

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

**Sunday 23rd December 2012
(Year C – Psalter – Week 4)**

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: Monday Vigil at **7pm**. Tuesday Christmas Day at **10.30am**.

Malin Oratory: No Mass.

Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head: Monday Vigil at **8pm**. Tuesday Christmas Day at **11am**.

St. Mary's Church, Lagg: Christmas Day at **9am**.

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

First Anniversary Mass: For Anthony Toland, Westown in Star of the Sea Church on Friday 28th December 7pm.

Anniversary Mass: For Jim Mullin, Bree in Star of the Sea Church on Saturday 5th January at 8pm.

Anniversary Mass: For Con Fallon, Ballyloskey in St. Mary's Church on Sunday 6th January at 9am.

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

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.

Collections: Thank You.

	Aughaclay	Lagg	Malin Head
Parish	685	185	345
Restoration	686	185	345

Parish Fund – €1195
Restoration Fund – €1196

Season of Advent (Year C) – Fourth Sunday of Advent Micah 5:1-4, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-44.

Today, while celebrating the last Sunday of Advent prior to the Feast of Christmas Day, we can associate with the greatest joy of Mary who awaited the coming of Baby Jesus into the world. Anticipation and preparedness are the watchwords for this Sunday of Advent. Anticipation of the celebration of the birth of our Lord over 2000 years ago and the festivities, gifts, parties and family get-togethers which accompany that celebration. This long awaited King is born in modest circumstances with no earthly power or show. Yet our faith tells us to prepare ourselves for him. We have to be prepared because we are told that Jesus will come at the end of time and we will be accountable by not just on whether we believed or not, but how we have lived out our belief.

'Dear little infant Jesus, make a crib of my heart'. This line from a childhood family prayer always strikes a chord at Christmas time. We often describe people as having a 'big heart' when they are open to welcoming people into their lives, caring for others, forgiving and loving. At Christmas we are asked to open up our hearts, to make our hearts a crib, a place to welcome Jesus. Our Saviour was born in a humble stable, a place we can imagine as

being dirty, smelly, unpleasant and filled with animals. Yet despite the poverty and simplicity, this was the place chosen for Jesus to enter the world. Our hearts, too, are poor and simple, unfit for a King, yet Jesus knocks on the door. It is all we can do to echo the centurion in the Gospel of Matthew – words we say at every Eucharist – ‘Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.’ Let our hearts, like the simple stable, be transformed into a warm, welcoming home for Jesus this Christmas Day – and for all those who need shelter, comfort and hope.

Solemnity of Christmas - Masses: Christmas Eve (Vigil) Masses on Monday 24th
December

St. Patrick’s Church at 7pm. Star of the Sea Church at 8pm.

Please also note that the Christmas Day Mass in Star of the Sea Church will be at 11am.

Christmas Day Masses: (Tuesday): St. Mary’s Church, Lagg at 9am. – St. Patrick’s Church at 10.30am.

Star of the Sea Church at 11am.

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(Christmas collection taken up at all Christmas Masses is the annual collection for the priests of the parish we thank you for your generosity).

Feast of the Epiphany: Feast of the Epiphany falls on Sunday the 6th January 2013. Masses therefore are as the weekend.

Sick Visitation: Fr. Crowley will attend the sick in his care on Thursday 3rd January at the usual times.

NO Bulletin: No bulletin next weekend the 29th/30th December. The newsletter will return the following weekend.

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

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

Hymns at Lagg for Christmas: - Entrance: O Come All Ye Faithful No.382. **Offertory:** Away In a Manger. No.53. **Communion:** Silent Night. No.477. **Recessional:** Hark The Herald Angels Sing. No.202.

St. Vincent de Paul: Would like to thank all who contributed to the annual collection taken up at all Masses last weekend. Your customary generosity for those in need in our parish over the Festive Period is much appreciated.

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.

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 to the revenue 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.

Sports Field Draw: The Malin Head Community Sports Field Jackpot was not won on week ending Saturday 15th December. The winner of €50 bonus prize was Angela Carr, Bree, Malin Head. The numbers drawn were: 2,1,4,5,3,7,6. Next week’s jackpot is €550. We thank the community for their support.

Malin Parish Draw: The winners of the weekly parish draw for week ending Sunday, December 16th are: 1. €200: Geraldine Lynott, Drumcarbit, Malin. 2. €130: Angela Mc Daid, Malin Town. 3. €65: Kathleen Douglas, Camata.

Malin Bingo: Malin Bingo is held every Sunday night in St Patrick's Hall, Malin, commencing at 8.30pm. The winners for Sunday, December 16th, are as follows: 130euro: Mary Mc Donald, Killian, Malin; Charlie Ruddy, Culdaff. The Snowball next week is 500euro on 46 numbers and 300euro on 48 numbers.

Ceili and Old Time Dance: A Ceili and Old Time Dance will be held in Malin Head Community Centre on Friday 28th 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 (today) Sunday 23rd December at 6.30pm. Come along and enjoy the singing and the hot fruit punch and mince pies! Santa will also be in attendance!

Glengad FC: League Cup Final on Sunday 30th Glengad Utd v Clonmany Maginn Park, Buncrana KO 2pm. Lotto draw 12th December 14.18.19.22 €50 winner Danny & Marjorie Mc Daid, Glentoskert, Glengad. Jackpot €1750. Christmas week draw will be held on Friday 28th instead of Wednesday 26th. Christmas Monster Draw 1st Prize winner Micheal Gallagher, Bridgend. 2nd Prize winner Alan Bonner, Culdaff. Full list of winners can be found on www.glengadunited.com Happy Christmas from all at Glengad FC and thanks for your support.

Malin GAA: No winner of last week's lotto jackpot. The sequence drawn was 4-7-5-6-2-3-1. The €50 winner was Mandy Doherty, Muckla, Malin Head with the €20 sellers prize going to Seamus Doherty (PM). Next week's jackpot is €950. Club shop will be open on Sunday 23rd from 11-30am to 2-30pm for anyone wishing to collect orders. The club would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

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 asap.

Carndonagh Community School 40th Anniversary Celebrations: Two Past Pupils Reunion Dinners are planned for Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd August, 2013 in the school. Tickets for these dinners are on sale in Lafferty's Shop, Glengad, Malin Cash stores, Boggs Butchers and Mullin's shop in Bree. Details of the Reunion are on the school website www.carndonaghcs.ie

Annual Christmas Concert: Will be held in Carrowmenagh Community Centre on Friday 28th December at 8pm.

Malin Head Community Centre Office closed for Christmas Holidays 24th December-4th January inclusive. Friday 28th December at 9pm Olde Time Ceili with Martin Duggan, Adm €5. 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. New course 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.

Luke's Gospel account of the Christmas Event: Is full of activity. And yet, in the middle of the frenetic action, here is this woman wrapped in mystical silence...She demonstrates the necessity of a quiet place within ourselves at Christmastime - that place where we are most ourselves in relation to God. "It is a place of silence, not because it is untouched by all the activity of our lives, but because it is capable of wonder. Every prayer begins with silent wonder before it turns to words. Our first response to God is dumbstruck awe at who he is and what he has done for us."