

Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 17th October 2021
Twenty-Ninth 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: 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

Months Mind Mass: Eddie McLarkey on Sunday 17th October at 9am in St. Mary's Church.

Anniversary Mass: Nora Doherty Carty (Sam), San Diego/Ballygoman on Saturday 23rd October at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.

Anniversary Mass: Philip Glackin, Ballygorman on Sunday 24th October at 12noon in Star of the Sea Church.

Anniversary Mass: Eddie Doherty and Robert Mc Laughlin, Ross Head, on Sunday 31st October at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.

Anniversary Mass: Eugene Mc Geoghegan, Crackna/Muff on Saturday 23rd November at 6pm in St. Patrick'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>	695	260	140
<i>Restoration</i>	690	260	135

Parish Fund –	€ 1095
Restoration Fund –	€ 1085

Relaxation of Covid Restrictions. From Saturday 23rd October parishioners can sit in church in ALL seats. It is recommended that masks are still worn inside Church.

Parish Prayer Day for Marriage and Family Life: Next Wednesday 20th October we once again as a parish community pray continuously for Marriage and Family Life. Our focus for this month is Mercy and Forgiveness. Many couples and families have experienced tensions and difficulties so it is an important call to pray for one another that the peace and unity of family life can be maintained and restored where it has been disrupted. *October continuous Prayer for Marriage and Family Life:* Pope Francis: 'Patch up family feuds' Proposed Theme: Mercy and Forgiveness. Some Thoughts: • 'Let this be a time to end all family feuds, to forgive each other and let bygones be bygones,' Pope Francis has said. • "I think about so many brothers and sisters who are estranged from their families; they don't speak to each other," he said during one of his weekly general audiences in St Peter's Square. • "This is a good occasion to meet up again, to embrace each other and forgive each other, to leave bad things behind," he said. • Catholics are called to recognise their own need for God's mercy, the greatness of God's love seen in the death and resurrection of Christ and the obligation to assist others by communicating God's love and mercy through words and deeds. • We are called to forgive each other, to harden not our hearts and to not let pride get in the way of reconciliation. • "God's mercy transforms human hearts; it enables us, through the experience of a faithful love, to become merciful in turn."

Malin Parish and Malin GAA, "Honk Your Horn Bingo" at 5.30pm in Connolly Park on Sunday.

Meeting of the Parish Auction Committee on Monday 18th at 8pm in the Parish Hall.

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

Our Faith – Developing What We Were Taught in School: • Was RE just a subject in school? Would you like to really to understand it in practice? • Are you open to deepening your understanding of your Catholic Faith? • Do you want to better understand the Mass - the celebration to the Eucharist? • Would you like to explore, discuss and reflect upon issues and questions of faith, the Church, and how to link faith to your everyday life? The Pathways Adult Faith Programme by Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne, addresses these questions and more. This two-year faith development programme, delivered one Saturday per month from October to June is available either in-house at Drumalis or by Zoom video-conferencing. For personal testimonies, full details and enrolment on the programme, visit: www.drumalis.co.uk/pathways

“Calves and Kindles”: St Columba and the History of the Book. Friday, 22nd October 8:15pm. St. Eugene’s Cathedral Hall. To book your FREE ticket email columba1500@stcolumbscollege.org.

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45 Jesus overturns our ranking system; people who serve are greatest in God’s sight

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. Jesus called his disciples and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man has come not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

What should we pray for?

Most of us have had the experience of asking for something and not getting it. That experience begins in childhood when we begin to learn the difficult lesson that others do not automatically respond to our wants and whims. In adolescence we discover that our peers are not mirror images of ourselves and do not always behave or respond to us in the way we want them to. In adulthood we learn the delicate art of compromise when what we want and what others want come into conflict with each other. We also discover that in our relationship with God our prayers are not always answered, even when they focus not on ourselves but on others and their well-being. The experience of unanswered prayer can be a real challenge to our faith.

In today’s gospel, James and John come before Jesus with a prayer of petition. They ask him, ‘allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.’ The previous time Mark had depicted James and John together was on the mount of transfiguration with Peter. There they had an experience of Jesus in his glory, flanked by Moses and Elijah. James and John understood this experience as an anticipation of what was to come, and in the future they wanted the places occupied by Moses and Elijah. Mark emphasizes the inappropriateness of this request of James and John by placing it immediately after the third announcement by Jesus of his coming passion and death, ‘the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the Gentiles—’ (Mk 10:33-34). As Jesus declares that he is shortly to be humbled, James and John ask Jesus that they be exalted. Here is a prayer that has far too much of ‘self’ in it. It is not a prayer that Jesus can respond to. Sometimes, our own prayers can have a lot of ‘self’ in them, even when they are prayers for others. One dimension of our growing up into the person of Jesus is learning to pray as he prays, entering into his ongoing prayer to the Father. It is only the Holy Spirit who can enable our prayer to harmonize with that of the risen Lord. As Paul states in his letter to the Galatians, ‘God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying “Abba” Father!’ (Gal 4:6). In his letter to the Romans he comments that ‘the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words’ (Rom 8:26). Our prayer will be a sharing in Jesus’ own prayer when it is shaped by the inarticulate sighs of the Spirit deep within us.

In response to the brothers’ request of Jesus, he makes his own request of them, ‘Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptized with the baptism with which I must be baptized?’ Jesus is presented in the gospels as asking many questions. One access point to the gospel story of Jesus for us today is to sit with the many questions that Jesus asks. A very different form of prayer to the prayer of petition is to listen to the various petitions that Jesus addresses to us and, having listened, to respond honestly from the depths of our heart. Jesus’ petition to James and John finds an echo in Jesus’ own prayer of petition in the garden of Gethsemane, ‘Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want’ (Mk 14:36). The very cup that Jesus asked James and John to drink, he hesitated to drink himself. Yet, he went on to drink it because his prayer, ‘Remove this cup from me’, was secondary to his more fundamental prayer, ‘Not what I want, but what you want.’ Jesus does not request of his disciples anything he is not prepared to do himself. As today’s second reading remarks, we have a high priest ‘who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin.’ Jesus’ petition to James and John is addressed to all of us. He asks if we are prepared to commit ourselves to his servant way, even when it means the way of the cross, the way of self-denial and self-giving. The attentive listener may be put in mind of the sacraments of Eucharist and baptism by Jesus’ reference to ‘the cup’ and ‘baptism.’ At baptism we are baptized into Jesus’ servant way and when we celebrate the Eucharist we renew our commitment to that way.