

Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 8th November 2020
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A Week 4)



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Holy & Saints Days: 8th – 14th November: Monday: *The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica* Tuesday: *St. Leo the Great* Wednesday: *St. Martin of Tours* Thursday: *St. Josaphat* Saturday: *St. Laurence O'Toole*

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".

Parish Draw for September and October:

	€200	€100	€50
6/9	ELAINE NOONE	MICHAEL MC DAID	ANN MARIE MC LAUGHLIN
13/9	MAJELLA MC DAID	CHRISIE MC LAUGHLIN	MAUREEN HARLEY
20/9	MARGARET MC GEOGHEGAN	NOREEN MC GONAGLE	RICHARD MC COLE
27/9	NELL GALLAGHER	AYLA FAULKNER	AINE HOUTON
4/10	JOHN A DOHERTY	PAUL MC NEIL	RONALD BOGGS
11/10	PATRICIA DEVLIN	SALLY FARREN	MARJORIE DEVLIN
18/10	DANNY MC GONAGLE	MARY B MC LAUGHLIN	JOHN MC LAUGHLIN
25/10	KATHLEEN COFFEY	MGT & DAVID FARREN	RODNEY LOCKWOOD

The Annual Diocesan Mass for Deceased Children and Young People will be celebrated in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, on today Sunday 8th 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 or telephone 028 7126 4087.

Mass for Deceased Pilgrims, staff and friends of the Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will be celebrated in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Steelstown, Derry, on Wednesday 18 November, at 7.30pm. Numbers will be restricted in keeping with Covid-19 restrictions. This Mass will be livestreamed on steelstownparish.com/webcam.htm.

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, e-mail accordinishowen@gmail.com or book online: <https://www.accord.ie/services/marriage-and-relationship-counselling>. **Accord Inishowen** will be hosting a Virtual Interactive Marriage Preparation Programme (Pre-Marriage Courses) via Zoom on Saturday 30th January 2021. To book online: <https://www.accord.ie/services/marriage-preparation> or email: accordinishowen@gmail.com for more info.

Malin GAA: Lotto: No winner of last weeks lotto jackpot of €1150, Sequence drawn was 2-3-6-8-1-5-4-7 Winner of the €50 consolation prize was Lochlainn Byrne, Malin, weeks jackpot stands at €1200. Week's before winner of the consolation prize was David Salvesen, Drumcarbit Mews, Malin. Envelopes are just €2 or 3 for €5 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. Here's the link to play https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=2504#Anchor

Let your 20cent change make a change: Thanks to everyone for their continued support with our 20cent bottles. We have reached almost 20,000 euro, check out our facebook page for more information or ring 0861660329 if you would like to help out in any way.

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

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If we hope in the resurrection, despite our grieving we have hope. The hopefulness of Wisdom is given sharper focus by St Paul, who says that all we have lost will be restored when Jesus returns in glory.

1st Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16 In praise of Wisdom, which is easily discerned by those who love her

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding; one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13 We must be ready to meet the Lord when he comes

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Reflection on the Readings: We are Responsible for our own destiny

The refusal of the wise virgins to share may appear selfish. But here we are not talking really about lamps and oil but about people and life. There are certain things you cannot borrow or inherit. Your parents or my parents may have been the best people in the world. If so, that is a blessing beyond measure. But for all that it cannot be taken for granted that we will automatically become decent caring men and women. We can learn from one another, be inspired by one another, but in the last analysis we shape our own destiny. Character cannot be transferred or borrowed. We must build it for ourselves. The same is true of the faith. Parents and other people are reminded that it is their responsibility to hand on the faith to the younger generation. But again faith is not like a farm of land or a legacy. It cannot be given by a parent to a child. Yes, all kinds of encouragement and good example can help enormously, but in the end, the young person as they grow up to maturity must accept or reject the invitation in his or her own heart.

The arrival of children of their own can often be a decisive moment for young parents as regards the faith. Some never seem to come back, but always remember God has his own way of welcoming people home even if along unexpected routes.

Awake to the Lord

The wedding banquet is a consistent image of eternal life in the New Testament. We can only speak about the unknown and unfamiliar in terms of what is known and familiar. The wedding banquet highlights eternal life as that state in which the deepest hunger and thirst in our lives will be satisfied, especially the hunger and thirst for love, for God who is love. In the second reading, Paul, without making use of the banquet image, speaks of life beyond death in a similar vein—it is that eternal moment when "God will bring them (those who have died) with him" and when "we shall stay with the Lord forever." Eternal life will mean entering into a new and fuller relationship with God and, through him, with all creation.

Yet, the parable warns us that it is possible to exclude ourselves from the banquet of eternal life. It was only those who were ready, who went in with the bridegroom to the wedding hall. When God comes to bring us, will we be ready? Life, including life after death is God's gift to us and a gift, by definition, can be refused. However, we will certainly be ready to accept this ultimate gift, if throughout our lives we have learned to be receptive to God. Our daily attitudes will determine our attitude at the moment of death. Today's gospel concludes with a ringing exhortation "Stay awake." One important way in which we stay awake to God is prayer. "Why are you sleeping?" Jesus asked his friends, "get up and pray" (Luke 22:46.) To pray is to awaken to the Lord who is always awake to us. In prayer we look for the Lord, desire him, watch for him and think about him. To pray is to become like a child, to grow in receptivity to God's presence within us.