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**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.

**January Parish Prayer Day for Marriage and Family Life:** On Wednesday next, January 20<sup>th</sup> we once again pray as a parish community for 24 hours. Our Proposed Theme: Couples getting married in the parish this year. One of the victims of the Covid-19 pandemic over the past year has been weddings. Many couples have had to postpone their wedding date, not knowing clearly when to rearrange it. Others have had to postpone making the decision of a date to see what happens this year. This uncertainty is a real pressure on the couples. They need our support and encouragement until we are through this difficult time. Thank you for the efforts you have made to keep the Continuous Prayer for Marriage & Family Life going. It can be difficult to keep something like this alive as time goes on. But I encourage you to make a fresh start again with January and a new year. It is so important that we encourage and support the sacrament of marriage for the sake of the couples and for the life of the Church.

**Catholic Schools Week** will be celebrated from 24<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> January 2021. The theme this year is Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith and Resilience. To launch Catholic Schools Week in the Diocese of Derry, Bishop Donal Mc Keown will celebrate Mass on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 10am in St Eugene's Cathedral, via the webcam. <http://steugenescathedral.com/webcam.html> The Mass can also be viewed on Saint Eugene's Cathedral Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/StEugenesCathedral/>

**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** 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:enquiries@prioryinstitute.com) or Tel: +353 (0)1 4048124.

**Scoil Cholmcille, Glengad,** Enrolment application forms for the 2021-2022 school year are now available from the school's website, [scoilcholmcilleglengad.weebly.com](http://scoilcholmcilleglengad.weebly.com) or by emailing the school at [glengadns@gmail.com](mailto:glengadns@gmail.com) or writing to: Scoil Cholmcille, Ballymena, Glengad, Malin, Co. Donegal, F93 N663. The school will cease accepting applications on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021. Please inform relations or friends who may not pupils currently attending the school. We are now carrying out a '**Projected Enrolment**'. If you have a child or know of anyone who has a child that may be enrolling in Scoil Cholmcille in the next 5 years, please let us know.

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

**Urbleragh National School** - Enrolment application forms for the 2021-2022 school year are available from the school's website [urbleraghns.weebly.com](http://urbleraghns.weebly.com). We will commence accepting applications from the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Completed forms must be submitted by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

**Scoil Treasa Naofa, Malin** enrolment forms available for Children starting in September 2021. Forms are available from the school from 11<sup>th</sup> January until 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:treasanaofamalin@gmail.com) or writing to: Scoil Treasa Naofa, Drumcarbit, Malin, Co. Donegal, F93KP89

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** (1) 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19

### **The call of young Samuel, one of the great vocation stories**

Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” and ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, “Samuel!” Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.

### **Gospel: John 1:35-42 Jesus invites disciples to “Come and see” and they followed him**

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon.

One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

### **Reflections on the Readings: Called By Name**

“I have called you by your name; you are mine.” Remembering people’s names — what a problem this can be; even with the best of intentions, even when we are really interested in someone and recall the actual person, the name eludes us. So many methods of mnemonic are advised and tried, just to avoid the disappointing admission, “Sorry, but I just can’t remember your name.” Every man and woman (and child!) likes to be recognised by name; when others forget, it is a blow to our person-hood.

God knows each individual by name totally, intimately, always. None of us is ever ignored by him; like the birds of the air, and all created things, we are forever in God’s mind, under his care (cf. Mat. 10:29.) Even the person of no particular significance in his neighbour’s eyes, the born loser who lives in the shadows of depression most of the time — even he (or she) is precious in the eyes of God, perhaps more precious than anyone can suspect.

Samuel stands for all the little, forgotten people. Just a boy, with no high illusions about himself, a servant and apprentice to the old man Eli; he slept at night in a little room like an altar-boys’ sacristy, at the religious shrine of Israel. Suddenly, in the middle of the night, he heard God calling him by name; eventually Samuel recognises that the call is from God, and not just from the priest, so he submits himself heart and soul to listen to God’s word. Only then did Samuel discover his own potential, his new identity, the role he was to fulfil in life.

Some of us may feel a strong, but quite false, sense of our own identity. Our self-understanding derives too exclusively from our own achievements, failures, efforts and ambitions; God’s plan for us hardly enters the picture at all or we dismiss it as too uncertain, too “spiritual” and remote from daily life. Biblical faith, on the contrary, insists that God calls us into relationship with himself on a day to day basis, always offering us life, and always making demands on us to live our life worthily in his sight. Called by name. For Christians, specifically, it is relationship with Christ our Lord that lies at the heart of our identity. Not only are we called by name to friendship with Jesus — we become “members of his body,” sharers in his spirit. Sometimes, in prayer we can taste the rich privilege of belonging to Christ. More often, it is in the darkness of faith that we simply believe in it. But always, and in ordinary details of behaviour, we are called to live up to the standard of love and truth set by the Spirit of Jesus. That is our real Christian vocation; and only by trying to live that vocation are we worthy of our name.

Later, we all hope, we will discover our full identity in God’s presence, when this life is over and he calls us by name into the next life. Like the two apostles who wanted to know Christ better, we will be invited to “Come and see.”