

Parish of Malin (Clonca)
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday 22nd December 2013
(Year A – 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 at 9.30am. Tuesday Christmas Vigil -7pm
Malin Oratory: No Mass.
Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head: Monday at 10am. Tuesday Christmas Vigil - 8pm.
St. Mary's Church, Lagg: No Mass.

Anniversary Mass: For Patricia Dowdall in St. Patrick's Church on Saturday 21st December at 6pm.

Month's Mind Mass: For Rosemary Doherty, Ballyhillion in Star of the Sea Church on Saturday 28th December at 8pm.

First Anniversary Mass: For Susan Quigley, Lagg in St. Mary's Church on Sunday 29th December at 9am.

Anniversary Mass: For Jim Mullin, Bree in Star of the Sea Church on Saturday 4th January at 8pm.

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	710	145	280
Restoration	711	140	280

Parish Fund –	€1135
Restoration Fund –	€1131

Season of Advent (Year A) – Fourth Sunday of Advent Is 7:10-14, Rom 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-24.

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 Tuesday 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: (Wednesday):

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).

Sacrament of Reconciliation: St Patrick's Church from 6.30pm - 7.30pm on Monday 23rd December and Star of the Sea Church also on Monday from 7pm-8pm.

Feast of the Epiphany: Feast of the Epiphany falls on Monday the 6th January. **No Vigil Masses as it is Sunday.** Masses Monday – St. Mary's Church, Lagg 10am, St. Patrick's Church, Aughaclay 10.30am. **Evening Masses** – St. Patrick's Church at 6pm and Star of the Sea Church at 8pm.

Sick Visitation: Fr. Crowley will attend the sick in his care on Thursday 2nd January at the usual times.

'The Virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him EMMANUEL.' –
Gospel Vigil.

Penitential Service: Advent Penitential Service: In St. Patrick's Church today Sunday 22nd 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 in 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.

Malin Parish Pastoral Council: The next meeting will take place in the Parochial House, Drumcarbit on Tuesday 7th January at 8.30pm.

NO Bulletin: No bulletin next weekend the 28th/29th December. The newsletter will return the following weekend.

Malin Parish Draw: The winners for Sunday 15th December are: 1. €200: Barbara Doherty, Westown, Malin Head. 2. €130: Ava and Cora mc Laughlin, Culdaff. 3. €65: Paul Mc Nelis.

Malin Bingo: Bingo is held in St Patrick's Hall, Malin every Sunday night at 8.30pm. Winners for Sunday 15th December are: €130: Bridget Harkin, Carnmalin, Malin Head; Sheila Mc Laughlin, Carndonagh. €65: Kathleen Kearney, Malin; Mary Mc Donald, Killian, Malin. **Hampers:** Madge Hirrell, Carndonagh; Elizabeth Nelson, Carndonagh. **Turkeys:** Joanne Lynch, Carndonagh; Frank Hirrell, Carndonagh; Alice Smith, Carndonagh; Mary Crua, Culdaff. Next week's Snowball is €500 on 46 numbers; €300 on 48 numbers.

Annual Carol Singing in Malin: The Annual Christmas Carol Singing will be held on Malin Green around the Christmas Tree today Sunday 22nd 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 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.

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.

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

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.

Urbhlereagh NS: Enrolment application forms for school year 2014/2015, will be available on the first day of the second term and must be submitted by the mid-term of the second term.

5Alive Winners: Winners of the Huge 5Alive Draw for the weekend of 14th December were:
1. Ball no. 5: number 26: €1500: Patricia Glackin; Hugh and Mary Mc Gonagle; Mary Brigid Mc Gonagle and Kayla Glackin. 2. Ball no. 2: number 31: €750: Evelyn Mattie; Patrick and Ann Houten; William Doherty, (Umgal); Enya Doherty, (Owen). 3. Ball no. 3: number 19: €500: Danny Roddy; Mary Reynolds; Kelly Ann O'Connor; John Farren. 4. Ball no. 4: number 27: €250: Denis Kelly; Enid Stewart; Claire Mc Laughlin, (Dearg); Mary and Paddy Mc Laughlin, (Big Mickie). 5. Ball no. 6: number 2: €250: Jimmy Ward; Denis and Eileen Glackin; James Quigley; Mari and Peter Kavanagh. 6. Ball no. 1: number 16: €250: Peter Goodison; Jimmy and Mary Mooney; Jamie O'Connor and Paddy Mc Kinley. Well done to all of them! 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 15th December. The numbers drawn were 4,3,7,2,6,1,5. The bonus prize of €50 was won by Gerry Keane, Killourt, Malin Head. Next week's jackpot is 1650 euro. Thank you for your support.

Malin GAA: No winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €1350. Sequence drawn was 6-4-1-3-5-7-2. 50 euro winner Emma Cavanagh, Merville. 20 euro sellers Conor Byrne. This week's jackpot stands at €1400 and we would like to thank the local community for their continued support of our weekly lotto draw. Club shop will be open in the clubhouse on Saturday from 12pm -2pm and on Sunday from 11.15am to 1-30pm. For more details, contact Susan on 9370638. We would also like to wish all our members and supporters a very Merry Christmas.

Glengad FC: Sunday 22nd Merville V Glengad Utd 2pm. Glengad Res V Aileach Res 11am. Saturday 28th League Cup Final Glengad v Aileach Maginn Park. Ko. 2pm. Lotto draw 11th December numbers 3.4.20.22 €20 winners Gavin Knight, Philip Lafferty and Ann Doherty Carn. Jackpot €550. No lotto draw over Christmas/New Year. Next lotto draw will be held on Wednesday 8th January. Thank you for your support. Merry Christmas to everyone.

Christmas Jokes: What did Adam say on the day before Christmas? It's Christmas, Eve! What do you have in December that you don't have in any other month? The letter "D"! What do you call a letter sent up the chimney on Christmas Eve? Black mail! Why does Father Christmas go down the chimney? Because it soots him! How many chimney does Father Christmas go down? Stacks!

Wise Men Still Seek Him: Wise Men Still Seek Him. The first wise men gave Christ treasures from their kingdoms. Today's wise men/women give Christ the treasures of their hearts. ***This Christmas may our joy be found in giving our hearts to Him - the One who gave His all to us.***