

Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 1st August 2021
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B Week 1)



Fr Peter Devlin P.P. Fr Charley Logue C.C. Mass Times
 Malin Malin Head St. Patrick's Church - Saturday 6pm Sunday 10:30am
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Weekday Masses:

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

Anniversary Mass: Molly O'Connor, Packie Toner, Maurice O' Connor, on Saturday 31st July at 6pm in St Patrick's Church,

First Anniversary: Agnes Doherty, Crossroads, Malin Head, on Saturday 31st July at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.

Month's Mind Mass: William Synott, Croghan, on Saturday 7th August at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church,

Memorial Mass and burial of Ashes: Denis McLaughlin, Leiter, on Wednesday 25th August at 7.30pm 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>	390	225	135
<i>Restoration</i>	390	225	130

Parish Fund –	€ 750
Restoration Fund –	€ 745

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

Scoil Treasa Naofa, Malin, has developed an ASD (autism spectrum disorder) special class .The school cherishes children of different abilities and feels the integration of children where possible, is beneficial for all children. In a unit setting, children access the curriculum with hands on and sensory activities. A Speech and Language Therapist has recently joined the staff to complement its staff resources. The school welcomes pupils from all areas.

Malin Presbyterian Church: Car boot sale in Malin Parochial Hall, Car Park on Saturday 7th August from 10-2pm. Stalls are €10. Contact Helen, 0860826386. Malin Parish will have a stall there. Donations of quality bric-a-brac can be left at the Parochial house Malin or contact 0861683842/0863589793

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

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1st Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 God feeds the hungry Israelites with manna and quails

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the desert. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this desert to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.

"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

Gospel: John 6:24-35 Jesus, as the ultimate “bread from heaven,” offers eternal life

So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?”

Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. or it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

The food that lasts

It appears that many things produced today are not made to last. Take our modern buildings for example. In Dublin we see a city with some beautiful buildings that are centuries old. The old house of Parliament, now the Bank of Ireland, in College Green comes to mind; it is almost three hundred years old now. I wonder how many of the buildings that have gone up in recent years in the city will still be there in three hundred years time. Much of what we buy on a smaller scale, like furniture for our homes, does not seem to last very long either. The clothes that we wear have a shorter life span compared to a generation or two ago. We live in a throwaway culture, even if some of what made today will last into the future. There are probably some books of our own time will have an enduring value too. Some movies and plays that are presently being made will be watched and enjoyed for generations to come. We always retain the capacity to create something of enduring value, that has the capacity to engage people not just in the present but into the future. They last because their value is great.

On our journey through life we tend to seek out what might be of lasting value because we sense that it can enrich us and make us better human beings. Having found something of real value we often return to it, whether it is a book, a poem, a piece of music, a painting or a building. We know from experience that what we really value are not so much objects or things but people. A good friend is worth so much more to us than a good book, or a good piece of music, or a good painting. There is nothing more valuable to parents than their children. For those who are in love, their treasure is the beloved. Everything else is on a much lesser scale of value. We want the people we value to last forever, which is why the death or the loss of a loved one is such a devastating experience.

In today’s gospel the crowds of people whom Jesus fed in the wilderness come back, looking for him, wanting more of this bread he had provided. Jesus takes the opportunity to point them towards more enduring. His advice is, ‘do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life.’ The horizon of Jesus is not the mere horizon of this world but that of eternity. When he speaks of what truly lasts he means what it is that lasts into eternity. For Jesus what is of lasting value is not just what is remembered for generations into the future, but what will continue to have value in eternity. It is hard to keep that horizon of eternity before us, especially in these times when our universe seems so all absorbing. Yet the horizon of Jesus is the horizon of eternity. Certainly he takes this earthly life very seriously; he has invested himself in showing us how to live in this life, by his teaching, his way of relating to others. He gave himself over to meeting the basic needs of those he met. He healed the sick; he comforted the bereaved; he fed the hungry; he befriended the lonely. He told us to do the same and declared that what we do for others we do for him. Yet, all the time the backdrop was an eternal horizon. In living in this way, we are preparing ourselves to live forever. Those who live by the values of the kingdom of God will inherit the kingdom of God.

Jesus spoke of himself as the way. He is the way to live in this life; he shows us how to live well. Thereby, he is also the way to eternal life; those who follow in his way will live forever. Jesus is concerned about what endures not just into successive generations but what endures into eternity. He understood that we have been created by God to live forever and he came to show us how to attain that eternal life and to empower us to attain it. That is why he speaks of himself in the gospel as the bread of life. He endures into eternity and those who receive him in faith and walk in his way will also endure into eternity. If we come to him and stay with him our deepest hungers and thirsts will be satisfied in this life and more fully in the next. When we think about what endures, we are to think first of Jesus. He is the gateway to enduring life, for ourselves and for all we love and value.