



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

Anniversary Mass: Declan McCarthy, Bree, on Saturday 26th June at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
First Anniversary Mass: Kathleen Mullarkey, Ballysalla, on Saturday 26th June at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Joseph Mc Carron, Doon, on Sunday 27th June at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Gerard Monagle, Letterorr, on Sunday 27th June at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
Month's Mind Mass: Eamon Devlin, Templemoyle, on Thursday 1st July at 7.30 in St Patrick's Church
Anniversary Mass: Philip McGonagle, Ballinahona and Gloucester on Friday 2nd July at 7.30pm in St. Patrick's Church.
Months Mind Mass: Michael Deery, Keenagh, Malin Head on Friday 2nd July at 7:30pm in Star of the Sea Church.

Anniversary Mass: Danny McDaid (PJ), Glentoskert, on Saturday 3rd July at 6pm in St Patrick's Church.
Anniversary Mass: MaryAnn and Rodger Doherty, Lowerbraghey on Saturday 10th July at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
Months Mind Mass: Máire Doherty, Umgall, Malin Head on Sunday 11th July at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
First Anniversary Mass: Patsy Noone, Malin Town on Tuesday 13th 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>	430	200	210
<i>Restoration</i>	430	200	205

Parish Fund –	€ 840
Restoration Fund –	€ 835

Confirmations in Malin Parish Congratulations to all the children of the parish who were confirmed this week. Thanks to the schools, parents and many others who enabled us to celebrate this sacrament .

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

Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

Two cures of Jesus are blended into a single story: the haemorrhaging woman and the daughter of Jairus.

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." So Jesus went with him; and a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him.

Now there was a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her haemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing

what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha kum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

A providential meeting

It often happens that we have it in mind to do something and we go about trying to do it. Then we are interrupted in some way; someone comes along that we were not expecting and holds us up and we don't get to do what he set out to do at the time we intended to do it. If you are a certain type of person you can get very annoyed by this. You can be there waiting for the person to move on so that you can get back to doing what you think you are supposed to be doing. I can be a bit like that myself at times.

Yet, I have come to appreciate that every encounter is in some way providential. What can seem initially like an interruption can be where we are meant to be. The person who unexpectedly crosses my path and who could be seen as interrupting what I have set out to do, can be one whom the Lord has sent into my life. Rather than seeing the encounter as interrupting something else, it can be better seen as a grace, an opportunity. What I set out to do may not be what is most important. Rather, the call of the present moment may be what really matters, the person who stands before me here and now.

I was reminded of all that by today's gospel encounter. One of the synagogue officials, Jairus, pleaded with Jesus to come to his daughter who was desperately sick. Jesus set out with him on this very important journey. On the way to the house of Jairus, Jesus had an encounter with a woman, which delayed him. It took up precious time. Yet, Jesus did not react angrily or dismissively to this interruption. Indeed, the contrary was the case. The woman with the flow of blood simply wanted to touch the clothing of Jesus, without holding him up in any way. It was Jesus who ensured that the fleeting encounter that the woman was looking for became, in reality, a truly personal encounter, a real meeting between two human beings. When Jesus noticed that power had gone out of him because of the woman touching his clothing, he stopped, turned around in the crowd and asked, 'Who touched my clothing?' He wanted to meet this woman, in spite of the urgency of the journey on which he had set out. Eventually the woman came forward, frightened and trembling, not knowing what to expect. Jesus addressed her in very tender terms, 'My daughter', he said, 'your faith has restored you to health.' He engaged her in a very personal way; he called her into a personal relationship with him. This was the task of the moment. Some people would have seen this encounter as an unfortunate interruption; as a result of the delay Jairus' daughter had died before Jesus could get to the house. Yet, for Jesus this encounter with the woman was of ultimate significance; it was a moment of grace. It was the prelude to an even more wonderful moment of grace in the house of Jairus when Jesus not only healed the very sick girl as he was asked to do, but raised him from the dead.

The gospel encourages us to pay attention to the interruptions in life. What can seem like distractions can be where the Lord is calling us to be. When our plans do not work out as we wanted because of some unexpected turn of events, it may not be the disaster that we think it is at the time. Sometimes when our plans do not work out, it can create the space for something else to happen that we did not plan but which, in itself, can have great value for ourselves and for others. In the story we have just heard, Jesus gave himself fully to the interruption. He could have kept walking when the woman touched his clothing, but he attended to her. That was the call of the present moment for Jesus. In answering that call, he was doing God's work, and the task he initially set out to accomplish did not suffer. Jairus had his daughter restored to him. There are times in life when we need to embrace the interruptions, rather than just driving on with our head down towards the goal we have set for ourselves. We can misjudge where the real work lies. We often need to come to a deeper appreciation that the interruptions are our work, especially when they involve responding with compassion to the needs of others. When we set out on a journey, what happens on the way can be more important than arriving at our destination.