

Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 2nd 2020
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A Week 1)

Fr. Peter Devlin P.P. Fr Charley Logue C.C. Mass Times
Malin Malin Head St. Patrick's Church - Saturday 6pm, Sunday 10:30am
074 93 70615 074 93 70134 Star of the Sea Church - Saturday 8pm, Sunday 12 noon
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Weekday Masses:

St. Patrick's Church, Aughaclay: Monday ,Tuesday ,Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 7:30pm.
Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head: No Mass
St. Mary's Church, Lagg: No Mass

Details on the times of online Masses and Prayers for the Covid 19 Crisis: <https://www.catholicbishops.ie>
Memorial Mass for Bridget Crowley, Ballymena at 7 30pm n Friday 7th August in st Patrick's Aughaclay.
Anniversary Mass: Bill Coffey, Kilourt on Friday 14th August, at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head.

Holy & Saints Days: 18th – 8th August: Tuesday: *St. John Mary Vianney* Wednesday: *The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major* Thursday: *The Transfiguration of the Lord* Friday: *Ss. Cajetan, Sixtus II & Companions* Saturday: *St. Dominic*

Parishioners are reminded to use sanitiser on entering and leaving our churches, and to practise social distancing at all times. Please do not gather at the doors or outside the church entrances.
Parishioners are strongly encouraged to attend one of these 10 weekday masses available during the week.

Sincere Thanks to those who have sent in their collection envelopes, cheques and donations for the Parish during the past week. Please make cheques payable to "Malin Parochial".

Collections for last week: Thank You.

	<i>Aughaclay</i>	<i>Malin Head</i>	<i>Lagg</i>
<i>Parish</i>	4230	185	185
<i>Restoration</i>	4225	185	185

Parish Fund –	€ 4600
Restoration Fund –	€ 4595

Messenger Magazine is available free online: www.messenger.ie

Cleaners for Star of the Sea Church in August: Eileen McLaughlin, Margaret McLaughlin and Teresa Woods.

The Net – July-August 2020: The July-August edition of 'The Net' will only be available on the Diocesan website at this stage - <https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/the-net-july-august-2020>.

The Parish Draw: The Parish Draw is a very important part of parish fundraising and particularly at this time. Promoters are asked to bring returns for the second half of the year to the Parochial House, Drumcarbit on Monday 10th August, 8-9pm.

Theology, Spirituality and Religious Experience: We are taking registrations now for the second running of our online Summer School starting on August 10th. The course consists of 10 online lectures by Fr. Pat Collins C.M. given over two weeks . 'your talks are refreshing me, rekindling my spirit and renewing my enthusiasm.... Refocusing on the centrality of religious experience is vital and extremely helpful'. 'The eyes of my mind have also been enlightened, as I gained a fresh understanding, from a range of Christian and other perspectives, of the nature of genuine religious experience as well as of the inherent dangers that can lie within that approach'.

Here is the Link: <https://bit.ly/2BYPmXa>.

Gospel Matthew 14:13-21 The loaves and fishes foreshadow the Eucharist, the true bread of life

When Jesus heard of the death of John the Baptist, he withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. The crowds heard of this and followed him on foot from their towns. When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick.

When it was evening, the disciples approached him and said, "This is a deserted place and it is already late; dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves." But they said to him,

“Five loaves and two fish are all we have here. ” Then he said, “Bring them here to me, ” and he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass.

Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the fragments left over — twelve wicker baskets full. Those who ate were about five thousand men, not counting women and children.

Hungers of body and spirit

The crowds in today’s gospel had nothing to eat, but our Lord knew they had another hunger apart from that of the stomach. They followed Jesus, listening to every word he spoke, and in none of the stories does it say that they were bothered about food for the body. In today’s episode, it is the apostles who expressed this concern, on behalf of the people. In another place it says that Jesus “looked at the crowd, and felt sorry for them, because they had been with him for several days, and had nothing to eat.” Yet the twin hungers in today’s world are for meaning as well as for food.

Jesus sets the apostles a seemingly impossible challenge. When they point out the lack of food he tells them to feed the people themselves. This, of course, cannot be done, and they tell him so. He then taught them, and us, a basic lesson: “Whatever you have is enough. Just let me have it, and I will do the rest.” At Cana, all they had was water, and it was all he needed; He would do the rest. In another version of this story, where one of the apostles says “We only have a few loaves and some fish, but what is that among so many?” The temptation was to put the loaves and fish back in the bag.

There is power in the actions of Jesus as he says a prayer and begins distributing the bread. Before he called Lazarus forth from the tomb, he raised his eyes to heaven, and said “I thank you, Father, that you have heard me.” It was his constant contact with the Father that inspired his actions. At his baptism in the Jordan he had heard the Father’s voice saying “This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased.” He lived constantly with the Father’s approval, even when everyone else rejected him. What a lesson this is for all of us! In commissioning his apostles, later on, he would tell them to feed the hungry. Because he came “to do and to teach,” that is why he fed the hungry before sending his disciples to do the same.

It is a scandal that so large a part of today’s world is made up of hungry people. Most of us have more than we need of money, clothes, food, etc. We may not have as much as we want, but we have more than we need. There is a struggle here, and there is a tension from which we cannot escape. “Whatever you do for the least of these, I will take as being done for me.” The decisions to walk in the Christian Way removes many of my options and choices. Christianity is much more than just saying prayers. It is also a call to action. It is a call to do as Jesus would do. I cannot read today’s gospel and remain indifferent or detached.

“It is in giving that we receive.” When we give, we discover that we are not at a loss. It is an extraordinary paradox, but it is literally me. I will never know this until I try it. How do you consider yourself in the whole area of responsibility for the welfare of others? We are all familiar with the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, Concern, Goal, etc., and we may admire what they do. But we must go beyond admiration and become willing to imitate, and follow their example. Christianity is about witnessing, and in the witnessing is the invitation to “go and do likewise.” The opposite to love is not hatred, but indifference. If God is love, and I am indifferent, then I must seriously examine where God is in my life. This is a fundamental and basic question that must be asked, and it must be answered.

Honk Your Horn Bingo

Malin GAA and Malin Parish are hosting their first ever Honk Your Horn Bingo event in Connolly Park this weekend. There will be some excellent prize money on offer, so if you are a regular bingo player or someone who just would like to try something different for a change, make your way to Connolly Park and help support both your parish and local GAA club. Proceedings get underway at 6pm clock sharp on Sunday the 2nd August.

Malin GAA: Our Senior footballers take on Buncrana on Sunday in the Intermediate Championship. Unfortunately the game is all ticket due to Covid restrictions due it will be streamed live on the Buncrana GAA Facebook page. Throw in at 3pm. Lotto: We held our first lotto draw since the Covid pandemic last weekend. Sequence drawn were 5, 7, 3, 2, 1, 6, 4. There was no jackpot winner, with the €50 Prize going to Paul Donaghy, Crackna. Next weeks lotto jackpot is €750 and as always we would like to thank the local community for their continued support of our weekly lotto draw. Envelopes are just €2 or 3 for €5 euro and are available in most pubs and shops in the area and also from our band of young eager sellers.