

**Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2013**  
**Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) (Year A – 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.

Please include a telephone number. (Email address: malinparish@hotmail.com)

**Weekday Masses:**

**St. Patrick's Church, Aughaclay:** Monday 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 Patricia Dowdall in St. Patrick's Church on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 6pm.

**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>	703	200	365
<b>Restoration</b>	702	200	365

Parish Fund –	<b>€1268</b>
Restoration Fund –	<b>€1267</b>

**Season of Advent (Year A) 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 17th each year - this year, in 2013, it is Tuesday 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 6.30pm - 7.30pm on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December and Star of the Sea Church on Monday 23<sup>th</sup> December from 7pm-8pm.

**Requiescat in Pace:** We extend our sympathy to the family and relatives of Teresa Campbell, Glentoskert/Manchester who died recently.

**Sick Visitation:** Fr. Devlin will attend the sick in his care on Thursday afternoon.

**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 council representative.

**Penitential Service: Advent Penitential Service:** In St. Patrick's Church on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 5pm. 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.

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

**First Communion:** St. Columcille's NS and Scoil Treasa Naofa NS – Aughaclay Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 11am.

**Distribution of Holy Communion in St Patrick's Church, Aughaclay:** The Eucharistic Minister who brings Communion to the gallery in St. Patrick's 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.

**Altar Servers Rota:** The new rota for Star of the Sea Church is now available in the sacristy.

**Annual Carol Singing in Malin:** The Annual Christmas Carol Singing will be held on Malin Green around the Christmas Tree on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 7.30pm. Come along and enjoy the singing and the hot fruit punch and mince pies! Santa will also be in attendance!

**Hymns at Lagg for Advent:** - *Entrance* O Come, O come Emmanuel No.384. *Offertory:* Jesus, Remember Me. No.717. *Communion:* Let's All Join Together In Communion. No.305. *Recessional:* Be Still. No.58.

**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 Community Sports Field Draw:** There was no winner of the Malin Head Community Sports Field Draw on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December. The numbers drawn were 7,2,3,6,4,1,5. The bonus prize of €50 was won by Niall Mc Laughlin, Fildara. Next week's jackpot is 1600 euro. Thank you for your support.

**Malin Parish Draw:** The winners for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December are: 1. €200: Patricia Harkin, Drumcarbit, Malin. 2. €130: Ann Quigg, Ballygorman, Malin Head. 3. €65: John and Debbie Mc Laughlin, Umgal, Malin Head.

**Malin Bingo:** Bingo is held in St Patrick's Hall, Malin every Sunday night at 8.30pm. Winners for Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December are: €130: Kathleen O'Connor, Carndonagh; Vera Mc Kinley, Glengad. €65: Sheila Mc Laughlin, Moville; Christine Mc Daid, Glengad. Hampers: Christine Doherty, Carndonagh; Patricia Mc Pearson, Carndonagh.

Turkeys: Nuala Doherty, Malin Well, Malin Head; Martin Doherty, Carndonagh; Mary Billy, Glengad; Kethleen O'Connor, Carndonagh. Next week's Snowball is €500 on 46 numbers; €300 on 48 numbers. Hampers and Turkeys and side prizes next week.

**5Alive:** Winners of the 5Alive Draw for the weekend of 8<sup>th</sup> December were: Kevin Farren, Marey Francis and Josie Joe Mc Laughlin, Celia Boyce and Rosemary Mc Colgan. The lucky ball was number 12. Well done to all of them! Each winner gets €50. Thanks to the community for your support.

**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.

**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](http://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).

**Playschool Quiz:** Fun Quiz in Farren's Bar on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December in aid of Playdays Playschool.

**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. Tree will be lit on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. Everyone welcome.

**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.

**Lagg Presbyterian Church:** Would like to extend an invitation to join their community for a special Christmas Service today Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 12noon.

**Malin GAA:** No winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €1300. Sequence drawn was 4-5-7-6-1-3-2. 50 euro winner Meave Mc Laughlin, (JM). 20 euro sellers Ronan Mc Laughlin, (David). This week's jackpot stands at €1350. Club shop will be open in the clubhouse on Saturday from 12noon -2pm and on Sunday from 11-15am to 1-30pm. 'Good as New' open in Malin Clubhouse downstairs, Opening times: Wednesday 12:30pm – 6pm, Saturday 12noon – 6pm, Sunday 12:30pm – 2pm. Draw for Xmas hamper on 22<sup>nd</sup> December for purchases over €5. If anyone can help in shop ring Susan on 9370638.

**Glengad FC:** Lotto Draw 4<sup>th</sup> December numbers 8.17.19.21. Congratulations to Shav Mc Laughlin Davey, Drumcarbit winner of €4250 jackpot. New jackpot €500. Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dunree v Glengad 2pm. Glengad Res v Moville Res 11am.

**Donegal Branch Spina Bifida:** The church gate collection taken up the weekend of the 30<sup>th</sup> November amounted to €490.48. Thanks to all who contributed so generously and to those who took up the collection.

**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.