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**Mass Times**

*St. Patrick's Church - Saturday 6pm Sunday 10:30am*

*Star of the Sea Church - Saturday 8pm Sunday 12 noon*

*St. Mary's Church - Sunday 9am*

**Weekday Masses:**

*St. Patrick's Church, Aughaclay:*

*Malin Oratory:*

*Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head:*

*St. Mary's Church, Lagg:*

Monday at 7pm and Tuesday at 10am

Friday at 10am with Adoration Prayer until 6pm

Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 10am

Wednesday 9.30am

**Stations of the Cross on Sunday at 6pm in Star of the Sea, Malin Head.**

**Holy & Saints Days:** Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March: *St. Cyril* Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March: *St. Joseph* Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March: *St. Enda* Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: *St. Turibius of Mongrovejo* Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March: *St. Macartan*

**Anniversary Mass:** Danny & Francis Mc Daid, Bunn on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 9am in St Mary's Church.

**Anniversary Mass:** Ellen Nora Doherty, Malin Head on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 12 Noon in Star of the Sea Church.

**First Anniversary:** Steven McColgan, on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 8pm in St Patrick's Aughaclay

**Anniversary Mass:** Sadie Mc Ginley, Ballygorman on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.

**Anniversary Mass:** Mary Merchant, Killourt on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 12 Noon in Star of the Sea Church.

**Anniversary Mass:** Packie Monagle, Letteror on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 9am in St Mary's Church.

**Confessions:** Saturday in St. Patrick's Church, 5.15pm - 5.45pm and Star of the Sea Church at 7.15pm -7.45pm.

Parishioners are very welcome to make an appointment for confession with any of the priests outside of advertised times.

	<b>Aughaclay</b>	<b>Lagg</b>	<b>Malin Head</b>
<b>Parish</b>	635	210	250
<b>Restoration</b>	635	210	250

Parish Fund –	€ 1095
Restoration Fund –	€ 1095

**Visitation of the Sick: Fr Devlin and Fr Logue will attend the sick on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March.**

**Prayer Day for Marriage and Family Life.** Next Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March we once again pray continuously over 24 hours for Marriage & Family Life. Last Sunday we celebrated Mothers Day so our theme this month is 'All Mothers'. The joy of love: (Pope Francis) A mother joins with God to bring forth the miracle of a new life. Motherhood is the fruit of a “particular creative potential of the female body, directed to the conception and birth of a new human being”. (168) Mothers are the strongest antidote to the spread of self-centred individualism. It is they who testify to the beauty of life. Dear mothers, thank you. Thank you for what you are in your family and for what you give to the Church and the world. (174) A mother who watches over her child with tenderness and compassion helps her or him to grow in confidence and to experience that the world is a good and welcoming place. (175)

**Questions:**

1. How do we, as Christians, value the gift of motherhood? 2. How can we help mothers to share their experiences of being mothers? 3. How can we raise the level of appreciation for the gift of motherhood in a society that plays down the value of self-giving? 4. How can we, as a parish, celebrate the importance of women, and consequently, mothers in transforming the world in which we live?

**Parish Lenten Programme:** The six-session parish conversation is a parish-based programme that explores key messages from The Joy of Love, letter of Pope Francis. At 7pm in Connolly Home and lasts one hour.

**A Public Meeting on the theme of Valuing Every Human Life will be held in the Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana on Sunday 8th of April at 7pm. With a very important referendum on the 8th Amendment coming up it is vital that we would inform ourselves of the serious issues involved. All are welcome.**

**A meeting will be held on Sat. 24th March at 7pm in the PLAZA Buncrana: Speakers are John Waters renowned Irish journalist/author, Fr. Marcel philosopher USA and Kathy Sinnott former MEP, Subject: what is happening in Ireland if the 8th Amendment goes.**

## **'Our Common Humanity' statement of the Spring 2018 General Meeting of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference**

As pastors we are aware that the conversation about unborn life is sensitive, delicate and, indeed, painful for many. We offer our reflections with the greatest of respect for everyone while wishing to make some points clearly and unambiguously.

**Fundamental right:** Every one of us has a right to our life. It is not given to us by the Constitution of Ireland or by any law. We have it 'as of right', whether we are wealthy or poor, healthy or sick. All human beings have it. For us as a society to now declare that any category of human being should have that right taken from them would be a shocking step. It effectively says that unborn children do not exist or, if they do, they do not count. That is a manifest injustice.

**Life begins at conception:** At every point, from conception on, the baby has the potential to realise the fullness of life that God intended. All that is needed is time and nurturing. Today we see more clearly that human life begins at conception. There is no later stage in a baby's development where we can say, 'up until now the foetus was not a person and now it has become a baby'.

**Are we allowing ourselves to be desensitised?** Making abortion freely available desensitises people to the value of every human life. The scientific evidence about the beginning of human life has never been clearer. It is, therefore, a great irony that we in Ireland are for the first time in our history losing our clarity about the right to life of the unborn. Knowledge about the mysterious workings of DNA and the stunningly vivid evidence of ultrasound images of little persons in the earliest weeks in the womb should be making us more committed than ever to the protection of unborn life.

**Choose life:** The child in the womb has life and potential. However, like all babies, before birth or in the early years, she or he has no choice. Powerless to defend themselves they rely on the rest of us to protect their lives and vindicate their rights. By using the word 'choice' we need to remember that, for the baby waiting to be born, the choice we make can be a matter of life or death.

**Two lives, one love:** An expectant mother needs and deserves the care and support of everyone around her, particularly if her pregnancy poses a serious crisis for her and her family. A mother may be informed that her baby faces serious challenges or is perhaps terminally ill. She might be pregnant as a result of rape. Especially in those tragic cases both the mother and her unborn child can – and must – be loved and cherished.

A compassionate society will do all in its power to support and love the mother and baby, and encourage responsible support from fathers. This vision of life makes sense to people of all faiths and none. While it is enriched by our Catholic faith, it is our common humanity that convinces us of the right to life of every human being.

**A declaration of equality:** Article 40.3.3 is a declaration of equality and respect for human life. It represents, at the very foundations and substructure of our laws, a conviction that all human life is worth cherishing equally. To repeal this Article would leave unborn children at the mercy of whatever permissive abortion laws might be introduced in Ireland in the future.

We invite people of faith to pray earnestly that Ireland will "choose life" and that the lives of all women and their unborn children will always be loved, valued, welcomed and respected in this country.

**Malin Parish CEP Ltd** has a vacancy for an office administrator on their current project. This position is based in the Malin Head Community Centre. DSP rules apply. Call Danny on 0868124568 or John on 0749370605 or the Malin head Community centre on 074 9370478

**Tenders from registered painting & decorating contractors** are invited for painting of school building and boundary walls at Scoil Naomh Mhuire, Malin Head. Details from school Principal. Tenders to be submitted by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018. Contact no 074 9370277.

**Malin Social Centre** would love to welcome new members at K and M Connolly Foundation, Malin from 11am to 4pm. Every Wednesday they have a full day of activities, and music by local artists. Transport is provided for all of the Malin area. Lunch and tea included for € 5. Come along and enjoy a day out! Contact Helen on 086 0333100 or Eleanor on 086 8370154 or just call in on Wednesdays.

**The Malin head Community Centre** has vacancies for workers under the TUS Scheme or the Rural social scheme, contact the Centre on 074 9370478 or by email at malinheadcom@gmail.com for more information

**Malin GAA: Lotto** There was no winner of this week's lotto jackpot of €1400. The numbers drawn were 3-6-2-1-7-4-5 and the €50 winner was Ann Gallagher, Muff, Culdaff with the seller's prize going to Jamie McLaughlin (Fildara). Next week's jackpot is €1450. **Easter Camp:** This year's Easter camp will take place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April from 10:00am-2:00pm each day. This is for children aged 5-13 and the price is €30 for the 1st child, €25 for each additional child. Registration for the camp will take place on Sunday 1st of April from 11:30am-12:30pm. All enquiries to Danny Lafferty on 0868988180.

**Bocan Drama Club** with this year's play, "Nobody talking to me", a comedy by Tommy Marren and based on past experiences this will be a fun show in Malin Head Community Centre on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March .Doors open at 7:30 8pm. Last Show.