

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

**Sunday 1st December 2013
(Year A – 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: Monday and Tuesday at 9.30am. Friday at 7pm.
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 Cathy O' Donnell, Drim in Star of the Sea Church on Saturday 7th December at 8pm.

Legion of Mary: Deceased members Mass in Star of the Sea Church on Saturday 7th December at 8pm.

First Anniversary Mass: For Norman Henderson in St. Mary's Church on Sunday 8th 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.

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Collections: Thank You. Trocaire Collection amounted to €3715.

	Aughaclay	Lagg	Malin Head
Parish	599	160	308
Restoration	599	155	310

Parish Fund –	€1067
Restoration Fund –	€1064

Season of Advent (Year A) Today we begin the Church's Liturgical Year. An advent wreath symbolises this season. The wreath is made of evergreen or holly. The origins of the advent wreath are obscure but it is said it was a family custom widely practised in the northern countries of Europe during the nineteenth century. It is a simple way to start a tradition of family prayer in the home. Those who participate will cherish the experience all of their lives. Today we begin this Season of Advent the beginning of the Church's New Year. The wreath is a shape of a circle it represents eternity since a circle has no beginning or end. Like God's Life which is everlasting. The evergreen, which is always green, pictures life, growth, hope and the never changingness of God. Three of the outer candles are purple signifying a time of preparation, of making our hearts open to the coming of the Lord. And one pink or rose for the joyful or (Gaudate) Sunday (3rd Sunday) and represents the joy we know because God loved us so much he sent His Son, Jesus into the world. The last remaining candle is a white candle in the centre this candle is lit on Christmas Eve and represents the birth of Christ in our midst. Advent the beginning of the Liturgical Year, the opening of another chapter in our story of salvation. What a time of hope it is, what a time of joy and expectation? The liturgy overflows with joy, promise and anticipation. This year (Year A of the three year cycle – Matthew's Gospel) lets us be Advent people who wait like Mary, with joy longing for the coming of the child Jesus. The readings of the Mass will help us to 'prepare the way of the Lord.' **Advent:** Has a twofold character: as a time to prepare for the solemnity of Christmas when the Son of God's first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ's Second Coming

at the end of time. For these two reasons, the season of Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation.

Immaculate Conception: The 8th December this year falls next Sunday hence the Feast of the Immaculate Conception moves to Monday and is not a Holy Day this year.

Sick Visitation: Fr. Crowley will attend the sick in his care on Thursday of this week at the usual times.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Will take place in Star of the Sea Church today Sunday from 2pm – 4pm. Benediction at 4pm.

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

Lectors/Readers for month of December: St. Mary's, Lagg Sunday – William Doherty. Star of the Sea Church

Vigil – D. Glackin. **Sunday** – Kay Keane. St. Patrick's Church **Vigil** – P. Mc Laughlin & C. Mc Laughlin. **Sunday** – G. Mc Carron & S. Mc Laughlin. Missalettes for readers are available in each sacristy for the month. **Counters: St. Patrick's Church** – Ann & David Gallagher. Tina & Harry Crumlsh.

Distribution of Holy Communion in St Patrick's Church, Aughaclay: The Eucharistic Minister who brings Communion to the gallery in Aughaclay Church will go directly to the gallery immediately after leaving the altar. Parishioners who are unable to come to the priest and the other Eucharistic Minister at the front of the altar will receive Holy Communion when the minister has come back down from the gallery. Your co-operation with these procedures is greatly appreciated.

Collections: Columban Missions raised €2,230 and £135. Trocaire amounted to €3715 – Thanks.

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.

Malin Parish Revenue Charitable Donations Scheme: This year changes were announced in the Budget which makes the administration of this scheme much easier. Both PAYE and self-employed persons now complete the same form and the refund will be at the one rate of 31%. A new enduring declaration of the total donated to the parish each year will be valid for 5 years. It is very important that all parishioners who pay tax are part of this scheme and enable some of your tax to be returned as a further donation to the parish. It does not affect your tax liabilities. The form to be filled in is available at the back of the church and in the sacristy or from any of the priests. please make sure you include your phone number on this form. This is an excellent way to continue to support your parish. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated. **Please return completed forms ASAP.**

First Communion: For St. Mary's School and Urblereagh NS will take place in Star of the Sea Church on Saturday 10th May 2014 at 11am.

St. Vincent de Paul: The annual collection will be taken up on the weekend of Saturday 7th/Sunday 8th December. Your customary generosity for those in need in our parish over the Festive Period is much appreciated.

Family Funday to see Santa: Christmas Family Funday and Visit to Santa's Grotto, on Sunday December 8th at 3pm in the Community Hall. Jumble sale – All donations welcome! Stalls, Art and Quilt exhibition! Urgently needed tots, clothes, brick-a brack. All donations gratefully accepted! Please deliver to the hall by Saturday 7th or call 086 3391223 for more information. Thanks for your support - Playdays Playschool School Committee.

Seniors Lunch Club: A Luncheon Club for Over Fifties will be held this Thursday and every Thursday, from 12noon to 2pm in the Community Centre, Malin Head- All welcome. Transport available.

Attention Students: Malin Head Heritage Group is running a new "Living History Competition". This competition is open to all students of any age, especially Secondary School pupils. We want you to interview your oldest living neighbour or relative from Malin Head and write up the information you discover. Entry forms are available from the Youth Club, the Community Centre and Mullin's Shop. First prize is 50 euro and there are various other prizes. This was run last year very successfully and produced some great stories gathered by our young people.

5Alive: Winners of the 5Alive Draw for the weekend of 24th November were: Jamie Stevens, Frankie Doherty, O Neill Family and Brendan Mc Kinley. The lucky number was 3. The lucky ball was number 3. Well done to all of them! Each winner gets €50. Thanks to the community for your support.

Malin Head Community Sports Field Draw: There was no winner of the Malin Head Community Sports Field Draw on Saturday 24th November. The numbers drawn were 4,5,3,6,7,1,2, ticket number 13. The bonus prize of €50 was won by Laura Doherty, Westown, Malin Head. Next week's jackpot is 1500 euro.

Malin Parish Draw: The winners for Sunday 24th November are: 1. €200: Noreen Mc Gonagle, Malin. 2. €130: Jim Quigley, Slieveban, Malin Head. 3. €65: Margaret Mc Gill, 11 Clos Patrick, Carndonagh.

Malin Bingo: Bingo is held in St Patrick's Hall, Malin every Sunday night at 8.30pm. Winners for Sunday 24th November are: €65: Margaret Raymond, Culdaff; Michelle Hunter, Slieveban, Malin Head. €130: Mary Harrigan, Quigley's Point; Sheila Mc Laughlin, Merville; Cassie Mc Colgan, Glengad. Hamper: Hannah Mc Gonagle, Ballyheeny, Malin Head. Turkeys: Kevin Grant, Clonmany; Mary Gallagher, Carndonagh. Next week's Snowball is €500 on 46 numbers; €300 on 48 numbers.

Urbhlereagh NS Quiz: Will hold a fundraising Quiz in the Malin Hotel on Saturday 7th December at 9pm. Come along for a good night's fun and great prizes!

Carndonagh Community School: Will hold their Monster Bingo in the Aras on Sunday 8th December at 3pm. Admission €12 to include extra sheet. Jackpot, cash and side prizes. Huge raffle. Light refreshments available.

Anti Bullying: Training course will take place in The Aras in Carndonagh Community School on Tuesday 3rd December at 7.45pm. This will discuss issues such as how to cope if your child is being bullied or if your child is the bully. This is open to all parents from all the schools in the area, both National and Secondary.

Vatican's Questionnaire: *You can answer the questionnaire on the family, marriage and your attitude to church teaching on these matters at www.associationofcatholicpriests.ie. Your views are being sought in preparation for a Synod on the Family called by Pope Francis for next year. (scroll down first page and survey is there).*

Malin GAA: No winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €1200. Sequence drawn was 4-3-2-5-7-6-1. 50 euro lotto winner Micky Diffley, Malin Town. 20 euro sellers prize Mc Clean's Bar. This week's jackpot stands at €1250.

Glengad FC: Sunday 1st Buncrana v Glengad Utd 2pm. Glengad Res v Cockhill Res 11am. Lotto Draw 20th November Numbers 3.13.21.25. €20 winners John Mc Daid, Ballymena. Maggie Mc Laughlin Ballysalla, Oran Doherty Ballynahona. Jackpot €4200. Club have launched their Monster Christmas Giveaway draw. Check facebook page for list of prizes on offer. Lines on sale from Committee members/player. Thanks to all our sponsors.

Scoil Treasa Naofa Parents Association: Are holding the annual Christmas Bazaar on Friday 6th December, from 8pm in St. Patrick's Hall, Malin. Great prizes to be won, including a tablet, 32" television, phones, hampers and loads more. Refreshments available for everyone and Santa will be in attendance also!