

Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 15th March 2020
Third Sunday of Lent (Year A Week 3)

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All Parish Masses, Sundays and Weekdays are cancelled until 29th March.

Pastoral Statement from the Bishop of Derry

The Coronavirus has created a lot of worry for many people. Matters are further complicated in this diocese by different approaches taken by the Irish and UK governments. As a Church in this cross-border diocese, we have two key pastoral priorities at this time. Firstly, we wish to take all measures within our control to minimise the spread of the virus. Secondly, and equally importantly, we want to offer widespread pastoral support and encouragement, rather than merely adding to fear.

A. Precautionary measures

1. Parishioners, clergy and pastoral staff should avoid being with others in public places if they show symptoms of illness, as identified by public health authorities.
2. The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is removed until further notice. The normal routine of weekend Masses is suspended.
3. Parish Confirmation ceremonies are being suspended until further notice.
4. Further guidance will be given at a later date regarding arrangements for First Communion.
5. Funeral ceremonies will be made available for all the deceased, in accordance with public health requirements. However, these should take place for immediate family members and not more than 100 people.
6. Marriage ceremonies will continue to be celebrated. However, those in attendance should be fewer than 100.
7. Baptisms will continue to be celebrated, again with no more than 100 present in the Church. The celebrant will take all appropriate measures to mitigate the possibility of virus transmission, in accordance with public health advice.

B. Pastoral response

1. Because of the widespread fear and uncertainty, this is a time when intense spiritual and pastoral care is essential.
2. Priests should continue to celebrate weekend Masses privately, remembering, in particular, all of those who are most affected by the virus as well as the dedicated services of health care workers and carers.
3. Churches should remain open and promote a prayerful environment through
 - a. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.
 - b. Ample opportunities for parishioners to pray, celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation or seek spiritual counsel.
 - c. Access to ample supply of Holy Water for those who wish to take it for personal use. However, Holy Water should not be present in the holy water fonts
4. Those who are unable to attend weekend Masses in their parish are encouraged to mark Sunday as well as they can by participating in Masses which are transmitted by radio, television or webcams. A list of churches in this diocese with webcams will be available on www.derrydiocese.org.
5. Parishes are encouraged to maximise the use of devices such as webcams to develop and publicise a range of prayer moments during each day.

This advice will be reviewed daily in the light of public health advice from the relevant statutory authorities.

+ Donal McKeown
Bishop of Derry

This is an occasion for all of us – especially in families – to pray more intensely for each other and especially for those who have succumbed to the illness. We should pray also for those at the frontlines – especially doctors, nurses and medical staff and other carers, including clergy – that the Lord will protect them as they place their own wellbeing at risk in the service of all.

Extract from Saint Patrick's Breastplate

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.

Collections for last week: Thank You.

	<i>Aughaclay</i>	<i>Malin Head</i>	<i>Lagg</i>
<i>Parish</i>	560	270	170
<i>Restoration</i>	560	270	165

Parish Fund –	€ 1,000
Restoration Fund –	€ 995

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Parish day of Prayer for Marriage & Family Life: On Friday next the 20th March, our parish of Malin prays for the 24 hours for Marriage & Family Life. Our Proposed Theme for March is 'All Mothers'. The joy of love: (Pope Francis). 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) Everyone is invited to join in this prayer, either by taking on an hour, or by including this intention in their own prayer during that day. www.malinparish.ie

Our Annual Mass of Healing and Anointing of the Sick: is postponed until later.

Confirmation: Confirmation Pledge in St. Patrick's Church is postponed until later.

MALIN PARISH BINGO CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Donegal Diabetes Association would like to thank the Parish for their kind donation of €381.26 & £1.26.

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service is currently recruiting volunteers to train as Marriage Preparation Facilitators. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to info@accord.ie The closing date for application forms is Friday 15th May.

Malin Bingo is held every Sunday night in St. Patrick's Hall, Malin 8th March are: €50: Barbara Mc Laughlin, Culdaff. €100: Francis Mc Daid, Carndonagh; Paddy Doherty, Glengad. The snowball is €500 on 46 numbers and €300 on 48 numbers.

Malin Parish Draw: 8th March 1. €200: Jesse Farren Cannon, Carndonagh. 2. €100: Claire Crua, Culdaff. 3. €50: Sally Farren, Urblereagh, Malin Head.

Scoil Cholmcille, Glengad are collecting Aldi Play Rugby and Subervalu Stickers. Can be left in school or Lafferty's.

Glengad Community Centre: Feedback required on survey on Facebook or phone 074 93 79969 to get a printout.

Malin Head Community Centre: The Beekeeping Coarse begins on Sat 14th March at 11am in Malin Head Community Centre and continues every other Saturday with Glengad Community Centre. This Coarse is for 8 weeks. €40

Bocan Drama Group presents 'Widow's Paradise' at Malin Head Community Centre on tonight Sunday 15th March at 7.30pm.

Malin Development Association have currently two positions available for ground workers. Please contact Hughie at 0863543210 for more information. Usual conditions apply.

Malin Head Community Association 5Alive Draw for 29th February. The winning number was ball number 40: Fr Logue. 7th March. The winning number was ball number 26: John Mc Gilloway, Lowerbraghey. Thank you to the community for your support.

Malin Foot Clinic: Kate Monagle, chiropodist / podiatrist Chiropodist on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at the Michael & Kathleen Connolly Malin Social Centre. for appointment please call Kate: 087 9700 008.