

Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 13th January 2013
Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord (Year C – Psalter – Week 1)

Written or e-mail items for the bulletin should reach Fr. Brendan or Malin Parochial House
 by 7pm on **Wednesday** of the week that publication is requested.

Please include a telephone number. (Email address: malinparish@hotmail.com)

Weekday Masses:

St. Patrick's Church, Aughaclay: No Mass.
Malin Oratory: Friday at 10am.
Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head: Monday Tuesday and Friday at 10am.
St. Mary's Church, Lagg: Thursday at 9.30am.

First Anniversary Mass: For Tommy McColgan, Culkeeney/London in St. Patrick's Church on Saturday 12th January at 6pm.

First Anniversary Mass: For Norman Henderson, Drumcarbit in St. Mary's Church on Sunday 13th January at 9am.

First Anniversary Mass: For Ellen Farren, Gortnarrin, Culdaff in St. Patrick's Church on Sunday 13th January at 10.30am.

First Anniversary Mass: For Willie Mc Keeney, Daumdoo in Star of the Sea Church on Sunday 13th January at 12noon.

First Anniversary Mass: For Angela Grogan, Glengad in St Patrick's Church on Saturday 19th January at 6pm.

Anniversary Mass: For Danny Glackin, Belfast in St. Mary's Church on Sunday 20th January at 10am.

Month's Mind Mass: For Mary B. Mc Laughlin, Culkeeney in St. Patrick's Church on Sunday 20th January at 10.30am.

First Anniversary Mass: For Susan McLaughlin, Fawn in St. Patrick's Church on Saturday 26th January at 6pm.

Confessions: Saturday in St. Patrick's Church, Aughaclay 5.15pm - 5.45pm and 7.15pm - 7.45pm in Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head.

Collections: Thank You.

	Aughaclay	Lagg	Malin Head
Parish	708	180	430
Restoration	707	175	430

Parish Fund –	€1318
Restoration Fund –	€1312

Requiescat in Pace: We extend our sympathy to the family and relatives of Ellen Ann Marshall, Connolly Home who died recently.

Baptism: We welcome into the parish community Ruby Maureen Doherty, Sheskin View, Bree and Mia Ruby Mc Laughlin, Culdaff who were baptized recently.

Parish Draw: Meeting for all promoters of the Parish Draw on Wednesday 16th January at 8.30pm in St Patrick's Hall. The Parish Draw is a very important source of fundraising. It is an opportunity for parishioners to support the parish and help reduce the parish debt. We are very grateful to those who promote the draw and all those who support it.

Parish Website: Is alive and active and still in its infancy as more information has yet to be uploaded. We welcome feedback – www.malinparish.ie

Malin Head Folk Group: In recent years the older members of Malin Head Folk Group have moved on to second level education, leaving space for new members. If you are interesting in joining the folk group please indicate your intentions to a group member.

First Communion Dates: As previously stated the parish has a retreat planned for May so the dates of the First Communion will be earlier this year. Star of the Sea Church - 20th April and St. Patrick's Church - 27th April.

Hymns at Lagg for Ordinary Time: - *Entrance:* Seek Ye First. No.473. *Offertory:* Gifts Of Bread and Wine. No.158. *Communion:* Spirit Of The Living God No.501. *Recessional:* As I Kneel Before You. No.45.

Urbleragh N.S: Enrolment application forms for school year 2013/2014 will be available from the 7th January. Please return completed application forms by post by Friday the 18th of January.

Scoil Cholmcille, Glengad: New enrolments parents/guardians who wish to enrol their children in Scoil Cholmcille's Junior Infants for September 2013 should contact the school 9379211 or e-mail ballymenans@eircom.net for enrolment forms. Enrolment forms to be returned by Friday 8th February.

Glengad FC: Sunday 13th Cockhill v Glengad Utd. 2pm. Sea Rovers V Glengad Res 11am. Lotto Draw 2nd January. No's 3.4.18.20. €50 Winner Lisa Kelly, Ballymena, Glengad. Jackpot €1900.

'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, ... I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals' Gospel.

Sports Field Draw: The Malin Head Community Sports Field Jackpot was not won on week ending Saturday 5th January. The winner of €50 bonus prize was Margaret Lockwood, Port Ronan, Malin Head, with ticket number 37. The numbers drawn were: 2,6,3,7,4,5,1. Next week's jackpot is €700. We thank the community for their support.

Malin Parish Draw: The winners of the weekly parish draw for week ending Sunday January 6th are: 1. €200: Malin Hotel, Malin Town. 2. €130: Hughie Mc Colgan, Malin Town. 3. €65: Seamus Doherty, Crackna, Culdaff.

Malin Bingo: Malin Bingo is held every Sunday night in St Patrick's Hall, Malin, commencing at 8.30pm. The winners for Sunday, January 6th, are as follows: 130euro: Mary Henry, Muff; Kathleen Kearney, Malin; Kathleen Doherty, Gleneely; Bobby Duncan, Carndonagh. 65euro: Hannah Mc Gonagle, Ballyheeneey, Malin Head. The Snowball next week is 500euro on 46 numbers and 300euro on 48 numbers.

Ballymena NS Silver Circle: 1. 120euro: Mary Barron, Drumhaggart, Muff. 2. 50euro: Conor Mc Laughlin, Shantla. 3. 30euro: Enya Doherty, Camata, Malin.

Annual Diocesan Mass: For those with Special Needs, and their families and friends, will take place in Saint Joseph's Church, Galliagh, Derry on Saturday 9th March at 3.00pm. Bishop Lagan will celebrate the Mass. If you have a child who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or First Communion at this Mass please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 04871264087 or email ddcc@derrydiocese.org

Forty Days of Prayer for LIFE: We are invited to join together in forty days of prayer for LIFE, until Ash Wednesday on the 13th February. The intention is: 'That all human life will be respected from the first moment of conception until the moment of natural death.' We are also invited to offer the rosary every day for this intention, we are also invited to undertake some form of fasting or penance on Wednesdays and/or Fridays during the forty days. **The Legion of Mary will lead the rosary in Star of the Sea Church prior to the beginning of the weekday Mass (Monday, Tuesday and Friday) at 9.40am.** The other days we extend an invitation to promote family prayer at home for the stated intentions.

Pro-Life Rally: Unite for life are having a Pro-life Vigil in Dublin on 19th January at 4.30pm. Buses will be leaving from Parishes in Inishowen. It's important that as many people as possible join this vigil so as to send a message to our government that we don't want abortion. Contact Mary on 0863218303 or 9362449 or Marie on 0749361625.

For those who cannot travel to Dublin, but would like to give their prayerful support, you are invited you to attend the Vigil Mass, at 7pm on 19th January, in Sacred Heart Church, Carndonagh, praying in solidarity with those taking part in the Unite for Life Vigil.

Church Gate Collection: For Epilepsy and Brainwave will take place at all Masses next weekend 19th/20th January.

Friends of Letterkenny General Hospital: Are celebrating 21 years of successful fundraising for the hospital. They are formally launching their '€21,000 every 21 days' fundraising campaign on Monday 21st January at 7.30pm in the Conference Room, Floor A, Letterkenny General Hospital. Everyone welcome to attend.

Malin Head Community Centre: Caring for Carers programme starting in February at the Community Centre. This is a free programme aimed at addressing the needs of carers. Contact Maria on 00447738785676. Two more new courses for the Community Centre in the New Year: Storysacks, this is a fun course for parents and carers of children. They can not only get the benefits of enjoying books but the participants also get the opportunity to make a storysack. This a free-course run over 6-8 weeks, 2 hours one day a week. Cultural Heritage and Tourism- CHAT Accredited level 3 on National Framework of Qualifications. This course is to develop students' skills in the awareness of one's culture and tourism. It is aimed at adults who didn't have the opportunity to complete second level education. Length of course: 10-12 hours per week, can be altered to suit groups needs and lasts approx. 1 academic year. Minimum 8 participants for both courses. Contact the Centre on 9370478 to book or for more information ring Joyce Burns VEC Office Carndonagh 9329774. The IDP are again running a Free Internet training programme for older people in the area, if interested please ring the office with your name to book a place. All usual activities have resumed again for the New Year. Art classes to start next month.

Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord: Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the Season of Christmas. The Church recalls Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the river to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted children of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we are invited to pray to avoid sin. The Baptism in the Jordan returns to the great Christmas theme of 'Christification', Jesus of Nazareth's spiritual anointing, His presentation as the Anointed One per excellence, the Messiah or the One sent by the Father for the salvation of all people. The Spirit that descended on Jesus shows and seals this 'Christification' of Jesus' humanity that the Word had become 'Incarnate'.