

Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 23rd August 2015
Twenty - First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B – Psalter – Week 1)

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: Monday and Tuesday at 9.30am.
Malin Oratory: Friday at 10am.
Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head: Monday and Tuesday at 10am.
St. Mary's Church, Lagg: Thursday at 9.30am.

Saints Days:

Monday 24th August: St Bartholomew
Thursday 27th August: St Monica
Friday 28th August: St Augustine

Anniversary Mass: For Edward McCole, Camata in St. Patrick's Church on Saturday 29th August at 6pm.

Month's Mind Mass: For Anne Toland, Westown in Star of the Sea Church on Saturday 29th August 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	520	185	310
Restoration	520	185	305

Parish Fund –	€1,015
Restoration Fund –	€1,010

Visitation of the Sick: Fr Devlin will attend the sick in his area on Monday 24th August in the afternoon.

Cemetery Sunday: Thanks to the Stewards, FAS workers, musicians and readers who helped with the Prayer services in Aughaclay and Lagg. Thanks to all Parishioners for your commitment to maintaining your family graves in such good condition.

Malin Head Sports: Thanks to all those who gave time and energy to ensuring the success of the Sports. €4,224 (less expenses) was raised for Malin Parish Funds.

Malin Parish Baptism Preparation Group will be meeting parents and godparents on 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.

Malin Parish Pilgrimage to Knock on Saturday 26th September as part of the Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage. Early booking essential. Contact William Doherty 086 0629085 or email: dohertywilliam@hotmail.com. Full details and price later.

Bus to Knock for Our Lady of Miraculous Medal on Saturday 12th September overnight stay for Grandparents day on 13th September. Full cost £90 or €120 for accommodation, meals and bus. Payment in advance. Tel. N.I. 00353749320734 or 003537856427403 from R.O.I. Tel. 0749320734 or 0892245598

Bus to Knock for Padre Pio leaving 19th September returning 20th September. Full cost £90 or €120 for accommodation, meals and bus. Payment in advance. Tel N.I. 00353749320734 or 003537856427403 or R.O.I. Tel. 0749320734 or 0892245598.

Malin GAA: Radio NaGaeltachta Senior Championship fixture: Sunday 23rd August - Glenswilly V Malin in Glenswilly at 3pm, reserves at 1.30pm. All support welcome. There was no winner of this week's jackpot of €2,050. The numbers drawn were 5-1-2-3-7-4-6 and the €50 winner was Niely Doherty (Paul) with the €20 seller's prize going to Lily's Bar. Next week's jackpot is €2,100.

Malin Head Heritage: Local National Schools - Malin Head, Urblereagh, Goorey and Keenagh, display of photos, roll books, folklore stories, reminiscences from former teachers and pupils in Malin Head hall on this Saturday after 8pm Mass until 10pm and on Sunday 3pm until 7pm. Admission €2 which includes tea. Don't forget your glasses.

Malin Presbyterian Church are hosting an afternoon tea, each Saturday in August in their Church Hall in Lagg, from 2.30pm - 5pm. Everyone welcome. Come along and enjoy the tea and baked goodies.

Fun Quiz in Farren's Bar every Wednesday night in aid of local charities.

The Cairn Theatre Group presents "The Light of other Days" in The Cairn, Greencastle. Every Tuesday evening at 8pm (to the end of September). The highs and lows of life in the Irish countryside with popular songs, humorous drama and Irish dance. Enquiries: Tel: 9381104.

Music and Friendship Evening at 8.15pm each evening. Talented musicians and special guests. Admission free and refreshments available. Sunday 23rd August in The Malin Hotel - Teddy Doherty, country gospel music and singing. Friday 28th August in The Tul Na Rí, Carndonagh -Gospel music and singing with family and children's group; John Mulhern 'Pack up your troubles and give them to Jesus' Sunday 30th August - Popular worship songs with Neil Shaw and Ricky Henry 'A New Beginning'

Inishowen Development Partnership are delivering a FETAC Spreadsheet Methods (Excel) Level 4 course which will be held in the Sliabh Sneacht Centre, Drumfries starting on

Monday 7th September from 7pm – 10pm x 10 wks. For more information about this course, or to register a place for yourself please ring Katie or Maureen on 074 9362218 or email reception@inishowen.ie

C.C.S. Bookshop will be open on Thursday, 27th August from 3pm to 5.30pm. Students should check the school website for details of timetables and school re-opening.

Summer Serenity at the IOSAS Centre, Muff, Co Donegal on Wednesday 26th August at 12.30pm. Come and join us for lunch, a guided tour of the Celtic Prayer Garden, music and song. All welcome. Booking is essential: (00353) 749384866 or goldenagecentre@hotmail.com Cost: €10/£8 On Friday 28th August at 6.30pm the Celtic Garden will transform into a music trail celebrating our rich cultural heritage with some of the north west's finest musicians, singers and storytellers. Light refreshments served in IOSAS Centre, after this event. All welcome. Booking is essential: (00353) 74 93 84866 or goldenagecentre@hotmail.com Cost: €7 /£6

Inishowen Women's Information Network will hold an AGM in their offices 18 Millbrae Heights, Carndonagh, Co.Donegal on Friday 4th September at 7pm all welcome.

THE QUILT

As I faced my Maker at last judgement, I knelt before the Lord along with the other souls . Before each of us laid our lives, like the squares of a quilt. An angel sat before each of us sewing our quilt squares together into a tapestry that is our life. But as my angel took each piece of cloth off the pile, I noticed how ragged and empty each of my squares was. They were filled with giant holes. Each square was labeled with a part of my life that had been difficult, the challenges and temptations I was faced with in everyday life. I saw hardships that I endured, which were the largest holes of all. I glanced around me. Nobody else had such squares. Other than a tiny hole here and there, the other tapestries were filled with rich color and all the bright hues of worldly fortune. I gazed upon my own life and was disheartened. My angel was sewing the ragged pieces of cloth together, threadbare and empty like binding air. Finally the time came when each life was to be displayed, held up to the light, the scrutiny of the truth ...The others rose, each in turn, holding up their tapestries. So filled their lives had been. My angel looked upon me, and nodded for me to rise. My gaze dropped to the ground in shame. I hadn't had all the earthly fortunes. I had love in my life, and laughter. But there had also been trials of illness and death, and false accusations that took from me my world as I knew it.

I had to start over many times. I often struggled with the temptation to quit, only to somehow muster the strength to pick up and begin again. I had spent many lonely nights on my knees in prayer, asking for help and guidance in my life. I had often been held up to ridicule, which I endured painfully: each time offering it up to the Father in hopes that I would not melt within my skin beneath the judgemental gaze of those who unfairly judged me.

And now, I had to face the truth. My life was what it was, and I had to accept it for what it had been...I rose and slowly lifted the combined squares of my life to the light. An awe-filled gasp filled the air. I gazed around at the others who stared at me with eyes opened wide. Then I looked upon the tapestry before me. Light flooded the many holes, creating an image, The

Face of Christ. Then our Lord stood before me, with love and warmth in his eyes. He said: "Every time you gave over your life to me, it became my life, my hardships, and my struggles. Each point of light in your life is when you stepped aside and let me shine thru, until there was more of me than there was of you." (**Author Unknown**)

A careless word may kindle strife. A cruel word may wreck a life
A timely word may level stress. A loving word may heal and bless.