

**Parish of Malin (Clonca)      Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 2020**  
**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time      (Year A Week 2)**

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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:*      Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at 7 30pm  
**Feast of The Assumption, Friday 6pm, Saturday 10 30am**

*Star of the Sea, Malin Head:*      **Feast of The Assumption Friday at 8pm and Saturday at 12 Noon**  
*St. Mary's Church, Lagg:*      **Feast of The Assumption Saturday at 9am**

**Details on the times of online Masses and Prayers for the Covid 19 Crisis: <https://www.catholicbishops.ie>**  
**Anniversary Mass:** Bill Coffey, Kilourt on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August, at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head.

**Holy & Saints Days: 9<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> August:** Sunday: *Ss. Nathy & Felim*    Monday: *St. Lawrence*    Tuesday: *St. Clare*  
 Wednesday: *SS. Jane Frances de Chantal, Lelia, Attracta & Muredach*    Thursday: *SS. Fachtna, Pontian & Hippolytus*  
 Friday: *St. Maximilian Kolbe*    Saturday: *The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary*

**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 the 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 few weeks:**

	<i>Aughaclay</i>	<i>Malin Head</i>	<i>Lagg</i>
<b>Parish</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>550</b>
<b>Restoration</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>450</b>

Parish Fund –	€ 2070
Restoration Fund –	€ 1970

**Messenger Magazine** is available free online: [www.messenger.ie](http://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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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>.

**Honk Your Horn Bingo** in association with Malin GAA and Malin Parish continues in Connolly Park on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Aug. A 12 paged books cost just €10 with some great cash prizes on offer. Proceedings get underway at 6pm clock sharp, while gates opening at 5.15pm.

**Malin GAA:** Our senior footballers take on N. Colmcille in the Intermediate Championship on Sunday Aug 9<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Due to Covid restrictions, admittance is by ticket only. **Lotto:** There was no winner of this weeks lotto draw, which was once again broadcast live on facebook. Sequence drawn was 1-5-4-7-6-2-3. There was no jackpot winner, with the €50 Prize going to Siobhan Deery, Malin Town. Next weeks lotto jackpot is €800 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.

## **Gospel: Matthew 14:23-33**

### **When Peter begins to sink Jesus chides him for his lack of faith**

**Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.**

**Immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."**

#### **If the wind dies**

**1. Voyage: Life can be viewed as journey (Pilgrim's progress; Exodus; Odyssey), or still better as voyage (because driven by forces more powerful than ourselves, like wind and wave.) We sail upon a rippling surface of events, feeling the joy of movement, being alive and going somewhere. When things go well, we feel the contentment of those experienced sailors, the apostles on their way home across the quiet lake of Galilee.**

**2. Waves: A gale blew up, changing their mood. Danger and fear of drowning. Our own life-voyage has its share of storms too, anxieties, problems and pressures of various kinds. How often a sudden turn of events can rob us of inner peace. Are we on a charted course, or just drifting along without any determined direction? Many find it hard enough to stay afloat, pressurised by the bewilderingly changing times, ill-at-ease in their relationships with others, discontented and insecure in themselves. That's exactly what the frightened apostles in the storm mean for us today: we are those sailors, tossing about in the waves.**

**3. Remedies: Many prescriptions are suggested, to ease the upsets of our voyage. Like different brands of medication for sea-sickness! A long quiet rest, a change of occupation, psychiatric help or counselling, a course of Yoga or Transcendental Meditation, Contemplative or Charismatic Prayer. Doubtless, every remedy has its own advantages, but what better support can be found in times of stress than an understanding friend? Today's gospel suggests that our first and most constant recourse should be to none other than, Christ himself.**

**4. Presence: God is present where we least expect him, although it is a hidden, unseen presence, not always easy to discover. It takes faith nearer than the door." So the apostles were amazed to see Christ coming to them in the middle of the storm, for (at that stage) they were men of little faith. Elijah, that lonely refugee, faithful to his God despite cruel persecution by Jezebel, discovered the mysterious presence of God in the still, small voice of his own soul. Standing at the mouth of a cave, on the slopes of the holy mountain, he got strength and comfort from the Living God. Where God is, there is peace. But his presence is everywhere, for those who learn to recognise it.**

**5. Safe Harbour: We do not expect to be immune from the hardships and problems faced by all the other voyagers through this life. Indeed, Christ himself shared fully in all of these anxieties, being tested as we are. If the Church be seen as a boat (in which there are no idle passengers, but all are needed to row!), then we have as destination the safe harbour of eternal life. With the compass of faith, and Christ himself as unseen captain of the ship, that harbour will surely be reached. In the meantime, though tossed about by circumstances, he tells us: "Courage! Do not be afraid, men of little faith!"**