



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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Week Masses:

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

Anniversary Mass: Jimmy Mc Laughlin, Carrowmore on Tuesday 1st June at 7:30pm in Star of The Sea Church.
Anniversary Mass: Eileen McCarron, Templemoyle on Wednesday 2nd June at 7.30pm in St. Patrick's Church.
First Anniversary Mass: Vincent Houghton, Knockbrack on Friday 4th June at 7.30pm in St. Patrick's Church.
First Anniversary Mass: Bertie McDonald, Killian on Sunday 6th June at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
Anniversary Mass: James Mc Daid, Glengad/Dublin on Sunday 6th June at 10.30am in St. Patrick's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Richard Douglas, Carthage Mtn, on Monday 7th June at 7 30pm in St Patrick's Church
Months Mind Mass: Isabelle Mc Laughlin, Lower Braghey on Sunday 13th June at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Packie McCallion, Francistown on Sunday 20th June at 10.30am in St. Patrick's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Tony Mc Laughlin, Ballyhillion on Tuesday 20th June at 12noon in Star of The Sea Church.
Anniversary Mass: Declan McCarthy, Bree, on Saturday 26th June at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
Anniversary Mass: Gerard Monagle, Letterorr, on Sunday 27th June at 9am in St. Mary's Church.

Parish Collections: Aghaclay recent weeks. € 2410

Confirmations in Malin Parish will be celebrated at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church, Lagg:

Monday 21st June, Malin Head School. Tuesday 22nd June, Ublereagh School.
Wednesday 23rd June, Malin Town School. Thursday 24th June, Glengad School

Please Note: Due to Covid restrictions, Only immediate family members can attend the Confirmation ceremonies (parents and brothers and sisters)

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".

Priory Institute Online Open Day is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. E-mail enquiries@prioryinstitute.com to find out more about our Online Open Day on 19th June. to register <https://prioryinstitute.com/events/priory-institute-open-day>.

Sharing the Good News issue 65 is available on the Malin Face Book page and website It can also be linked to and downloaded from the home page of www.catholicbishops.ie.

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 or e-mail accordinishowen@gmail.com. **Accord Inishowen** are hosting Virtual Interactive Marriage Preparation Programme (Pre-Marriage) Courses via Zoom on Saturdays 18th September, 9th October or 13th Novembe. To book: www.accord.ie/services/marriage-preparation or email accordinishowen@gmail.com

The Most Holy Trinity 1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors — all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt? 'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20 Baptise them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise

them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

Not such a remote God

In bygone times practically everybody agreed about the existence of God. At those days, religious divisions came from conflicting beliefs about God, rather than any conflict between theism and atheism. This is not the case nowadays. Not only do many openly profess their lack of faith, but the quality of life we pursue tends to promote a kind of atheism in all of us. Especially in our large cities, surrounded by a world of largely human inventiveness, people are at a distance from the things of nature. As a result even the rural-based of our population are bound to feel in some degree God's apparent remoteness from our situation, God's silence, remaining hidden to the end of our earthly days.

Today we celebrate the Most Holy Trinity, the revelation of the mystery of God's inner life. This mystery will remain for all of us as long as we live in this world, even though the veil which covers it is lifted ever so little. Our Bible assures us that not only is our God a personal God, but God exists as three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, while remaining one God. Although we cannot even begin to give a logical explanation for this, our faith enables us in some small measure to experience the presence of God. How this can happen is stated by St Augustine in a most beautiful passage from his "Confessions" (p. 211). "What do I love when I love my God?" he asks. Then he continues; "Not material beauty or beauty of a temporal order; not the brilliance of earthly light, so welcome to our eyes; not the sweet melody of harmony and song; not the fragrance of flowers, perfumes and spices; not manna or honey; not limbs such as the body delights to embrace. It is not these that I love when I love my God. And yet, when I love him, it is true that I love a light of a certain kind, a voice, a perfume, a food, an embrace; but they are of the kind that I love in my inner self." "So tell me something of my God," he asks. And loud and clear they answered, "God is he who made us."

Seeing God will change us utterly, and this salvation is a pure gift that always comes from the Father, announced and realised in his divine Son, and made effective in each of us through the action of the Holy Spirit. St Paul tells us that "in one Spirit we have access through Christ to the Father" (Eph 2:18). But the God's reaching down to us must be answered by the up-reach of our soul to God. To succeed in this we must break free from the sinful pursuits which hold us captive. Then as Paul says, like mirrors we will reflect the brightness of the Lord, until finally we are changed into that image which we reflect (2 Cor 3:17f). For this great promise, glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, forever, Amen.

The Fullness of Love

Much debate in the 20th century centred on the thought of three outstanding figures, Charles Darwin, Sigmund Freud and Karl Marx, described irreverently as "the unholy trinity." They pushed us into the modern world, often in spite of our protests. Charles Darwin's theory of evolution was greeted, particularly by the established churches, with howls of derision, and had to battle hard for recognition. Sigmund Freud opened up the universe of the unconscious and profoundly affected conventional attitudes. The socialist theories of Karl Marx came to dominate one half of the planet and considerably influenced the other. Of the three, only Darwin and his theory of evolution remain intact. Recent events in the Eastern Bloc have largely discredited Marx. The theories of Freud are more and more contested in recent times. Time has taken its toll of "the unholy trinity."

The Holy Trinity, whose feast we celebrate today, is beyond the reach of time and the grasp of human reasoning. It is a mystery of our faith. We can only fumble in the dark in search of glimmers of light. "Two is company, three is a crowd" is a popular expression. The gospel would have it otherwise. There, the figure three symbolises completeness and perfect symmetry, and re-appears at all the key moments of the Christ story. His life itself constantly reflected the Trinity. Three figures make up the nativity scene in Bethlehem — the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Their first visitors were the three wise men. Later, in the desert preparing to begin his public life, Jesus was tempted three times by the devil. A good story should have a beginning, a middle and an end. Christ was a storyteller par excellence and three figures prominently in his parables. The Prodigal Son is about a father and his two sons; the Good Samaritan tells of the behaviour of three passers-by, the priest, the Levite and the Samaritan; the sower sowed his seed in three different types of terrain, yielding three different levels of harvest. The end of his life, as the beginning, has again the three motif. During his Passion, Peter denied him thrice. On the road to Calvary, he fell three times. The crucifixion scene has three figures, Christ between two thieves. Before his resurrection, he spent three days in the tomb.

God is love. There are Three Persons in the Trinity, the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit. Together they represent the fullness of love. The Father loves the Son, the Son loves the Father. The Holy Spirit is their love for each other. We are made in the image of a triune God. God the Father, who created us, his Son who saved us, and the Holy Spirit who continues to guide us. Our lives should reflect the Trinity. We should be always creative like the Father, compassionate like his Son, and dispose our talents in the service of others like the Holy Spirit.