

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

*Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2013  
(Year A – 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.

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**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 and Friday at 10am.  
*St. Mary's Church, Lagg:* Thursday at 9.30am.

**First Anniversary Mass:** For Norman Henderson in St. Mary's Church on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 9am.

**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> |
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| <b>Parish</b>      | 583              | 180         | 275               |
| <b>Restoration</b> | 582              | 175         | 275               |

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| Parish Fund –      | <b>€1038</b> |
| Restoration Fund – | <b>€1032</b> |

**Season of Advent (Year A)** 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 Rosemary Doherty, Ballyhillion and Brigid Doherty, Drumcarbit who died recently.

**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.

**Confirmation Candidates:** The first meeting for the Confirmation Candidates will take place in the Community Centre, Glengad on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December from 7pm – 8.30pm. A consent form must be signed by a parent/guardian. Usual notification will be delivered via each school.

**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.

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

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

**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.

**Malin Parish Draw:** The winners for Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December are: 1. €200: Rita Bradley, Moss Road, Carndonagh. 2. €130: The Farren Family, Aughaclay. 3. €65: Vincent and Maureen Mc Laughlin, Claggan, Culdaff.

**Malin Bingo:** Bingo is held in St Patrick's Hall, Malin every Sunday night at 8.30pm. Winners for Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December are: €130: May Kelly, Glengad; Sheila Mc Clay, Glengad; Geraldine Devlin, Clonmany. Hampers: Breege Diver, Carndonagh, Tracy Mc Laughlin, Malin Glen. Turkeys: Ann Hirrell, Carndonagh; Lizzie Mc Laughlin, Malin; Mark Mc Laughlin, Malin Glen; Teresa Mc Geoghegan, Carndonagh. Next week's Snowball is €500 on 46 numbers; €300 on 48 numbers. Hampers and Turkeys and Side Prizes next week.

**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.

**5Alive:** Winners of the 5Alive Draw for the weekend of 30<sup>th</sup> November were: Barry O'Riordan, Dave Hewitt, John Anthony Mc Laughlin and Maggie and Caoimhe Paddy Mor. The lucky ball was number 5. 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 1<sup>st</sup> December. The numbers drawn were 6,7,1,3,2,4,5, ticket number 138. The bonus prize of €50 was won by Liam O'Neill, Umgal, Malin Head. Next week's jackpot is 1550 euro.

**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.

**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.

**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).*

**Comedy in Carn:** Carn Drama Club present 'Stop it Nurse' a three act comedy, in the Colgan Hall on this Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> - Doors open 8pm. Play starts 8.30 sharp. Admission adults €10 children €5.

**Family Funday to see Santa:** Christmas Family Funday and Visit to Santa's Grotto, on this Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 3pm in the Community Hall. Jumble sale – All donations welcome! Stalls, Art and Quilt exhibition!

**Children's Christmas Variety Show:** Will be held in the Community Centre on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.

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

**Blood Transfusion Service:** The mobile unit team will be Carndonagh Community School on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December from 3pm – 5pm and 7pm – 9.30pm also Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 2pm – 5pm and 7pm – 9.30pm.

**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.

**Malin GAA:** No winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €1250. Sequence drawn was 3-4-6-2-7-1-5. 50 euro winner Anne Marie Coffey, Malin Head. 20 euro sellers prize-Ryan Coffey, Malin Head. Next week's jackpot stands at €1300. Malin GAA: Are hosting a 25 card drive in the clubhouse on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> of December. Everyone welcome. For more information contact John Byrne on 0862507380. Club AGM takes place in the club house on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm. All club members are encouraged to attend.

**Glengad FC:** Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Glengad Utd v Killea 2pm. Glengad Res v QPS Res 11am. Lotto Draw 27<sup>th</sup> November Numbers 7.9.11.21. €20 winners Kathleen Crua, Ballymena. Eileen Mc Laughlin Bunn, Ellen Mc Daid Bunn. Jackpot €4250. Club have now launched their Monster Christmas Giveaway draw. Check out our facebook page for full list of prizes on offer. Lines on sale from any committee member or players.

**New Malin Head Heritage:** Booklet is now available in all the local shops and pubs and in Mattie's shop in Malin Town priced at €2 Some back issues are available in Mullin's shop if you would like to send them to friends abroad.

**Jesse Tree:** 'Jesse Trees' are in the sanctuaries of each of our churches during the Advent/Christmas Seasons. **Children are invited during the coming weeks to decorate a small seasonal item and place on any tree.** *What is a Jesse Tree?* The Jesse Tree represents the family tree, or genealogy of Jesus Christ. It tells the story of salvation, beginning with creation and continuing through the Old Testament, to the coming of the Messiah. The name comes from Isaiah 11:1, "Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots will bear fruit." Hence it represents the beginning of our salvation history, symbolic of the beginnings of a new Church Year.

**Marriage Humour:** Wife: 'What are you doing?' Husband: Nothing. Wife: 'Nothing . . . ? You've been reading our marriage certificate for an hour.' Husband: 'I was looking for the expiry date.'

**Choices:** Wife: 'Do you want dinner?' Husband: 'Sure! What are my choices?' Wife: 'Yes or no.' **Stress Reliever:** Girl: 'When we get married, I want to share all your worries, troubles and lighten your burden.' Boy: 'It's very kind of you, darling, but I don't have any worries or troubles.' Girl: 'Well that's because we aren't married yet.'