

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

*Sunday 9th December 2012
(Year C – Psalter – Week 2)*

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 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.

First Anniversary Mass: For William Mooney, Kilnoxtor, in St. Mary's Church on Sunday 9th December at 9am.

Anniversary Mass: For Kathleen Connolly, Malin Hall, in Malin Oratory, K & M Connolly Foundation, on Friday 14th December at 10am.

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

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	628	170	428	Parish Fund – €1226
Restoration	627	175	425	Restoration Fund – €1227

Season of Advent (Year C) Advent – from the Latin word 'adventus', meaning 'arrival' or 'approach'.

Advent is a time when we prepare to celebrate, once again, the arrival of Jesus into our world and into

our lives. Waiting to celebrate any event involves anticipation, excitement and preparation. Advent is no

different. One of the ways in which we honour this time is through the symbolism of the Advent Wreath.

Celebrating the tension between light and darkness, the advent wreath invites us to notice the areas in

our lives where the light has not yet reached and to notice the light that came into the world with the birth of Jesus.

Shaped in a circle to symbolize the eternity of God, this circular evergreen wreath expresses God's unending love.

Requiescat in Pace: We extend our sympathy to the family and relatives of Sarah Sexton, Umgal Bridge, Danny Mc Dermott, Coast Guard Station/Southampton and Cathy O' Donnell, Drim who died recently.

Penitential Service: Advent Penitential Service: In St. Patrick's Church on Sunday 23rd 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.

Baptism: We welcome into the parish community Calam Bambrick, Beagh who was baptised recently.

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

Parish Pastoral Council: The next meeting of the Malin Parish Pastoral Council will take place in Glengad Community Centre on Thursday 13th December at 8.30pm.

St. Vincent de Paul: The annual collection will be taken up at **all Masses this weekend**. Your customary generosity for those in need in our parish over the Festive Period is much appreciated.

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.

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.

Malin GAA: There was no winner of this week's lotto jackpot. The sequence drawn was 2-4-6-5-1-3-7. The €50 winner was Manus Harkin, Cashel, Gleneely with the €20 sellers prize going to John Fraser. Next week's jackpot is €850 and we thank the local community for its continued support of our weekly lotto draw.

Carndonagh Community School: Presents Monster Christmas Bingo on Sunday 9th December at 3pm in the Áras. Books €10. Cash, raffle and side prizes. Tea/coffee served on the day.

Sports Field Draw: The Malin Head Community Sports Field Jackpot was not won on week ending Saturday 2nd December. The winner of €50 bonus prize was Hugh Farren, Slievebawn, Malin Head. The numbers drawn were: 1,6,3,4,7,5,2 . Next week's jackpot is €450. We thank the community for their support.

Malin Parish Draw: The winners of the weekly parish draw for week ending Sunday, December 2nd are:

1. €200: Laura and Conor Mc Geoghegan, Malin Town. 2. €130: Jim Mullin, Bree, Malin Head. 3. €65: Sadie Mc Laughlin, Ross Head.

Malin Bingo: Malin Bingo is held every Sunday night in St Patrick's Hall, Malin, commencing at 8.30pm. The winners for Sunday, December 2nd, are as follows: **Hampers:** Kathleen Doherty, Clonmany; Nuala Doherty, Malin Well, Malin Head. **Turkeys:** Ann Grant, Clonmany; Pius Crumlish, Merville; Cassie Mc Colgan, Glengad; Rose O' Donnell, Carndonagh. 130euro: Mary Farren, Templemoyle; Barbara Doherty, Westown, Malin Head; Mary Lafferty, Carndonagh. The Snowball next week is 500euro on 46 numbers and 300euro on 48 numbers. Christmas Hampers and Side Prizes every week.

Ballymena NS Silver Circle: 1. 120euro: Ellen Mc Laughlin, Killourt, Malin Head. 2. 50euro: John Mc Daid, 35 Bunn, Glengad. 3. 30euro: Josephine Cunningham, Carndonagh.

Sponsor a Light to remember a Life: Glengad Community Association is planning to erect a Christmas tree and we are inviting anyone who wishes to sponsor a light in memory of loved ones who are no longer with us. Contact any committee member. Tree will be lit on Sunday 9th December at 6pm. Lights are €5 each and a box with envelopes is available at Lafferty's shop and Culkeeney PO for anyone wishing to sponsor a light.

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.

Malin Head Youth Club: Supervisors for Friday the 14th December are parents of Ronan Mc Laughlin, Lee Mc Daid, Martina O Donnell, and Myra O' Doherty. If you cannot supervise on the night allocated to you, please find another parent.

Advent Weekend Residential Retreat: In preparation for Christmas, will take place in the Carmelite Retreat Centre Termonbacca, beginning at 7.30p.m. on Friday 14th December and ending after lunch on Sunday 16th December. Cost for weekend £65. For bookings, contact the Carmelite Fathers (office hours). Tel:04871 262512.

Colgan Hall Annual Bazaar: Taking place on Tuesday 11th December starting at 8pm. 32" TV, Tefal Actifry, DVD/TV combi, Phone, bikes and many more fantastic prizes on the night.

Scoil Treasa Naofa Parents Association: Would like to thank everyone involved in the Christmas Bazaar held recently - the businesses who donated prizes, parents who gave their time and donated home-baking, and the community for supporting us - thank you all.

Boxing Tournament: On Saturday 15th December in the Malin Hotel at 8.30pm. Tickets are on sale for this event and can be purchased from Anthony Cantwell/John Saddler (The Gym)/Shaun Bonnor/Colin Gallagher/Danny Clark/Shane Mc Colgan/Cathal Kelly/Luke Mc Laughlin or Liam Shan. Payable at the door also.

MPPC Minutes: **1.** Cathal Doherty has designed a new parish website and it will be available before Christmas – and we thank him for the work he has done. It is a work in progress and will be available shortly. **2.** ‘Sign-up Sunday’ to be organised in the spring. **3.** Building a Faith Community, Baptism and First Communion Group – recent meeting date did not suit those who were interested in partaking in the training, hence the meeting will now take place in January. **4.** Children - Celebrating Advent this event took place last weekend at the Vigil Mass in Aughaclay. Children from the parish schools prepared and participated in the Vigil Mass, and prepared decorations for the Jesse trees – thanks to all who participated and prepared the children. **5.** Three Year Formation Programme – Group the Parish Council will have on-going evaluation from the training team. January-March Programme - “Being and Building a Faith Community as a Parish” group will require two members of the MPPC as well as four new members from the parish community. **6.** Flower Arrangement – co-ordination of the flower-arrangers who decorate the sanctuaries for the liturgical seasons of the year. **7.** Eucharistic Ministers - There will be a Commissioning Ceremony/Retreat Day in the spring for the Eucharistic Ministers. New Ministers will be required in the New Year. **8.** Mass Responses - Parishioners are not speaking out during the Mass, not familiar with responses! We need strategies to improve this. Encourage people to follow texts in Mass sheet. **9.** Next meeting will look at better mediums of informing our parishioners and engaging them to become more active in their parish community.

Season of Advent: Advent starts on the fourth Sunday before December 25th which is the Sunday from November 27th to December 3rd inclusive. Christmas always falls on a fixed calendar date – 25th December which is a different day each year, unlike Easter which is in effect a moveable Feast but always falls on a Sunday. The season offers the opportunity to share in the ancient longing for the coming of the Messiah, and to be alert for his Second Coming. For Christians, the season of Advent serves as a reminder both of the original waiting by Israelites for the birth of the Messiah, and the waiting by Christians for the return of Christ. The most famous hymn of Advent is "O Come Emmanuel." Its lyrics, based on the Prophet Isaiah, articulate the hopeful anticipation of the Advent season: *‘O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here. Until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.’*