

Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020  
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ( A Week 2)



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Holy & Saints Days: 25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October: Tuesday: *St. Otteran* Wednesday: *Ss. Simon and Jude*  
Thursday: *St. Colman* Saturday: *Bi. Dominic Colins*

**We remember in our own prayers the anniversaries of our deceased parishioners, since no public masses can be said at this time.**

**Anniversary Mass:** Eddie Doherty and Robert McLaughlin, Ross Head, on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.

**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".

**The Annual Diocesan Mass for Deceased Children and Young People** will be celebrated in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November, at 7pm. You can join this Mass live on the St. Eugene's Cathedral webcam. If you would like to have a child or young person remembered at this Mass, please email the name to [lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org](mailto:lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org) or telephone 028 7126 4087.

**A Series of Presentations on Mission Today:** Throughout October, Month of Mission, the Derry Diocesan Mission Team is offering a series of presentations on what mission means in today's society. Each presentation is free and will be available online through Zoom. They will consist of a short film, discussion on the topic and a chance to ask questions. Guest speakers: Martina Purdy, Elaine Kelly, Noel Bradley, Oliver Barrett and Marriage Encounter Ireland. For further information, visit [www.derrydiocese.org](http://www.derrydiocese.org)

**The Net:** The October edition of The Net is now available online, on [www.derrydiocese.org](http://www.derrydiocese.org). As always, it features a wide variety of news, interesting and inspiring interviews, articles and photos from parishes across the diocese. You are invited to read The Net, on the diocesan website, at your convenience.

**Counselling:** A professional confidential counselling service is available for couples or individuals through Accord at the Pastoral Centre, Carndonagh, Co. Donegal, F93 XP59. Contact 074 93 74103 or e-mail [accordinishowen@gmail.com](mailto:accordinishowen@gmail.com).

**Accord Inishowen** will be hosting a Virtual Interactive Marriage Preparation Programme (Pre-Marriage Courses) via Zoom will be on Saturday 30th January 2021. To book: <https://www.accord.ie/services/marriage-preparation> or email [accordinishowen@gmail.com](mailto:accordinishowen@gmail.com) for more information.

**Malin GAA: Lotto:** No winner of last weeks lotto jackpot of €1050, Sequence drawn was 6-5-3-7-8-2-4-1 winner of the €50 consolation prize was Maeve Mc Laughlin, Blackmountain, sellers prize going to Calvin White. Next weeks jackpot stands at €1100. Envelopes are just €2 or 3 for €5 euro and are available in the following retail outlets, Boggs Butchers, McCleans Shop, Malin and Seaview Stores, Malin Head and also from our band of young eager sellers. In response to these new challenges the club has decided to move with the times and take the lotto online also. Link to play [https://play.clubforce.com/play\\_newa.asp?ll\\_id=2504#Anchor](https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=2504#Anchor)  
To get the best value we recommend playing 3 lines in one week for €5; however, you can still play 1 or two lines. Don't forget to select auto renew at checkout. This means the app will automatically enter you for each draw. **Club Shop:** Our club shop is open once again. There are still a limited amount of club face masks for sale, as well as many other items of club gear available. Shop will be open from 12 to 1.30 on Saturdays and from 11.30 to 2 on Sundays. For queries outside of opening hours, contact Susan on 086 7832242. With Christmas fast approaching, get your orders in early.

**Malin Parish CEP Ltd. Vacancies 2020 – 2021.** 2 General/Parish Workers and 1 Water Treatment Operator (Bunn Water). DSP conditina apply. Contact: John Mc Laughlin 93 70605, Danny Mc Gonagle 086 8124 568 or email [malincep07@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:malincep07@yahoo.co.uk)

### **30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Our Gospel celebrates the great commandment of love. To love our neighbour as God does, prejudices based on race, religion or colour have to go. The revelation at Mount Sinai prompted a sense of fairness towards others, deeper than specific commandments. Jesus demonstrates a life of utterly unselfish loving, and invites us to make that our guide to life. For St Paul, this imitation of Christ is the core of our faith.

#### **1st Reading: Exodus 22:20-26 The Israelites must show fairness in practical matters**

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell the children of Israel this: You shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt. You shall not abuse any widow or orphan. If you do abuse them, when they cry out to me, I will surely heed their cry; my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children orphans. If you lend money to my people, to the poor among you, you shall not deal with them as a creditor; you shall not exact interest from them. If you take your neighbour's cloak in pawn, you shall restore it before the sun goes down; for it may be your neighbour's only clothing to use as cover; in what else shall that person sleep? And if your neighbour cries out to me, I will listen, for I am compassionate."

#### **Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40 Jesus' summary of morality as the love of God and neighbour**

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

#### **Reflections on the readings: Doing justice in love**

All our texts today suggest one clear and practical principle: loving God involves doing practical justice in our world. But even our superficially Christian society is full of people who show little respect for love or justice. Political and economic life is ruled by values far from those of the Gospel. Greed, and fierce desire for power and profit can be seen in our daily papers. We are closer to the paganism mentioned in Paul's letter than we may imagine. Today no less than then, the world is hostile to what Jesus represents, and it is hard for us to take a stand even on important issues of justice and compassion. Our Lord shows love of God and genuine love of the other as two basic aspects of the same call. There can never be a contradiction between the two, even though one may sometimes feel trapped in a situation where a particular law of Church or State seems to create a contradiction.

An approach to the second commandment about love could be by reflecting on how we love ourselves. Love of neighbour becomes virtually impossible in the age of self-hatred in which some fearful, discouraged people can find themselves. Loving the other as oneself only becomes possible if we have, or can grow into, a healthy, sane level of self-appreciation. This is a sound psychological principle, which should be mentioned in our churches even though Christian love transcends all the transient vogues of psychology. Its ideal is the example of Christ himself, with also his commitment to justice for the poor.

Recent years have seen a dramatic increase in the number of immigrants who have come to live among us in Ireland. We have moved from a mono-cultural to a multi-cultural, multi-racial society. Today's readings invite us to reflect on how well we receive these strangers, make them feel at home in our society and in our church. "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." They are distinct from us, and, often, different from us. The saying, "Birds of a feather flock together," expresses the evident truth that like attracts like. It is tempting to frequent the company of people like ourselves. Yet, the Lord gathered about himself a community of great diversity. Even within the twelve there was to be found a tax-collector and a zealot, men from opposite ends of the political spectrum. In a similar way, the Spirit of the Lord at work in our lives prompts us to connect with those who are different from us, as well as those who are like us. The one we find initially strange can reveal the Lord to us in surprising ways. We pray for a greater openness to the many ways the Lord comes to us in life.