

**Parish of Malin (Clonca)      Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2021**  
**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time ( Year B Week 3)**



**Fr Peter Devlin P.P. Fr Charley Logue C.C. Mass Times**

Malin                                      Malin Head                                      St. Patrick's Church - Saturday 6pm Sunday 10:30am  
 074 93 70615                              074 93 70134                                      Star of the Sea Church - Saturday 8pm Sunday 12 noon  
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**Weekday Masses:**

**St. Patrick's Church, Aughaclay:**                      Monday, Tuesday, Friday at 7:30pm  
**Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head**                      Monday, Tuesday at 10am & Friday 7.30pm  
**St. Mary's Church, Lagg:**                                      Wednesday at 9:30am

**Anniversary Mass:** Packie McCallion, Francistown on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 9am in St. Mary's Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Tony Mc Laughlin, Ballyhillion on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 12noon in Star of the Sea Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Declan McCarthy, Bree, on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.  
**First Anniversary Mass:** Kathleen Mullarkey, Ballysalla, on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm in St Patrick's Church  
**Anniversary Mass:** Joseph Mc Carron, Doon, on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Gerard Monagle, Letterorr, on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 9am in St. Mary's Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Philip McGonagle, Ballinahona and Gloucester on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July in St. Patrick's Church.  
**Months Mind Mass:** Michael Deery, Keenagh, Malin Head on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 7:30pm in Star of the Sea Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** MaryAnn and Rodger Doherty, Lowerbraghey on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.  
**Months Mind Mass:** Máire Doherty, Umgall, Malin Head on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 9am in St. Mary's Church.  
**First Anniversary Mass:** Patsy Noone, Malin Town on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30pm in St. Patrick's Church.

**New boxes of Parish Collection envelopes for July to December are in the churches. Parish envelopes are the preferred way to support the parish. Please take one box per adult parishioner. Given the serious financial deficit which the parish suffered due to covid your increased support is essential at this time.**

**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".

**Collections for last week: Thank You.**

	<i>Aughaclay</i>	<i>Malin Head</i>	<i>Lagg</i>
<i>Parish</i>	500	240	230
<i>Restoration</i>	497	240	230

Parish Fund –	€ 970
Restoration Fund –	€ 967

**Confirmations in Malin Parish** will be celebrated at 7:30pm in St. Mary's Church, Lagg:

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June, Malin Head School.                      Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, Urblereagh School.  
 Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, Malin Town School.                      Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June, Glengad School

**Families are required to sit in the named seats for the Confirmation ceremonies.**

**Parish Prayer Day for Marriage and Family Life:** Thank you for your efforts to keep this prayer going in our parish of Malin. It is not easy with all that is going on in our lives due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the lockdowns and promises of things being opened up, etc. Our input for this month's prayer day on this Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> of June is all fathers as it's Fathers' Day. All aspects of family life are in great need of prayer today but maybe this one especially needs our attention. The relationship of a father with his children is very different from the relationship of a mother. But it is equally important for the development of children as they grow into adulthood. Everyone is invited to join in this prayer, either by taking on an hour, or by including this intention in your own prayer during that day.

**Gospel – Mark 4:35-41** On that day, as evening drew on, Jesus said to his disciples: "Let us cross to the other side." Leaving the crowd, they took Jesus with them in the boat just as he was. And other boats were with him. A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was already filling up. Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" They were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?"

**Reflection on the Gospel** :When medieval artists and icon painters of the Eastern Christian tradition portrayed Jesus about to be baptised by John the Baptist, they often portrayed all sorts of strange and menacing sea creatures in the waters in which Jesus stood. This symbolised that, in accepting baptism, Jesus was acting in solidarity with the human condition, not least what threatens us. The Jewish people of Jesus's time would have understood the negative associations with water implied in these images. Apart from those who fished for their living, Jesus's Jewish contemporaries were not seafarers, unlike their Phoenician neighbours. They had no great love for the sea. This is reflected in the Hebrew scriptures. In the Book of Jonah the sea is presented as violent, tossing a boat about as though it were a mere toy; and with the monster whale within the watery deep. The Red Sea consumed the Egyptians chasing after the Israelites in their exodus from slavery in Egypt. And God punished humanity by covering the earth with a great flood, leaving only Noah, his family, and the creatures in the ark.

Yet if the waters are presented as menacing, powerful, and destructive, they are also understood as being under the power of God. After all, the primeval waters mentioned in Genesis owe their existence to God. And, as Jonah's fellow passengers discovered, just as God can unleash a great sea storm, so He can bring it to an end. Numerous Psalms speak of the same, for example:

Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress; he made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. Then they were glad because they had quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven (Ps 107:28-30)

All these different elements (and more) are to be found in this Sunday's Gospel reading about Jesus calming the storm at the Sea of Galilee. Here too the waters are capable of unleashing ferocious destructive power. Indeed, the Sea of Galilee is notorious for its storms that can come with little warning.

Although Jesus had already performed many miracles and exorcisms, that Jesus was now showing control over the wind and sea – rebuking the wind and commanding the sea to be still, no less! – suggests something altogether greater about Jesus than being simply a holy man and wonder-worker like some of the prophets of the past. After all, it is God and God alone who controls the waters (and the wind). So the question of the disciples, 'Who this this, that even wind and sea obey him?' signals a dawning upon them of the extent of Jesus's special nature, what the followers of Christ would come in time to recognise as his divinity.

Of course, present in this Gospel passage is not only the question of the recognition of who Jesus really is, but the question of faith, trusting in the Lord. It's not simply because Jesus says to his disciples: 'Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?' It is also because the image of a storm-tossed boat lends itself so easily as a symbol of the turbulence that can afflict any of us. It is at such difficult times when trust in God is especially important but can be most tested.

The Gospels do not deny that life can be very tough. Things might go well, but with little warning change like a sudden storm on the sea: a relationship that seemed robust breaks down, an unwelcome diagnosis arrives out of the blue, a job that seemed secure is lost, and so on. Life can impinge upon us so forcefully that even if we have great faith, we are nonetheless tossed about like a boat in a mighty storm.

Trusting in God is not a kind of existential anaesthetic. If the story of Jesus in the Gospels ended with the narrative of Jesus whose trust in the Father was so complete that he was able to asleep calmly on the storm-swept boat, then we might be tempted to think of trust in God solely in these terms. But the Gospels continue and they tell us of a saviour who wept, who sweated blood, and who died in agony. As the images of Jesus's baptism remind us, he entered the waters of the human condition. He knew what it is to be rejected, hurt, and afraid. All the same, today's Gospel with Jesus asleep in the boat does tell us something important about what it is to have faith in the midst of great difficulties. That is, even though when we trust in God we can still feel greatly the pain and fear due to what life can throw at us; yet, even if sometimes falteringly, there can also be an awareness that in the midst of it all some part of us is like Jesus sleeping untroubled in the boat during the storm: an underlying consolation of knowing that despite everything we are ultimately in God's hands.

Today's Gospel reading, it seems to me, not only encourages us to trust in God, especially when life is hard. This is perhaps its most obvious message. But, seen in the context of the whole Gospel narrative, it also gives us an insight into the nature of what it is to have trust in God when suffering travails; and thus can help us to recognise the presence within us of faith in God even when such faith is small and flickering, and we feel tossed about, hurt, rejected, and afraid.