



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 to Thursday at 7:30pm
Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head No Mass
St. Mary's Church, Lagg: No Mass

Month's Mind Mass: William Synott, Croghan, on Saturday 7th August at 6pm in St Patrick's Church,
First Anniversary Mass: Paddy Mc Laughlin, Muff, Culdaff, on Friday 27th August at 7.30pm in St Patrick's Church

First Anniversary Mass: Cassie Mc Colgan, Lematuder, Saturday 28th August at 6pm 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. ing 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>	420	220	240
<i>Restoration</i>	420	215	240

Parish Fund –	€ 880
Restoration Fund –	€ 875

Parish Prayer Day for Marriage and Family Life: On Tuesday next the 20th of July we pray once again as a parish community over 24 hours 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 proposed theme for this month's prayer day on this Sunday 20th of July is Grandparents – and of course Great Grandparents too!! These are all so important in the life of faith in every family and in every parish. We need to acknowledge them and affirm them. But we also need to call on them to be bold in their role in handing on the faith to the generations to come. We can so easily lose heart. Our Grandparents and Great Grandparents have so much richness to share with our children and young people as well as with their own daughters and sons.

Weddings in Malin Parish in 2022 and 2023: Please contact Fr Devlin to ensure that all proposed wedding details are in the Parish Diary.

Malin Parish and Malin GAA , "Honk Your Horn Bingo" at 6pm in Connolly Park on Sundays

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 9th October or 13th November. To book: www.accord.ie/services/marriage-preparation or email accordinishowen@gmail.com

The Irish Catholic Newspaper is available free in each of our churches. It provides a useful commentary on all important issues from a faith perspective, which is essential to counter the aggressive secularism of much of the alternative media. Please take a copy to deepen your understanding of what living the faith means today.

Theology of the Arts. Does the Church Need Art? The Priory Institute week-long online Summer School will run from 8-13 August and again from 22-27 August. The course includes six recorded presentations and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online. Find out more and register on prioryinstitute.com.

The Lough Derg Pilgrim Path on the lough shore is now open daily. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option, and several information boards highlight features of particular interest. Leaflets are available at the Visitors Centre. A guided walk experience will be offered on Sunday 25th and Saturday 31st July, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. Further dates for these guided walks will follow for late August and early September. For bookings and further information email info@loughderg.org or telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518. www.loughderg.org Lough Derg Pilgrim Path, Pettigo, Co Donegal. F94 N289

Sunday, July 18, 2021 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(1) Jeremiah 23:1-6 God will raise up worthy shepherds for his people

The Lord says, “Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” says the Lord.

Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: “It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings,” says the Lord.

“Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing,” says the Lord.

“The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’”

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34 After a quiet retreat, Jesus returns to serve the crowd

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

Contemplative moments

We are very much in the middle of holiday time. We all need a break from our routine, whatever that routine might be. Most of the time we go on holidays with somebody, or we go away to stay with somebody. Most of us like to be with others when we are away from our routine. In the gospel we find Jesus taking his disciples away together for a period of rest and quiet. They have had a busy time and were full of all they had done and taught and wanted to share it all with Jesus. He suggests a change of pace and of location, to take them away to a quiet place, where they could rest. This was to be a time of reflection in the company of Jesus, a time when they did nothing except be present to each other and to the Lord.

In our own faith life we all need such desert moments, times when we try to be present to the Lord and to each other. Times when we can come away to rest for a while in the Lord’s presence and in the presence of other believers. Our churches are open every day for quiet prayer. Our church is that sort of desert space in the middle of our community. It is a place to which people can come away and rest for a while, in the words of the gospel. The silence can be an opportunity to share with the Lord what has been going on in our lives, just as in the gospel the disciples shared with Jesus all they had been doing and teaching. Other people can have that desert moment by going for a walk. As we walk we can become aware of the Lord and his presence to us, and we can become more aware of people in our lives, even though we may be walking alone. However we do it, as believers, as followers of the Lord, we all need to come away to some lonely place all by ourselves and rest for a while so that as to allow the Lord to be in a deeper communion with us.

If the first part of the gospel proclaims that value of coming away from our everyday cares, in order to be present to the Lord, the second part proclaims another value. The lonely place suddenly became a crowded place, even before Jesus and his disciples had reached the place. Jesus and his disciples stepped out of the boat not into quietness and peace but into human need and demand. We are all familiar with that kind of experience. We plan something and it doesn’t work out. We go somewhere expecting something and the opposite transpires. We want to be alone and we are inundated with people. Jesus and his disciples experienced a major interruption to what they were intending. Interruptions are part of all our lives, and as one writer put it, God is often to be found in the interruptions. Jesus responded to the interruption by become completely present to it. He did not try to avoid the crowd or to send them away; he became fully present to them. In the words of the gospel, ‘he took pity on them’, ‘he had compassion for them.’ That is very much at the heart of our own calling as the Lord’s followers, to be present to others, even when they turn up unexpectedly and interrupt what we had carefully planned. It is so easy to get worked up and irritated when something happens that is not part of the script we had in our head. We can be so fixed on that script that we can look on people as nuisances instead of being present to them with the compassion of Jesus. Jesus had the habit of spending time alone with God; it was those times of presence to God in prayer that enabled him to be present to others, no matter who they were or how they turned up. Our own coming away to be with the Lord will help us too to be present to those who come into our lives. Our contemplative moments, our desert times, help us to be contemplative, attentive, in our way of relating to those who cross our path in life.