

Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 14th November 2021
Thirty-Third 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
 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 and Thursday at 7:30pm
Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head No Mass
St. Mary's Church, Lagg: No Mass

Month Mind Mass: Annie Coffey, Killourt on Saturday 13th November at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
Anniversary Mass: Celine and Margaret Doherty, Umgal on Saturday 14th November at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
 Anniversary Mass: Noel (Donal Mor) Doherty and deceased family members on Saturday 13th November at 6pm in St Patrick's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Annie and Eugene Doherty and Family, Leiter, on Sunday 14th November, at 10.30am in St. Patrick's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Mary Margaret Lafferty, Malin Town, on Saturday 27th November at 6pm in St Patrick's Church.
First Anniversary Mass: Mickey Duffy, Glengad and Scotland on Saturday 11th December at 6pm in St Patrick's Church
Anniversary Mass: Jim Rudden, Tully on Sunday 12th December at 9am in St. Mary's 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>	330	240	240
<i>Restoration</i>	325	235	235

Parish Fund –	€ 810
Restoration Fund –	€ 795

Parish Prayer day next Saturday 20th November Proposed Theme: Remembering our beloved dead
 Every family has people whom they love who have died. November is the month when we deliberately remember them and pray for them.

The Joy of Love: Pope Francis

I can understand the anguish felt by those who have lost a much-loved person, a spouse with whom they have shared so much. Jesus himself was deeply moved and began to weep at the death of his friend (Lazarus). (254)
 Ordinarily the grieving process takes a fair amount of time. The entire process is filled with questions: about the reasons why a loved one had to die, about all the things that might have been done, about what a person experiences at the moment of death. With a sincere and patient process of prayer and interior liberation, peace returns. (255)

It consoles us to know that those who die do not completely pass away, and faith assures us that the risen Lord will never abandon us..... Indeed, "our loved ones are not lost in the shades of nothingness, hope assures us that they are in the good strong hands of God".

Malin Parish Bingo : Businesses in Letterkenny and Derry have noticed a major increase in spending after the many prizewinners from Malin Bingo were out doing their Christmas shopping during the week. Many new exciting prizes! Bingo begins at 8.30pm every Sunday in the Parochial Hall . All are welcome.

Malin Parish CEP is recruiting the following workers: 1 Administrator, 2 General Workers, 1 GAA Coach Assistant. . Full details from Danny McGonagle, 0868124568,

Derry Diocesan Youth will be holding a Youth Event in the Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, Derry on 21st November, from 12noon -3:30pm. This event is for young people in the diocese ages 14 and up to come and get involved with their faith and celebrate world youth day in preparation for World Youth Day in Lisbon 2023. If any young person would like to book, please email lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org or message any @derryyouth social media pages. Cost £5 to secure a place at this event; all deposits to be paid before the 16th November.

Online Theology Open Evening, 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. Email: enquiries@prioryinstitute.com to find out more about our Online Open Evening on Thursday 2nd December 7pm. To register for the Online Open Evening <https://prioryinstitute.com/events/priory-institute-open-evening>

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32 Warnings about the second coming of Christ

Jesus said to his disciples: “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”

When the Son of Man returns...

Metaphors like “burning your boats” or “burning your bridges,” suggest a radical option with no turning back. Having your lamp alight is a gentler image, but still a good one, for meeting the challenge of life. “What shall be the outcome?” is the question posed in both Old and New Testament. Where is this world headed? And more personally, what of my own destiny in the life to come? About that day or hour no one knows. And just as well, for it would be difficult knowledge to cope with. But his message is to be ready to meet him, whenever he comes. The Lord comes to us in many ways, both to gift us and challenge us. Welcoming him is what really makes us Christians, sharing the spirit of his first followers who said “Maranatha” — “Our Lord, come !” We are invited to live our lives within an awareness of eternity, seeing this life as preparation for and building towards an endless life with God.

The faster our cars become, it seems, the more we have to spend time waiting for the lights to change to green. The queue and the traffic-jam are signs of our times. The more we are in a hurry the more we feel held up. We travel at speed through the air, but wait interminably at airports. Business life is punctuated with frustrating times waiting for appointments. How do we wait? Sometimes with great impatience, sometimes with anxiety. But our waiting can also be coloured with joyful expectation. Expectation is often more pleasurable than realization. As Shakespeare said, “All things that are, are with more pleasure chased than enjoyed.”

How should a believer await the coming of the Lord? Carefully, as those employed and carrying great responsibility. We will have to give an account of all our doings. The books must be in order. Actively, with our lamps burning, not asleep. We have to keep on working until the end. There is no time when we can say we have arrived, we have it all made. Joyfully, for if we are ready, then it is a joy to await the bridegroom and enter into the marriage feast. Hopefully, for we await him who in his one sacrifice lives to make intercession for our sins. In him we have confidence. He comes to reward us who have remained faithful and whose names are written in the book of life.

Our vision of the last things should not sink us in pessimism, or despair at our sinfulness. But the question should be asked: How ready are we? Our faith tells us that some generation in history will experience the second coming of Christ. Then a person may have but a moment to wonder: “Am I ready? Am I prepared? Even if ours is not the generation to see the second coming, still each of us must face our personal day of death. For some it comes unexpectedly, out of the blue, even perhaps at a young age. For others it will be fairly predictable and follow the more natural course of ageing and decline. Regardless, there will be a time when each must ask the question: “Am I ready? Am I prepared? Meanwhile, we are faced with multiple choices to make each day which may seem insignificant; but they all add up pointing us in particular directions, sometimes good, sometimes less so. Are our everyday decisions helping to make us ready? Are they making us prepared?

With the busy-ness of life it is easy to forget about the second coming of Christ. We prefer to ignore our mortality and put off our preparation for the death which we all must face. How do we prepare ourselves? How do we get ready? How will we be sure that the Lord recognizes us? What are the right choices to make during our day? The end of chapter 25 reads: “Then the king will say to those on his right, Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me. Although we do not know the day or the hour of the second coming of Christ, Although we do not know the day or the hour of our own deaths, we have been told what staying awake entails. It seems that if we meet the response from the Lord: “Amen, I say to you, I do not know you, it will be because of our foolishness and not because of a lack of mercy or justice on the part of the Lord.