

**Parish of Malin (Clonca)      Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021**  
**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (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 and Thursday at 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 9:30am

**Anniversary Mass:** Bill Coffey, Killourt on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.

**Anniversary Mass:** Margaret Rose Mc Laughlin, Urbleragh on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August at 9am in St. Mary's Church.

**Anniversary Mass:** Mary J McDaid, St Boden's Culdaff, on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30am in St Patrick's Church.

**Memorial Mass and burial of Ashes:** Denis McLaughlin, Leiter, on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August at 7:30pm in St. Patrick's Church.

**First Anniversary Mass:** Paddy Mc Laughlin, Muff, Culdaff on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 7:30pm in St. Patrick's Church.

**First Anniversary Mass:** Cassie Mc Colgan, Lematuder, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.

**First Anniversary Mass:** Bobby Monagle, Manchester/Dunegard, on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.

**Parish Collection:** Given the serious financial deficit which the parish suffered due to covid your increased support is essential at this time. 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>	325	165	210
<i>Restoration</i>	320	160	215

Parish Fund –	€ 700
Restoration Fund –	€ 695

**Parish Prayer Day for Marriage and Family Life:** Proposed Theme: Vocation of the Single Person: On Friday next the 20<sup>th</sup> of August, our parish prays for the 24 hours for Marriage & Family Life. The theme for the month of August is the Vocation of the Single Person. This includes so many different people from the newly baptised child to the person now living on his or her own in older age. 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. This prayer is now more important than ever. Please do whatever you can to keep it going and growing. Thank you.

**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 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](mailto:accordinishowen@gmail.com). **Accord Inishowen** are hosting Virtual Interactive Marriage Preparation Programme (Pre-Marriage) Courses via Zoom on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November. To book: [www.accord.ie/services/marriage-preparation](http://www.accord.ie/services/marriage-preparation) or email [accordinishowen@gmail.com](mailto:accordinishowen@gmail.com) for more information.

# The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**1st Reading: Revelation** 11:19; 12:1-6, 10 The woman and the dragon depicted the persecuted church; but came to include the Assumption of our Lady

Then God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple; and there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail. A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne; and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that there she can be nourished for one thousand two hundred sixty days.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah.

**Gospel: Luke 1:39-56** *During her visit to Elizabeth, Mary recites the Magnificat*

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever." And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

## ***The fairest of creatures***

Every individual of the human race, male and female, is made in the image and likeness of God. (Genesis 1:26). We can celebrate Our Lady's Assumption in light of this basic principle from the creation story. Mostly we are tempted to reverse this process and try to shape God in our own image and likeness. Naturally we have a limited concept of our Creator. How we cling to the notion of a docile God, who will grant our wishes if only we ask him in the right way; or an indulgent God who will turn a blind eye on the double standards in our lives; or a vengeful God, whom we obey only out of fear. To test the quality of our faith we might wonder, Do my ideas resemble Mary's vision of God, especially as in today's gospel when she says, "My soul glorifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour."

Mary combines sincere worship of God with deep joy in his presence, in the spirit of the advice given to the early Christians, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing" (1 Thess 5:17). In her Magnificat, Mary is enraptured by God, she does not ask anything for herself, she is not worried about the future; she thinks only of the goodness of God up to the present moment, and of the gratitude she owes to God. In her we have the supreme example of someone totally captivated by the love of God. In this sense, she is the fairest of all God's creatures. First of all the saints, she is the handmaid, the willing and joyful servant of the Lord. She lived solely for God and therefore God, who cannot be outdone in generosity, gave her the fullness of grace. Now just as Jesus did not abandon us when he ascended to heaven, so Mary has not been separated from the Christian community by her Assumption, but remains for each of us a sign of hope. We are called, like her, to share in the fullness of Christ's glory. She is the model and guarantee of all that the believer hopes to become in heaven. We pray today that we too may be found worthy to come to that place in heaven which God has prepared for those who love him.