

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

**Sunday 5th January 2014
(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 at 10.30am. and 6pm. Tuesday at 9.30am.
Malin Oratory: Friday at 9.30am.
Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head: Monday at 8pm. Tuesday at 10am.
St. Mary's Church, Lagg: Monday at 10am.

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

Anniversary Mass: For John Mc Laughlin, Shantla in St. Patrick's Church on Saturday 11th January at 6pm.

Anniversary Mass: For Danny Glackin, Belfast in St. Mary's Lagg on Sunday 19th January at 9am.

Anniversary Mass: For Susan Mc Laughlin, Fawn, Malin in St. Patrick's Church on Saturday 25th January 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.

	Aughaclay	Lagg	Malin Head
Parish	558	205	330
Restoration	558	205	330

Parish Fund –	€1093
Restoration Fund –	€1093

Feast of the Epiphany: Feast of the Epiphany falls on Monday the 6th January. **No Vigil Masses as it is Sunday.** Masses on 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.

Requiescat in Pace: We extend our sympathy to the family and relatives of Patricia Mc Laughlin, Urblereagh, Michael Doherty, Carnmalin and Gerry Mc Laughlin Urblereagh/London who died recently.

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

Christmas Box: We extend our thanks for the Christmas Box collection taken up at Christmas.

Revenue Charity Scheme: If you have not yet completed your tax form for rebate of tax for parish funds. We invite you to do so as soon as possible as the returns will be made shortly. Thanks to those who have already generously returned their completed forms. This is a painless opportunity to relieve our parish debt and does not affect your confidentially or tax status.

Lectors/Readers for month of January: *St. Mary's, Lagg Sunday* – Maria Farren. *Star of the Sea Church Vigil* – Rosie Doherty. **Sunday** – Pat Doherty. Missalettes for readers are available in each sacristy for the month.

Hymns at Lagg for Christmas Season: - **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.

Malin Bingo: Bingo is held in St Patrick's Hall, Malin every Sunday night at 8.30pm. Winners for Sunday 22nd December are: €130: J Mc Elhinney, Carndonagh; Kathleen Mc Laughlin, Ballymena, Glengad; Mary Guerin, Glengad. Hampers: Kate O'Connor, Carndonagh and Rose Mc Laughlin, Isle of Doagh. Turkeys: Patrick Mc Pearson, Carndonagh; Alicia O'Connor, Carndonagh; Tommy Doherty, Redcastle; Margaret Mc Daid, Isle of Doagh. **Winners for Sunday 29th December are:** €100: Mickey Mc Daid, Glengad; Daniel Mc Gonagle, Clonmany. €130: Ann Quigley; Mary B Doherty, Glengad; Hannah Mc Gonagle, Ballyheeneey, Malin Head; Nuala Doherty, Malin Well, Malin Head. Next week's Snowball is €500 on 46 numbers; €300 on 48 numbers.

Epiphany: Epiphany is the 'twelfth day' of the Christmas season. It means "manifestation" or "showing forth" as witnessed by the presence of the wise men and the pending baptism by John in the Jordan. The star that guides the wise men to Christ also symbolizes Epiphany, as well as the three gifts they gave to Jesus: **Gold** (fit for a king). **Frankincense** (used to worship at a temple). **Myrrh** (used for embalming). It is also called Theophany ("manifestation of God"), especially by Eastern Christians. It commemorates the first two occasions on which Jesus' divinity, according to Christian belief, was manifested: when the Magi visited the infant Jesus in Bethlehem, and when John the Baptist baptized him in the River Jordan. The Roman Catholic and Protestant churches emphasize the visit of the Magi when they celebrate the Epiphany. The Eastern Orthodox churches focus on Jesus' baptism. Epiphany is one of the oldest Christian feasts. It was celebrated since the end of the second century, before the Christmas holiday was established. Like other Christian seasons, the church appropriated Epiphany from an old pagan festival. As early as 1996 BCE, the Egyptians celebrated the winter solstice (which then occurred on January 6th). It is important to note that the holiday was established prior to the Gregorian calendar's introduction.

Malin Parish Draw: The winners for Sunday 22nd December are: 1. €200: Brendan Doherty, Sheskin, Malin Head. 2. €130: Jimmy Doherty, (Brian), Bunn. 3. €65: Betty Houton, Trenatubber.

The winners for Sunday 29th December are: 1. €200: Mary Jo Mc Clenaghan, Culdaff. 2. €130: Paddy Mc Kinley, Middletown, Malin Head. 3. €65: Brian Doherty, Westown, Malin Head.

Urbleragh 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.

Heritage Social: Next Heritage Social is on Wednesday 15th January (weather permitting). Entry forms for the Living History Competition are available from Tracey Porteous (Malin Head Youth Club), the Community Centre and Mullins Shop. Closing date for completed entries is 27th January.

Five Alive Draw: The winners of the Five Alive Draw for Saturday, 21st December were: Jimmy Ward, Denis and Eileen Glackin; James Quigley and Mari and Peter Kavanagh. The lucky ball number was 2. The winners of the Five Alive Draw for Saturday, 28th December were: Sheila Mc Callion, Mary and Pat Rustard, John Ned and Winnie Deery. The lucky ball number was 40. Thank you to the community for your support and a Happy New Year to all.

New Malin Head Heritage Booklet: The new Malin Head Heritage Booklet is now available in all the local shops and pubs and in Matties' shop in Malin Town priced at 2 euro. Some back issues are available in Mullins' shop if you would like to send them to friends abroad.

Malin Head Community Sports Field Draw: There was no winner of the Malin Head Community Sports Field Draw on Saturday 22nd December. The numbers drawn were 6,1,2,3,4,7,5. The bonus prize of €50 was won by Angela Carr, Bree, Malin Head. There was no winner on Saturday 29th December. The numbers drawn were 5,6,3,1,2,4. The bonus

prize of €50 was won by Margaret Glackin, Bree, Malin Head, with ticket 203. Next week's jackpot is 1750 euro. Thank you for your support.

Malin GAA: No winner of this last week's lotto jackpot of €1450. Sequence drawn was 1-2-5-7-6-3-4. 50 euro winner was Patsy Doyle. 20 euro sellers prize Mc Cleans Bar, Malin. Next week's jackpot stands at €1500 and as always we would like to thank the local community for their continued support of our weekly lotto draw.

'Urbi et Orbi': (To the city and the world) (part of the text of Pope Francis) delivered on Christmas Day: Vatican City. "Dear brothers and sisters in Rome and throughout the whole world, greetings and happy Christmas!" said Pope Francis, who appeared at the central loggia of St. Peter's Basilica to impart to all Christianity his first "Urbi et Orbi" blessing. "Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace among those whom he favours. I take up the song of the angels who appeared to the shepherds in Bethlehem on the night when Jesus was born. It is a song which unites heaven and earth, giving praise and glory to heaven, and the promise of peace to earth and all its people", continued the Holy Father, asking all to "share in this song: it is a song for every man or woman who keeps watch through the night, who hopes for a better world, who cares for others while humbly seeking to do his or her duty". "Glory to God! Above all else, this is what Christmas bids us to do: give glory to God, for he is good, he is faithful, he is merciful. Today I voice my hope that everyone will come to know the true face of God, the Father who has given us Jesus. My hope is that everyone will feel God's closeness, live in his presence, love him and adore him. May each of us give glory to God above all by our lives, by lives spent for love of him and of all our brothers and sisters". "Peace to mankind. True peace - we know this well - is not a balance of opposing forces. It is not a lovely 'facade' which conceals conflicts and divisions. Peace calls for daily commitment, but making peace is an art, starting from God's gift, from the grace which he has given us in Jesus Christ". "Looking at the Child in the manger, Child of peace, our thoughts turn to those children who are the most vulnerable victims of wars, but we think too of the elderly, to battered women, to the sick. ... Wars shatter and hurt so many lives!" exclaimed the Bishop of Rome, who went on to recall those countries devastated by wars and conflicts, as well as natural disasters, and to dedicate some special words for refugees, asylum-seekers and victims of human trafficking.

"Dear brothers and sisters, today, in this world, in this humanity, is born the Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. Let us pause before the Child of Bethlehem. Let us allow our hearts to be touched, let us not fear this. Let us not fear that our hearts be moved. We need this! Let us allow ourselves to be warmed by the tenderness of God; we need his caress. God's caresses do not harm us. They give us peace and strength. We need his caresses. God is full of love: to him be praise and glory forever! God is peace: let us ask him to help us to be peacemakers each day, in our life, in our families, in our cities and nations, in the whole world. Let us allow ourselves to be moved by God's goodness". Before imparting his blessing, the Holy Father said: "To you, dear brothers and sisters, gathered from throughout the world in this Square, and to all those from different countries who join us through the communications media, I offer my cordial best wishes for a Merry Christmas!"

"On this day illumined by the Gospel hope which springs from the humble stable of Bethlehem, I invoke the Christmas gift of joy and peace upon all: upon children and the elderly, upon young people and families, the poor and the marginalised. May Jesus, who was born for us, console all those afflicted by illness and suffering; may he sustain those who devote themselves to serving our brothers and sisters who are most in need. Happy Christmas to all!" (Happy New Year).