

Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 6th September 2020
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A Week 3)

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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 and Friday at 7:30pm
Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head: Monday at 7:30pm, Tuesday at 10am and Friday at 7:30pm
St. Mary's Church, Lagg: Wednesday at 9:30am, Thursday at 7:30pm

Details on the times of online Masses and Prayers for the Covid 19 Crisis: <https://www.catholicbishops.ie>

Holy & Saints Days: 6th – 12th September: Tuesday: *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
 Wednesday: *St. Ciarant* Thursday: *St. Peter Claver* Saturday: *The Most Holy Name of Mary & St. Ailbe*

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 week:

	<i>Aughaclay</i>	<i>Malin Head</i>	<i>Lagg</i>
Parish	550	140	130
Restoration	545	145	125

Parish Fund –	€ 820
Restoration Fund –	€ 815

First Communions:

Saturday 19th September 11am Malin Head NS : Saturday 26th September 11am Urrblereagh NS
Saturday 3rd October 11 am Malin Town NS: Saturday 10th October 11am Glengad NS
Cleaners for Star of The Sea for September: Marie McLaughlin and Mary McLaughlin

PARISH DRAW FOR AUGUST

	200	100	50
2/8	SUSIE HARKIN	PADDY DOHERTY (B)	MARION DOHERTY
9/8	CHARLIE KELLY	DENNIS DOHERTY (O)	JOE GORMAN
16/8	STEPHEN & ROSS KELLY	PAT MC LAUGHLIN (F)	JAMES QUIGLEY
23/8	EAMON DEVLIN	PAT KELLY	ROBBIE CAMPBELL
30/8	ANGELA FARREN	THOMAS MC GEOGHEGAN	MARY B MC LAUGHLIN

Honk Your Horn Bingo continues in Connolly Park on Sunday evening. The 12 page book cost just €10 with some great prizes on offer so make your way to Connolly Park and help support both your parish and local GAA club. Proceedings get underway at 6 o'clock sharp, with gates opening at 5.15pm.

Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living: Drumalis, Larne – commencing Monday, 14th September. Due to the success of last year's course, applications are now being accepted for the new intake of this one-year programme for those who want a closer relationship with God. Living out faith isn't easy against the backdrop of our fast-paced, noisy and instantaneous culture. The Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living course aims to give you the tools and space to become attuned to God's voice in the midst of the clamour. Taking place over 30 Monday Evenings from 7–9:30 pm by Zoom. For further information, please contact 028 28276455/28272196 (Mon-Fri, 9am – 5 pm) or email maura@drumalis.co.uk Details are also available on the Drumalis website - <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>. See Youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I3JY2IChUU4&t=36s>

National Grandparents Pilgrimage 2020 will be broadcast live on Sunday 13th September at 3pm from the Basilica at Knock Shrine. Grandparents and their families are invited to join online www.knockshrine.ie/watch

The Priory Institute: We are taking registrations now for our autumn online theology courses. The courses are up to degree level and are heavily subsidised by the Irish Dominicans. They could be just the thing as the nights draw in and we look to an uncertain winter. <https://prioryinstitute.com/>

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1st Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9 As a preacher, Ezekiel has the responsibility to warn sinners to repent

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows,

“You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.”

2nd Reading: Romans 13:8-10 Paul condenses all the commandments into “love one another”

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet;” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbour as yourself.”

Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20 Fraternal correction within the Christian family

Jesus said to his disciples, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

“Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” The Gospel of the Lord.

Watchmen should warn

The prophet Ezekiel borrowed an image from war and its threat to national survival. He knows that a people under threat needs its sentries. The real threat that sentry Ezekiel sees, is not an attack from without, but failure of the community from within, a breakdown that leads to death. The danger that he must warn about is the threat of sin. This warning of Ezekiel is not directed to the community as a whole but to the individual within it. Individual responsibility takes on a new force in his message.

Our own era too is preoccupied with problems of national and international peace and security. For us, the watchman on the city wall is no longer a sufficient form of security. Our world leaders feel the need of sophisticated “early-warning” devices, so that our peace hangs upon a balance of terror. The threat of our times is no longer the fall of a city but an international holocaust.

When Ezekiel preached he was a prisoner in enemy territory and he could warn that it was not external force, but the enemy within, that is the real threat to life—that enemy is sin, the abandonment of God. It is the prophetic role of the Church to continue this preaching (even if its voice is treated like something coming from foreign soil.) The gospel of Christ is that life and peace come from faith in God and the doing of his will. This gospel calls us to repentance but is no mere denunciation of sin. Christ brought the gift of reconciliation and life. One might develop this further by reflecting on how we as a community can be a sign of what we preach, a repentant community that has found the life and peace offered by Christ.

A reconciled community: Today’s readings confront us with two aspects of the question. Firstly the need for a sense of individual responsibility in the way of conversion. Ezekiel certainly made it clear that the individual is addressed by the Word of God calling for repentance. There is no way out of this personal responsibility.

But all of this should not be seen simply in terms of what the individual owes to the community. The whole Church is called to be supportive of each person who seeks reconciliation. This is especially important in a world where so many people feel threatened by the alienating force of impersonal state structures. The Church is not called to be a mega-corporation.

Individuals who are perplexed by their own failures or oppressed by the weaknesses of others, need a community that does not drive them further into isolation but one which calls them through forgiveness and love into the life of fellowship. Living in this fellowship does mean that we owe debts to one another, and as Paul reminds us today the only obligation that ultimately counts is the debt of love we owe one another.

This reconciled community will be an effective sign to the world not because it creates a superficial harmony, but because it faces the reality of sin in itself. It finds forgiveness as the solution to this threat. Renewal of the ministry of reconciliation in the Church increasingly takes the form of communal services of penance, linked to the celebration of the sacrament. This is an effective way of bringing home to people that all sin affects the community and reconciliation must include the community.