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Mass Times
St. Patrick's Church – No Mass
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Details on the times of online Masses and Prayers for the Covid 19 Crisis: <https://www.catholicbishops.ie>

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". **New envelopes** are available now January to June 2021 are now available in all churches and from Fr Devlin. Please use these envelopes for your weekly contribution to the parish.

Parish Draw

	200	100	50
1/11	DAVY DOHERTY	MARY B MC LAUGHLIN	SARAH LAFFERTY
8/11	MAUREEN HARLEY	GERALDINE FARREN	MONICA SIMPSON
15/11	KILLIAN DOHERTY	NELL GALLAGHER	SHAUN MC LAUGHLIN (F)
22/11	MARY DOHERTY	JULIE MC LAUGHLIN	EILISH MC LAUGHLIN
29/11	ROISIN CAMPBELL	SINEAD MC CALLION	DANIEL MC AVENUE
6/12	VINCENT MC LAUGHLIN	BREEGE O'NEILL	VINNIE KELLY
13/12	JOHN KELLY	SADIE MONAGLE	SUSIE HARKIN
20/12	MARY DOHERTY	SUSAN MC LAUGHLIN (H)	HENRY DOHERTY
27/12	CHRISTY DOHERTY	KIERA MC DAID	ORLA MC CLEAN

PARISH DRAW 2021-2022: Due to the risk to promoters and parishioners, the parish draw this year will not begin until April 2021. Hopefully by then it will be safe for all. The draw cards will be available from next weekend and promoters will have plenty of time to contact draw members when it is safe to do so. The first draw will be in April and the parish draw will run from April to April in future years. Sincers thanks to our promoters and members of the draw. It is an important part of parish fundraising.

WEDDINGS IN MALIN PARISH. Due to the many changes of dates and postponements from last year it is essential that couples intending to be married this year confirm their dates and venues with Fr Logue and Fr Devlin. (Otherwise Fr Devlin could be fishing off Cape Cod when he is meant to be doing a wedding in Malin !!!!)

Priory Institute Online Open Day 23rd January 11:30am – 1:30pm. Take the opportunity to visit and learn about what it would be like to study with us during our online Open Day this January. Come and meet with teaching staff and students, see how our online learning platform works and sit in on a lecture on theology. We will be available to answer all of your questions about student life here and to talk theology over a zoom call. More Information Email: enquiries@prioryinstitute.com or Tel: +353 (0)1 4048124.

St. Mary's N.S, Malin Head, will commence accepting applications for admission to Junior Infants in Sept 2021 on Monday 11th of January. The school will cease accepting applications on Monday 1st February 2021. The school's Annual Admission Notice is uploaded on the schools website, www.malinheadns.scoilnet.ie. Enrolment forms available online and from school office.

Urbleragh National School - Enrolment application forms for the 2020-2021 school year are available from the school's website urbleraghns.weebly.com. We will commence accepting applications from the 6th January 2021. Completed forms must be submitted by Monday 1st March 2021

Scoil Treasa Naofa, Malin enrolment forms available for Children starting in September 2021. Forms are available from the school from 11th January until 1st February 2021. A copy of the school's Admission Policy and the Application Form for Admission for the 2021/2022 is available as follows: – By emailing treasanaofamalin@gmail.com or writing to: Scoil Treasa Naofa, Drumcarbit, Malin, Co. Donegal, F93KP89

Accord Inishowen will be hosting a Virtual Interactive Marriage Preparation Programme (Pre-Marriage Courses) via Zoom on Saturday 6th March 2021. To book online: <https://www.accord.ie/services/marriage-preparation> or email: accordinishowen@gmail.com for more information. **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>

United with Jesus forever since our Baptism Homily for the Baptism of Our Lord

We cannot remember the most important day of our lives, the day we were baptized!

It is the most important day because it liberated us from original sin and joined us to Jesus forever. Since baptism liberates us from original sin, it is strange that Jesus asks John the Baptist to baptize him because Jesus was sinless and never had original sin. But Jesus insisted, not because he needed baptism, but to show us the necessity of baptism in the lives of each of us. Later Jesus asked the apostles to baptize everyone, “make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matt 28:19). Early Christian tradition tells us that Jesus baptized the apostles himself in Galilee. Although this is not reported in Scripture, it makes perfect sense. So Jesus was baptized, we are told he baptized the apostles, and he asked the apostles to baptize all nations. Jesus himself was baptized even though he didn’t need it. It was an act of humility by Jesus showing us baptism is necessary for us.

Our following of Jesus begins with our baptism. When we were baptized, we were joined to Jesus forever. Think of the importance of that moment. From that moment, you have been joined to Jesus forever. Sometimes we damage our relationship with Jesus through sin but there is always forgiveness for us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. When Nicodemus came to Jesus, Jesus said to him “no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and spirit.” (John 3:5). Baptism is so important a moment in our lives that Jesus describes it as “being born.” We receive our natural life from our mother and father, and in baptism we receive divine life, the life of God in us. We are born as children of God through water and the Holy Spirit. After baptism we are completely different, we are new people. We are children of God, already sharing through the Holy Spirit in the life God. We are joined with Jesus. We are children of the Father which is why we pray, “Our Father.” God is your Father. What dignity God gives to each of us! I think that we will only understand fully in the next world the gift that we received at baptism. Sometimes we don’t realize who we are in the eyes of God or don’t live up to the very high dignity that God has given to each of us at baptism. Imagine, to be joined to God forever because of baptism. That means death is not the end, so we look forward to the resurrection. Just as Jesus rose from the grave, we too look forward to joining him in everlasting life because we were joined to him in baptism.

This unity between you and Jesus since baptism is something that Jesus desires greatly. Jesus wants to be in your life and wants you to make room for him in your life. John the Baptist was surprised in today’s Gospel and said to Jesus “you are coming to me?” (Matt 3:14) Jesus wants to come to you also, wants you to make room for him in your life every day. We can make room for Jesus by spending time in prayer with Jesus every day, reading some of the Gospels every day, making Jesus the most important part of every day.

Unity with Jesus since baptism is not something static. It grows and grows. Our friendship with Jesus grows when we receive our First Holy Communion and receive the other sacraments. Spiritual writers and saints tell us that our union with Jesus grows when we trust in Jesus even when disasters happen in our life. They tell us another time we grow in union with Jesus is when we act charitably towards others, not because we have to, but because we want to. So the life of God we first received at baptism grows and grows during the years ahead. Jesus was baptized even though he didn’t need it. It was an act of humility by Jesus to show baptism is necessary to be born again through water and the Holy Spirit to become children of God and share in God’s life forever.

God of the covenant,
you anointed your beloved Son
with the power of the Holy Spirit
to be light for the nations
and release for captives.
Grant that we who are born again
of water and the Spirit
may proclaim with our lips the good news of his peace
and show forth in our lives the victory of his justice.
We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
in the splendour of eternal light,
God for ever and ever. Amen.