## Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 7th April 2013 Second Sunday of Easter (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:* No Mass.

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 Johnny Duffy, Bunn in St. Patrick's Church on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm.

**First Anniversary Mass:** For Sadie Mc Ginley, Ballygorman in Star of the Sea Church on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm.

**Month's Mind Mass:** For John E. Doherty, Sheskin in Star of the Sea Church on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 12noon.

<u>Confessions:</u> 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.* Good Friday Collection: €1640.

	Aughaclay	Lagg	Malin Head
Parish	876	245	425
Restoration	876	240	430

Parish Fund –	€1536
Restoration Fund –	€1526

**Requiescat in Pace:** We extend our sympathy to the family and relatives of Mary Merchant, Killourt who died during the week.

**Trocaire Returns:** We request if you have not yet returned your Trocaire box, can you do so as soon as possible to enable the final count to take place.

**Easter Garden's:** If you wish to leave plants, shrubs or flowers at either of the Easter Garden's over the next seven weeks of the Easter Season please feel free to do so.

Easter Water: Is available in the container in the porch of each church for the next few weeks.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** The next meeting will take place in Drumcarbit on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm.

**Confirmation Candidates:** The next meeting of the Confirmation Candidates and their parents/guardians will take place in St. Patrick's Hall on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 7.45pm.

**Hymns at Lagg for Easter:** - *Entrance* Christ the Lord is risen today. No.86. *Offertory:* Take our Bread. No. 511. *Communion:* I Am The Bread Of Life. No.226. *Recessional:* Give me joy in my heart. No.159.

**Readers for Lagg Church:** Proclaiming God's word at Mass is an important liturgical ministry to our community. In Lagg we have six Readers and are looking for more. If you would like to be part of this ministry, please contact Tom Finnigan (9370985 / tolleno@eircom.net) or speak to one of our priests.

**Inishowen Disability Action Group:** Wheelchair accessible minibus available for transport bookings. Reasonable rates. Phone 074 93 74529 for further information.

**Solemnity of the Annunciation:** Normally celebrated on the 25<sup>th</sup> March was moved this year to the next available date outside of Holy week and the Easter Octave, because the date fell in Holy Week this year. Hence this year it is celebrated on Monday 8th April (Tomorrow). **Annunciation -** The Feast of the Annunciation marks the visit of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary, during which he told her that she would be the mother of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is celebrated on 25<sup>th</sup> March each year. It is a principal Marian feast. Two examples that highlight the importance of this feast are the joyous mysteries of the Rosary and the Angelus. Here is recorded the "angelic salutation" of Gabriel to Mary, 'Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee" - Luke 1:28 and Mary's response to God's will, "Let it be done to me according to thy word" (v.38) This "angelic salutation" is the origin of the "Hail Mary" prayer of the Rosary and the Angelus (the second part of the prayer comes from the words of salutation of Elizabeth to Mary at the Visitation). Now recognized as a solemnity, the feast of the Annunciation goes back to the fourth or fifth century. This feast celebrates the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Trinity and the salvation of all mankind. This point of our salvation was deeply discussed by many of the Church fathers, to explain it to the faithful and to show the deep love God has for us. The feast is moved if necessary to prevent it from falling during Holy Week or Easter Week or on a Sunday. To avoid a Sunday before Holy Week, the next day (March 26<sup>th</sup>) would be observed instead. In years such as 2008 and 2013 when March 25<sup>th</sup> falls during Holy Week or Easter Week, the Annunciation is moved to the Monday after Octave of Easter, which is the Sunday after Easter.

**Presentation of Pioneer Pins:** In St. Patrick's Church on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Anyone who would like to join the Pioneers for a Full/Silver/Gold pin. Please contact Eugene 0863358105 Liam 9370039 or Martin 9379267. Recent Pioneer collection amounted to €395.

Community Sports Field Draw: The Malin Head Community Sports Field Jackpot was not won on week ending Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March. The winner of €50 bonus prize was John Gibbons, Westown, Malin Head with ticket no. 41. The numbers drawn were: 2,6,4,7,5,1,3. Next week's jackpot is €1250. We thank the community for their support.

5 Alive Closed Members Weekly Draw: The winners of €50 in the 5 Alive Closed Members Weekly draw by Malin Head Community Association Committee to raise funds for the community centre were: Dympna Reynolds, Ellen & Hubert Mc Laughlin, Paul & Peggy Mc Dermott and Sandra & John Liza. There is still some places available - if you would like to enter, contact the committee or the Office. Thank you to the community for your support.

Malin Parish Draw: The winners of the weekly parish draw for week ending Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup> are: 1. €200: Fiona Mc Laughlin, Drumcarbit, Malin. 2. €130: Abigail Malarkey, Templemoyle. 3. €65: Margaret Lockwood, Port Ronan, Malin Head.

**Malin Bingo:** Malin Bingo is held every Sunday night in St Patrick's Hall, Malin, commencing at 8.30pm. The winners for Sunday, March 31st, are as follows: 130euro: Elizabeth Holder, Malin; Mary Mc Gonagle, Ballyheeney, Malin Head; Susie Harkin, Moville. 65euro: Niamh Mc Grath, Malin Town. The Snowball next week is 500euro on 46 numbers and 300euro on 48 numbers.

**Glengad Youth Club:** A Child Protection Course is arranged for Wednesday 11th April from 9:30am -1:30pm in the Glengad Community Centre. In order to secure the continuation of the club, parents/guardian are needed to attend the training. Please phone/text 0834175195 to book.

**Do you remember the old Irish Cottage?** Malin Head Heritage Group are looking for anyone who assisted in any way with the Irish Cottage (Bogg's thatched house) in Bree under Fr. John Doherty in the early 1970's. Many people baked and made crafts - baskets, flower pots, lamps, rugs crochet etc. We are very interested in hearing their stories with a view to arranging a 'Get Together' during the Gathering in early August. Text or ring Teresa (Mullin) 0872674857 or Andrea or Eileen at Community Centre 9370478.

Malin GAA: No winner of last week's lotto. Sequence drawn was 4-1-5-3-6-7-2. €50 winner - Tara Kelly, Drumcarbit. €20 sellers - M and R Kelly, Drumcarbit. Next week's lotto jackpot is €600.

Accord Carndonagh (Inishowen): Are you interested in becoming part of a team who prepare couples for Marriage. If so please telephone 9474103 on Monday Wednesday or between for further information. am Season of Easter: The celebration of the Easter Vigil is the beginning of the Season of Easter. The Vigil is the Christian feast par excellence, the feast of new birth, new beginnings, salvation renewed, and humanity restored to the Lord. While the Vigil marks the end of the paschal fast, the end of the celebration of Holy Week, and the end of repentance and conversion for which Lent prepares the community, it is much more a beginning. It is the beginning of a new season of grace and a time of joy and thanksgiving, for Easter is not one day or one solemnity—it is a fifty day celebration, and the fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday together comprise what the General Instruction terms "The Great Sunday". Easter Sunday is the day of the year when the Christian Church celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus the Christ from the dead. Easter lies at the heart of our faith as the central moment of the liturgical year. The early church saw Christ's Resurrection as the central witness to a new act of God in history, proclaiming victory over the Cross – love as stronger than death. The Season of Easter, like Christmas, is a period of time rather than just a day. It is actually a seven-week season of the church year called Eastertide, the Great Fifty Days that begins at sundown the evening before Easter Sunday when we celebrate the Easter Vigil and lasts for six more Sundays until Pentecost Sunday. Even in churches that traditionally do not observe the other historic seasons of the church year, Easter has occupied a central place as the high point of Christian worship. Easter marks the central faith confession of the early church and has been the focal point for Christian worship, observed on the first day of each week Sunday, since the first century. Sunday was officially proclaimed the day of Christian worship in AD 321.

The Sanctuary colours for Easter Sunday and the Sundays of Easter, including Ascension Day, are white and gold, the colours of sacred days throughout the church year. For the Easter season, white symbolizes the hope of the Resurrection, as well as the purity and newness that comes from victory over the Cross. The gold symbolizes the light of the world brought by the risen Christ. Colour used in worship is especially important during the Season of Easter. The changing drama sequence of the sanctuary from the purple of Lent to the red of Good Friday provide graphic visual symbols for the moving forward of the Lenten journey. The change of colours for Easter and the following Sundays helps communicate the movement of sacred time as well as personal faith journeys from penitence and reflection to celebration and joy. Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the Spring equinox (the day when the sun's ecliptic or apparent path in the sky crosses the equator, thus making days and nights of equal length). This usually occurs on March 21<sup>st</sup> which means Easter can range between March 22<sup>nd</sup> - April 25<sup>th</sup> depending on the lunar cycle.