

**Parish of Malin (Clonca)      Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020**  
**Third Sunday of Advent ( 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

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**Weekday Masses:**

**St. Patrick's Church, Aughaclay:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 6:30pm  
**Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head:** Monday at 10am, Tuesday and Friday at 7:30pm  
**St. Mary's Church, Lagg:** Wednesday & Thursday at 9:30am

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

**Holy & Saints Days:** 13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> December: Monday: *St. John the Cross* Friday: *St. Flannan*

**Anniversary Mass:** Charlie Monagle on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9am in St. Mary's Church.

**Anniversary Mass:** Mary Ellen Gallagher on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December at 11am in Star of the Sea 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".

**Level 3 Regulations:** Parishioners are required to wear masks to all Public masses in our churches. Those with symptoms of covid 19 should not attend masses. There will be 12 masses for Christmas in Malin Parish. All masses will have the usual restricted numbers to ensure safety and social distancing. Only those with tickets for a particular mass will be able to attend that mass. Tickets will be non-transferable. Tickets are one for each person who is attending. Please decide which mass you want to attend. If there are no more tickets available for that mass, then parishioners need to have a second or third choice. The Christmas season is from the first mass of Christmas on Christmas Eve to the last mass on the feast of the Epiphany, 6<sup>th</sup> January, so parishioners have a very wide choice of masses to attend. Tickets for Christmas Masses can be booked by phoning Fr. Devlin on 074 93 70615 or e-mailing malinparish@hotmail.com between 3pm to 6pm each day, giving full details of how many tickets are needed, the day, time and church, with your name and contact phone number..

**TICKETS CAN BE COLLECTED ON SUNDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> IN THE PARISH HALL FROM 5-7PM**

Christmas Eve		Christmas Day	
<b>NO SPACES 4PM</b>	<i>St. Mary's Lagg</i>	<b>MANY SPACES 8AM</b>	<b>Star Of The Sea</b>
<b>NO SPACES 6PM</b>	<i>St. Patrick's</i>	<b>MANY SPACES 8:30AM</b>	<b>St. Patrick's</b>
<b>FEW SPACES 7PM</b>	<i>Star Of The Sea</i>	<b>SOME SPACES 9AM</b>	<b>St. Mary's Lagg</b>
<b>FEW SPACES 8PM</b>	<i>St. Patrick's</i>	<b>SOME SPACES 10AM</b>	<b>St. Patrick's</b>
<b>SOME SPACES 9PM</b>	<i>Star Of The Sea</i>	<b>SOME SPACES 11AM</b>	<b>Star Of The Sea</b>
<b>MANY SPACES 12 Midnight</b>	<i>St. Patrick's</i>	<b>SOME SPACES 11:30AM</b>	<b>St. Patrick's</b>

**Parish Collection Envelopes for January to June 2010 are now available in all churches. Please use these envelopes for your weekly contribution to the parish.**

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL Malin Conference:** Please support the SVP Collection, Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020. SVP Malin Conference will be conducting their Giving Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Each year our SVP Malin Conference makes essential visits to families and people in need in this community. Unfortunately due to Covid -19 restrictions we currently can't collect at the Church door but you can still donate to our Conference at [www.svp.ie/malinappeal](http://www.svp.ie/malinappeal) or by placing your donation in our collection boxes located in parish shop counters: Laffertys shop (Glengad), McCleans, Malin Cash Stores, Boggs Butchers (Malin), Stop and Shop and Mullins (Malin Head) or ringing the SVP Malin Conference on 0830989600. The funds raised will be spent in the community helping those who need it most with food, heating and education costs throughout the winter and beyond. We rely almost entirely on the support of you, the generous parishioners. Thank you in advance for your continued support. SVP Malin Conference. If you find yourself in need of support or know someone who is in need please contact SVP Malin Conference on 0830989600. All matters will be dealt with confidentially.

**The Net:** The December 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.

### **3rd Sunday in Advent**

#### **1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11 Our spirit is guided by God's Spirit**

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

#### **2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 The fervour of the early Christians**

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

#### **Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28 John's testimony to Jesus**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

#### **Reflections on the Readings: Joyful service**

Today's readings shine out with joy and hope. Israel radiates as a joyful bride coming to her bridegroom adorned for a lavish, oriental wedding. Paul's words to the Thessalonians continue the theme of hope and joy in a community that lives by the life of Christ. And St John, in the gospel, pictures the work of John the Baptist, who came to witness to God's light upon this earth. This is not a joyousness without responsibility. It's a joy that is found when people find and carry out their true mission in life. Isaiah speaks of one anointed and sent to bring good news to the oppressed – words that were adopted by Jesus to describe his own life's purpose – just as they should also be made real in the life of every Christian. Those privileged to share in Jesus' spiritual life must also share in his concerns and desires.

The spiritual joy that marks the Christian faith, that we are waiting for the coming of the Lord, and our entry into a life of eternal communion with God. The other is the willingness to bear our share of the Christian workload, to do our bit, in our time, to realise the goals of Jesus in our world. I'd like to hear a homily focussed on one of these, without totally forgetting the other. In these times of economic austerity and budget cuts that are endlessly debated, is no harm to be reminded of the blessings in our lives, our reasons to be joyful. Mention, for example, the love we enjoy with our family and friends, the pleasure of meeting new people, of awakening some dormant talent by taking a course of adult education; the solidarity we feel in our local community when people willingly help their neighbours in their needs; the consolation to be found in prayer. Many examples can be named, to illustrate God's blessing in our lives: reasons to be joyful. Like the northern Irish writer C.S. Lewis, we too can be "surprised by joy," and re-discover gladness and meaning in life.