

# Quin Clooney Maghera Parish Notes

## 21st/22nd March 2026

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Date		Anniversaries	Eucharistic Ministers	Readers	Tellers
Sat March 21st	Clooney 7pm	Ann & Martin Clune, their daughter Barbara Hickey & the Clune family, Rylane	Mary O'Connor	Mary O'Connor	
Sun March 22nd	Maghera 9.30am	Mago & Micko Butler, Maghera	Mary Heffernan	Marie Moloney	
Sun March 22nd	Quin 11am	Michael & Mary Donnellan, Cragataska	Joe Brennan & Kay O'Shaughnessy	Colette Colleran	Betty Shally & Helen Haugh
Sat March 28th	Clooney 7.00pm	Special Intentions	Pauline Conheady	Orla Considine	
Sun March 29th	Maghera 9.30am	Special Intentions	Eileen Daly	Mary Casey	
Sun March 29th	Quin 11am	Tom & Cella McMahon, Quin & Claremorris	Deirdre Meaney & Jimmy Maher	Sandra Hassett	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 €1,140. 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.

**Summer Time:** Clocks go forward one hour next weekend as Summer time arrives.

**Children's Liturgy:** Sunday March 22nd: Rachel McHugh & Liam Quirke. Sunday March 29th: Irene Hayes & Diana Fleming

**Trócaire & Holy Place Collection:** The annual collection to support the work of Trocaire and the Christian Places of Worship in the Holy Land will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. This annual appeal gives us all the opportunity to share with the poor throughout the world. The call to support the Holy places in the Holy Land helps the Franciscan Friars maintain a Christian presence in the land of Jesus' birth and death. The Christian community in the Holy Land is only a tiny minority of the entire population. Your generosity and support is very much appreciated.

**Palm Sunday next weekend** - Palm will be blessed at all Masses in the parish. 7pm St John XXIII Clooney, 9:30am St Stephen's Church Maghera. 11am St Mary's Church Quin.

## Holy Week Ceremonies:

**Monday 30th March** - Reconciliation service for parishes in the Abbey Pastoral Area at 7.30pm - 8.15pm in the Cathedral. 'Lord, make us instruments of your peace'. Priests available for individual confession.

**Spy Wednesday 1st April** - Chrism Mass. All are invited to the Diocesan celebration of the chrism in the Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul Ennis at 7.30pm. This annual Diocesan Mass is celebrated by Bishop Fintan and the Priests of the Diocese and our lay Ministers who minister in our Pastoral Area. During Mass, Bishop Fintan will bless the Oils used in the Sacraments throughout the Diocese - The Oil of the Sick, The Oil of Catechumens used in Baptism and The Oil of Chrism used in Baptism, Confirmation and Ordination.

**Holy Thursday 2nd April** - Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm in the Church of St. John III Clooney.

**Good Friday 3rd April** - This is a day of fast and Abstinence. Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm in St Mary's Church Quin. 7pm Stations of the Cross in St Mary's Church Maghera.

**Holy Saturday 4th April** - Easter Vigil in St. John XXIII Church at 7pm.

**Easter Sunday 5th April** - Dawn Mass at the Quay, Clarecastle (time to be confirmed).

9.30am Mass at St. Stephen's Church Maghera. 11am Mass St Mary's Church Quin.

**Grow Mental Health**- Friendly Community-based peer support groups for anyone experiencing mental health issues through 12 Step Program of connection, hope & identity by empowering people to nurture their positive well-being by supporting personal growth. Ennis Meeting- Maria Assumpta Hall. Monday 7.30pm/Tuesday 2pm. Contact Celia: 086-1526966 / [www.grow.ie](http://www.grow.ie)

The **Annual Matt Talbot Novena** continues on Wednesday, March 25th, at 7:00 PM in Tulla Church with Mass and Benediction. Fr. Pat Malone, Clarecastle, will be the celebrant on the night. Petitions may be left at the shrine in the church during the Novena. You are warmly invited to join us on this pilgrimage through Lent. Attending the Novena could be a meaningful Lenten resolution.

**Quin Village Tidy Towns:** are holding a community consultation in Quin Hall on Wednesday March 25th @ 7.30pm, all are welcome to attend. Feedback from this consultation will inform QVTTs 3 year plan (2026-2029). If you have any queries or require further information please contact Ina Crowley (Secretary QVTTs) [quinvillage.tidytowns@gmail.com](mailto:quinvillage.tidytowns@gmail.com) Mobile: 0894815624

**Purple Day** (or Epilepsy Awareness Day) will take place on Thursday 26th March. Please visit [purpleday.org](http://purpleday.org) for more information. In Ireland today, over 45,000 people live with epilepsy.

**Quin/Clooney Apostolic Work** was established 70 years ago and since then we have gone from strength to strength thanks to the support of our community. Unfortunately, due to the dwindling numbers of Irish missionaries we will be holding our last display as the Killaloe Apostolic is in the process of winding up. Therefore we would like to announce we are holding our display of work on the 29th of March, in Quin Community centre after 11 o'clock mass and from 2-4 pm. All are welcome. If anyone is interested in donating a sacred vessel in memory of a loved one, such as a chalice, sick call set, mass kit or a ciborium, please contact Cathy Nihill 0871374184.

**'Passing the Flame in Ennis' Retreat** : Welcomes all to our to be hosted by the Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Movement in the Church of Our Lady/ Fahy Hall, Roslevan, Ennis on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 from 9.30am to 4.30pm. The Retreat includes Praise and Worship, Talks, Mass, and the Passing of the Flame of Love Candle Ceremony. Bishop Fintan Monahan will celebrate the Mass. Please bring a packed lunch. No fee or prior registration is required. For information: email [info@flameoflove.ie](mailto:info@flameoflove.ie)

**Camogie Feile Bake-Sale:** This Sunday the girls competing in the Féile na nGael Handball competition are holding a bake sale in the community centre from 11.30am. Why not pop in after mass to sample their works and support them on their trip representing our club and parish!

**A Walk in The Park.** Mid-West Parkinsons are hosting a walk to mark Parkinson's Day on Saturday 11th April at 11am in Lees Rd. Come join us and help raise awareness and funds for this cause. All generosity is appreciated.

**Split the Pot:** Congratulations to this weeks Split the Pot winner Ruth Keating who wins €67. Next draw takes place on Tuesday March 24th. 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:** 8th January 2026 Jackpot: €20,000. Numbers drawn: 1; 2; 8; 31; No winner. €40 Winners - Ronan Woods, Quin; Alice Jackson, Quin; Joan Cunningham, Quin; Pat & Susan Taylor, Taylor's Bar; Catriona Kelly, K2 Hair Salon. Next draw Clubhouse 26th March 2026. Jackpot: €20,000. Tickets available online at [www.clooneyquingaa.ie](http://www.clooneyquingaa.ie) - purchase cut-off time 5.00pm. Also available in Gala, Quin Post Office and Clooney Stores; 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](mailto:quinparish@gmail.com)

**Thought for the Week:** *Don't wait for friendship to come knocking on your door. Go knocking.*