

**Parish of Malin (Clonca)**  
**Third Sunday of Advent**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2012**  
**(Year C – Psalter – Week 3)**

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.

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**Weekday Masses:**

**St. Patrick's Church, Aughaclay:** Monday and Tuesday at 9.30am.  
**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.

**Anniversary Mass:** For Mary Mc Cole, in St. Patrick's Church on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am.

**Anniversary Mass:** For Patricia Dowdall, Lematuder/Manchester in St. Mary's Church on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 9am.

**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.***

	<b>Aughaclay</b>	<b>Lagg</b>	<b>Malin Head</b>
<b>Parish</b>	679	180	335
<b>Restoration</b>	679	180	335

Parish Fund –	€1164
Restoration Fund –	€1164

**Season of Advent (Year C) Gaudete Week:** Our week begins with “Gaudete Sunday.” *Gaudete* means “rejoice” in Latin. It comes from the first word of the Entrance Antiphon on Sunday. The spirit of joy that begins this week comes from the words of Paul, “**The Lord is near.**” This joyful spirit is marked by the third candle of our Advent wreath, which is rose/pink coloured. The second part of Advent begins on December 17<sup>th</sup> each year - this year, in 2012, it is tomorrow Monday in the Third Week of Advent. For the last eight days before Christmas, the plan of the readings changes. The first readings are still from the prophecies, but now the gospels are from the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke. We read the stories of faithful women and men who prepared the way for our salvation. We enter into the story of how Jesus' life began. These stories are filled with hints of what his life will mean for us. Faith and generosity overcome impossibility. Poverty and persecution reveal glory. Advent is marked by a spirit of expectation, of anticipation, of preparation, of longing expressed in hope for the unfolding day. It is that hope, however faint at times, and that God, however distant He sometimes seems, which brings to the world the anticipation of a King who will rule with truth and justice and righteousness over His people and in His creation.

**Christmas Day Mass: Please note the Christmas Day Mass in Star of the Sea Church is at 11am. Christmas Mass schedule will be in next week's bulletin.**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** St Patrick's Church from 7pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December and Star of the Sea Church on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December from 7pm-8pm.

**Requiescat in Pace:** We extend our sympathy to the family and relatives of Norman Henderson, Drumcarbit and Mary B. Mc Laughlin, Culkeeney who died in the past week.

**Parish Tax Refund - Tax Forms:** We request that any outstanding tax forms which are signed are returned to either Parochial House or parish representative **as soon as possible.** These forms have to be returned so that the claim is made for this financial year. A form can

be collected at any church porch and returned in the sealed envelope and returned via the collection basket or parish representative.

**Penitential Service: Advent Penitential Service:** In St. Patrick's Church on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 6pm. This is an opportunity to avail of the Sacrament of Reconciliation as we prepare for Christmas. If you feel the need for God's forgiveness but find it difficult to go to Confession! We invite you to our Advent Penance/Healing Service. This Service is available for all the parish and those who wish to participate from beyond. Its aim is to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation more inviting and meaningful. We encourage all to avail of this opportunity to prepare a 'Way for the Lord' to enter our lives this pending Christmas time.

**Legion of Mary:** Mass for the deceased members of the Malin Legion of Mary in Star of the Sea Church on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm.

**Hymns at Lagg for Advent: - Entrance:** O Come, O come Emmanuel No.384. **Offertory:** Lord Accept These Gifts. No.320. **Communion:** The Lord's My Shepherd. No.533. **Recessional:** Go The Mass Is Ended. No.188.

**Christmas Cards:** An assortment of Christmas cards for sale in the card rack of Star of the Sea Church.

**Ceili and Old Time Dance:** A Ceili and Old Time Dance will be held in Malin Head Community Centre on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> December. Music by Martin Duggan. Admission - €5. Refreshments will be served.

**Annual Carol Singing in Malin:** The Annual Christmas Carol Singing will be held on Malin Green around the Christmas Tree on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 6.30pm. Come along and enjoy the singing and the hot fruit punch and mince pies! Santa will also be in attendance!

**Stamp Collection:** Over the Festive Period many cards are received from near and far. We ask that you cut the stamp from the envelope leaving a few centimeters around the stamp and place in the box at the back of each church. The foreign missions use these stamps.

**Sports Field Draw:** The Malin Head Community Sports Field Jackpot was not won on week ending Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December. The winner of €50 bonus prize was John Doherty, (Lisa), Carnmalin, Malin Head. The numbers drawn were: 2,1,7,4,6,3,5. Next week's jackpot is €500. We thank the community for their support.

**Malin Parish Draw:** The winners of the weekly parish draw for week ending Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> are:

1. €200: John Mc Laughlin, Templemoyle, Malin. 2. €130: Jim Mc Carroll, Malin Road, Carndonagh. 3. €65: Anthony Boggs, Drumcarbit, Malin.

**Malin Bingo:** Malin Bingo is held every Sunday night in St Patrick's Hall, Malin, commencing at 8.30pm. The winners for Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, are as follows: **Hampers:** Mary Bridget Doherty, Glengad. **Turkeys:** Maggie Mc Laughlin, Glengad; Hughie Mc Laughlin, Portaleen. 130euro: Mary Bridget Doherty, Glengad. 65euro: Paddy Kerr, Clonmany; John Doherty, Gleneely. The Snowball next week is 500euro on 46 numbers and 300euro on 48 numbers. Christmas Hampers and Side Prizes every week.

**Malin Head Community Centre: Monday** 11am: Walking Club. 7pm Underage Football Training under 12yrs, 8-9pm over 12yrs. 8pm Whist. 9pm Badminton Male/ Female €3.

**Tuesday** 4.30pm. Afterschool DVD evening. Malin Head Red Cross. Anyone wishing to join up come along to the Community Centre at 7.30pm. **Wednesday** Irish dancing & Heritage Socials finished until the New Year. **Thursday** 4:30pm Afterschool Club Christmas Party. 6:30pm Keep Fit with Charlie.Young Women's Group Meeting.

**Friday** Youth Club returns in New Year. We are asking people who have any recipes they'd like to share to drop them into the office as we intend to compile a cook book to be launched on women's day in March. The Malin Head Calendar is on sale in the office at €5, this would make an excellent gift for Christmas. The Heritage booklet is also on sale at €2 there are only a few copies of this left. Caring for Carers programme starting in February. This is a free

programme aimed at addressing the needs of carers. Contact Maria on 0044 77387 85676. Friday 28th December at 9pm Ceili with Martin Duggan, Adm €5.

**Malin GAA:** No winner of last week's lotto jackpot. Sequence drawn was 7-2-5-3-4-6-1. €50 winner- Rodney Lockwood, Port Ronan, Malin Head. €20 sellers prize - Seamus Doherty (PM). Sunday night's jackpot is €900.

**Urbleragh National School - Projection of Future Enrolment:** Urbleragh N.S. are undertaking a projection of future enrolment for the next number of years. If you wish to enrol your child at the school in the future, please forward your child's Name, D.O.B., and Address to the school email address: [urbleraghns@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:urbleraghns@yahoo.co.uk) or call the school on 074 9370237 between 9:30am. - 2:30pm by Thursday 20th December.

**Parish Pastoral Council Minutes – Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> December:** **1.** Continued our deliberations for participating in Parish Pastoral Council – Formation Programme new phase beginning in the New Year. **2.** Suggestion boxes are to be placed in each church for the purpose of encouraging feedback from our parishioners on the on-going development of our parish. **3.** Meeting in January will begin the short-term planning for the parish retreat in May.

**Pilgrimage to Fatima:** Departing on May 28th -June 4th 2013. Trip consists of 4 nights in Fatima on full board in the Hotel Santo Amaro and three nights half board in the Hotel Eden in Estoril, this combines a pilgrimage with a three day break at the coast. Price will include flights from Dublin to Lisbon/Lisbon to Dublin, coach transfer from Lisbon to Fatima, Fatima to Estoril and back to Lisbon airport, airport taxes, insurance and assistance of a Marian Pilgrimage representative. The price is €775 per person sharing. Gift vouchers are available and could be offered as a Christmas gift. For more information contact Esther at 749374566 or 0868475971.

**Reflection – How to spell Advent.** **A** is for **Alert**. Be ready to welcome God at any time. **D** is for **Do**. Do something for someone else every day to show you care. **V** is for **Violet**. The colour that shows we await our King. **E** is for **Effort**. Give it your best to prepare for the Lord. **N** is for **Nice**. Try to be nice to those around you, remembering that God lives within them too. **T** is for **Time**. Jesus said “You do not know the day nor the hour your Lord will come”. *So let us make the most of the time we have.*

**Gaudete Week:** The spirit of joy that begins this week comes from the words of Paul, “The Lord is near.” *Preparing our Hearts and asking for Grace:* We prepare this week by feeling the joy. We move through this week feeling a part of the waiting world that rejoices because our longing has prepared us to believe the reign of God is close at hand. *Each morning this week*, in that brief moment we are becoming accustomed to, we want to light a third inner candle. Three candles, going from expectation, to longing, to joy. They represent our inner preparation, or inner perspective. *Each day this week*, we will continue to go through our everyday life, but we will experience the difference our faith can bring to it. We are confident that the grace we ask for will be given us. We will encounter sin - in our own hearts and in our experience of the sin of the world. We can pause in those moments, and feel the joy of the words, “You are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” Mt 1:21.

*Each night this week we want to pause in gratitude.* Whatever the day has brought, no matter how busy it has been, we can stop, before we fall asleep, to give thanks for a little more light breaking through the darkness.