive and welcoming. As we celebrate these 50 years, we remember with gratitude all who have gone before us, honour those who continue to serve, and look with hope to the future. May St. John XXIII Church continue to be a place where faith is nurtured, hearts are opened, and everyone feels at home. On Sunday 27th September, Bishop Fintan will celebrate the Golden Jubilee Mass of thanksgiving in Clooney and as a community we will gather to celebrate, give thanks and pray.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults): Do you or someone you know want to become a Catholic? Please contact Fr Tom or the Parish Office for more details.

Reflection on Peter: Peter has been called a stumbling saint. He is a great consolation to us because courage fails us all. All of us are mere mortals, who are inconstant in our beliefs, must learn to forgive ourselves, momentary weaknesses and failures. We need to surmount these things and see the world in less rigid terms. We must not judge ourselves or others by momentary inconsistencies, but rather by commitment given over a long time. Jesus was well aware of Peter's faults, but he saw that in spite of everything, his heart was sound. Which meant he had the ability to love and in the long run loves is what counts.

Dementia Cafe: I am delighted to share the exciting news that a Dementia Cafe will be opening in Shannon this September. It is volunteer led cafe and supported by the Clare Age Friendly Programme, Clare Branch Alzheimer's Society of Ireland, and Shannon Family Resource Centre. Dementia Cafes provide safe, friendly, and welcoming spaces where people living with dementia, including Alzheimer's disease, as well as their families, carers, and friends, can come together to connect, share experiences, access information, and find support in a relaxed and understanding environment. This valuable community initiative will offer opportunities for social engagement, meaningful conversation, and peer support, helping to reduce isolation and promote dementia awareness and inclusion. We would greatly appreciate your support in spreading the word by sharing this information with your groups, networks, colleagues, and contacts. Together, we can help ensure that people living with dementia and Alzheimer's, and those who care for them, are aware of the support and connections available in their community.

Split the Pot: Congratulations to this week's Split the Pot winner Norma Duncan who wins €73. Next draw takes place on Tuesday August 25th. Envelopes for split the pot can be filled in, at Gala, The Abbey Tavern, The Village Inn, Abbey Express Laundry, Quin Post Office & A Taste of Quin. "Be in to win".

GAA Lotto Draw: 20th August 2026 Jackpot: €20,000. Numbers drawn: 11; 12; 22; 27. No winner. €40 Winners – Cathal Egan, Quin, Sinéad McGee, Dave Barry, Knocknagoug; Caroline, Jim Casey, Moyriesk, John McNamara. Clooney Stores. Next draw Clubhouse 27th of August 2026. Jackpot: €20,000. Tickets available online at www.clooneyquingaa.ie - purchase cut-off time 5.00pm. Also available in Gala, Quin Post Office, Clooney Stores & The Village Inn; purchase cut off time 1pm. 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

Thought for the Week: God's love hangs on even when we let go.