

**Parish of Malin (Clonca)
The Ascension of the Lord**

**Sunday 17th May 2015
(Year B – Psalter – Week 3)**

Email items for the bulletin should reach parish web address 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:	No Mass.
Malin Oratory:	No Mass.
Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head:	Tuesday at 10am.
St. Mary's Church, Lagg:	No Mass.

Saints Days:

Monday 18 th May:	St John 1
Wednesday 20 th May:	St Bernardine
Friday 22 nd May:	St Rita of Cascia

Month's Mind Mass: For Fred O'Donnell, Dunegard in Star of the Sea Church on Saturday 16th May at 8pm.

Anniversary Mass: For Neil Mc Laughlin, Lematuder in St. Patrick's Church on Saturday 16th May at 6pm.

Anniversary Mass: For Grace Doherty, Lower Braghey in Star of the Sea Church on Saturday 30th May at 8pm.

Anniversary Mass: For Richard Douglas, Carthage Mountain in St. Patrick's Church on Sunday 7th June at 10.30am.

First Anniversary Mass: For James Higgins, Dublin and Drumcarbit in St. Mary's Church on Sunday 7th June at 9am.

First Anniversary Mass: For Teresa McDaid, Milbrook Terrace, Malin in St. Patrick's Church on Saturday 20th June at 6pm.

Anniversary Mass: For Patrick Doherty, Black Mountain in St. Mary's Church on Sunday 21st June at 9am.

First Anniversary Mass: For Danny Mc Daid, Glentoskert in St. Patrick's Church on Sunday 28th June at 10.30am.

Referendum 2015 - A statement from Bishop Donal McKeown - May 12th 2015

The Constitution of the nation is the property of everyone.

* Its content is to be decided by the whole people, and not at the insistence of Church authorities or of any other interest groups.

* In discussing such key questions, Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict have said that the task of the Church is not to attempt to impose its will, but to help civic society "to purify reason".

The marriage referendum proposes a major constitutional change because it involves altering the traditionally accepted understanding of marriage and the family, with father and mother, as the natural primary and fundamental unit group of society. (Constitution, para 41.1.1). This does not deny or devalue other sorts of family – but a special position is given to the role of the traditional family unit in building society.

Those who propose the change have the task of showing, beyond reasonable doubt, that the proposed change will improve the context for the raising of children and the overall stability of society.

I believe that those who argue for a ‘yes’ vote have not shown any compelling evidence that the proposed redefinition of marriage will promote a better society for all its citizens. Indeed, there are many reasons to believe that this would damage the common good and make it very difficult for citizens to advocate traditional marriage in schools and other public fora. In any constitutional referendum, the burden must surely rest with those who argue for change, and this proposed amendment does involve a significant change in our national understanding of marriage. As the Irish Bishops have said, “Marriage is important – reflect before you change it.”

Donal McKeown (Bishop of Derry)

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	601	170	320
Restoration	601	175	325

Parish Fund –	€1,091
Restoration Fund –	€1,101

First Holy Communion: Congratulations to all the children of the parish who recently made their First Holy Communion and to their parents and teachers for preparing them for this important stage of their journey in faith.

Malin Parish Baptism Preparation Group will be meeting parents and godparents on Thursday 28th May, Thursday 25th June, Thursday 23rd July and Thursday 27th August at 8:30pm in Connolly Home. The purpose is to help parents understand the meaning and importance of baptism in our journey of faith and to support them in their role as parents. In a relaxed and informal gathering we hope that it will be an enjoyable experience for all.

Marriage Referendum informational evening: A public meeting in the Malin Hotel on Monday 18th May at 7.30pm. Coffee , tea and biscuits. Everybody welcome. Guest speakers: Bishop Donal McKeown of the Derry Diocese ; Anne Murray and Paddy Scully of Catholic Comment, Cork.

Foyer of Light, Charity & Love. 5 Day Silent Retreat. Theme: “ If you but knew the gift of God...” Preached by Fr. Kilian Byrne. Cost: €395, full board. La Verna Retreat Centre, Rossnowlagh, Co. Donegal, from 22nd June until 28th June 2015. For more dates, information and bookings contact Helen at 0861678027, www.foyerofcharity.ie. The retreats address those who search for God, or those who wish to progress in their life of faith, of prayer and their apostolate.

A Day Retreat for Senior Citizens and their friends will take place in the Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, on Wednesday 20th May. For booking contact: 71 262512.

World Youth Day 2016: World Youth Day, founded by Saint John Paul II, is the largest gathering of its kind in the world. It is celebrated every three years, each year moving to a

different country, with the Pope presiding over the event. WYD is an excellent opportunity for young people from across our diocese to come together, in fellowship, with other young Catholics from around the world, to share and engage in their faith. Next year, WYD will be held in Kraków, Poland from 24th - 31st July 2016. If you are aged between 18 - 35 and would like to be part of this Derry Diocesan pilgrimage, then please register your interest at wyd@derrydiocese.org or alternatively, contact The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 02871 264087.

Holy Family Pilgrimage to Medjugorje and Dubrovnik: Departing Belfast 20th September choice of 4 days in Medjugorje and 3 days Dubrovnik [price £599] or 7 days in Medjugorje [price £519]. Phone Margaret at 07732468511 or Parochial House 71267070.

The **Malin GAA:** There was no winner of this week's lotto jackpot of €1,350. Sequence drawn was 1-2-4-7-5-6-3. €50 winner was Eileen McLaughlin, Anchor Lodge, Carrowmore, Malin. The €20 seller prize went to Ronan McLaughlin, Anchor Lodge, Carrowmore, Malin. Next week's jackpot is €1,400.

Malin Gaa annual sports will take place on Sunday 31st May in Connolly Park @2pm. The nominated charities are: The Parkinsons Association of Ireland (Donegal branch) and Multiple Sclerosis Society (North West Services). Lots of fun and games for all the family.

Malin Head Community Sports Field Draw: The jackpot was not won in the Malin Head Community Sports Field Draw on Sunday 10th May. The bonus prize of €50 was won by Niall Fildara, with ticket number 77. The numbers drawn were 4-1-2-3-7-6-5. Next week's jackpot is €1,900.

Malin Head Community Associations 5 Alive Draw: There are still places available and we would appreciate your support. The winning number for Saturday 10th May is 2. Winners this week are Bridie and Willie Jimmy Roe in Draw 1 and we have nine spaces left in Draw 2, which has just started, and this is one of them. Thank you to the community for your continued support.

Malin Parish Draw: The winners for Sunday 10th May are: 1. €200: Mary Kelly, Glengad. 2. €130: Bridie Doherty, Killourt, Malin Head. 3. €65: Denis Kelly, Killourt, Malin Head.

Malin Bingo: Bingo is held in St Patrick's Hall, Malin every Sunday night at 8.30pm. Winners for Sunday 10th May are: €65: Bridget Harkin, Carnmalin, Malin Head. €130: Mary Mc Carron, Gleneely; Patricia Mc Pherson, Carndonagh; Betty Houton, Culdaff and Moyra Doherty, Clonmany. Next week's Snowball is €500 on 46 numbers; €300 on 48 numbers.

Playdays Community Childcare requires a Playleader from September 2015. Applicants must have at least Childcare Level 6 qualification and experience in a Pre-school setting. Send CV to playdaysplayschool@hotmail.com by 27th May 2015 and interviews will be in June.

Monster Whist Drive: St. Mary's national school, Malin Head are holding a Monster Whist Drive on Sunday 31st May in Malin Head Community Centre. Tickets are €5 and will be available from any parent or call Hannah on 0877642566.

A "Songs n' Soccer" fund raising quiz will take place in the Arch Inn, Carn on Friday 29th May at 9.30 sharp to raise fund for the treatment of 2 year old Aoife Wood, Manchester. Aoife is the grand-daughter of Denis McLaughlin (Manny), Trenatubber, Culdaff. Your support will be appreciated.