

Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 24th October 2021
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B Week 2) Mission Sunday

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 Monday at 10am and Friday at 7:30pm
St. Mary's Church, Lagg: Wednesday at 9:30am

Anniversary Mass: Eugene Mc Geoghegan, Crackna/Muff on Saturday 23rd October at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.

Anniversary Mass: Nora Doherty Carty (Sam), San Diego/Ballygroman 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.

Month's Mind Mass: Margaret Houton, Portaleen on Saturday 30th October at 6pm in St. Patrick's 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: Liam Doherty, Killourt on Sunday 31st October at 12noon 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>	340	245	170
<i>Restoration</i>	335	245	170

Parish Fund –	€ 755
Restoration Fund –	€ 750

Relaxation of Covid Restrictions. It is recommended that masks are still worn inside Church.

Malin Parish Auction will be held as soon as the Committee considers it safe to do so. This year there will be no suites of furniture accepted, in order to maximise space in the hall, and to ensure the safety of those attending the auction.

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

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 29th January, 26th February, 12th March and 23rd April 2022. To book: www.accord.ie/services/marriage-preparation or email accordinishowen@gmail.com for more information.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend 5th – 7th November, hosted by Catholic Marriage Encounter: Restore Communication, Renew Commitment and Rekindle Romance. This is an online experience, starting on Friday evening at 8pm and ending on Sunday afternoon at 2:30pm. Full details on: <https://www.marriageencounter.ie>

Let your 20cent change make a change: Thanks to everyone for their continued support towards our fundraiser for cancer research. With your help we have raised €25,000. Follow us on our Facebook page.

Greencastlecentre.ie to check out all their groups and courses Tel: 074 93 81054.

Cop26 : Healthy Planet/ Healthy People Petition: Advocate on behalf of the most vulnerable, whose lives are devastated by the climate emergency. Join with Pope Francis in appealing for urgent action on climate change. Please sign the petition online before 28th October more info on thecatholicpetition.org.

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52 Jesus hears the prayer of a blind man and gives him back his sight

As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

What the blind man heard

A blind man was invited to attend a wedding. The young couple were being married in a village church well known for its architecture and its beautiful grounds. The guests were commenting on all of this at the reception afterwards and how they were struck by how well the church, the grounds and the setting all looked. When the blind man heard all this he thought to himself, 'But didn't they hear the bell?' For him, the church bell that pealed to welcome the bride and groom had been magnificent. The air was filled with its vibrating jubilation. He was amazed at the atmosphere of joy and celebration the bell had created for the occasion. Everyone else seemed to have missed that element. Although he could not see, perhaps because he could not see, his hearing was very alert. He heard the beauty that others missed. The sounds that passed others by touched him very deeply.

Today's gospel is the story of a blind man, a blind beggar. Although he was blind, his hearing was very sensitive, so he heard that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. Although he could not see Jesus, he made contact with him through his sense of hearing. His finely tuned hearing to the presence of Jesus led him to using another sense to make contact with Jesus, his sense of speech. He cried out, 'Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me.' Even when people around Jesus, including perhaps some of Jesus' disciples, told him to keep quiet, he shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Even though he could not see Jesus, he was determined to make contact with him through his gift of speech, through his urgent prayer from his heart. His prayer was an act of faith on his part. He recognized Jesus as 'Son of David' which was one of the titles for the Messiah, and trusting that Jesus could heal his blindness. His making contact through his hearing and his speaking revealed that he had an inner sight. Even though he was blind, he saw Jesus with the eyes of faith. Even when he was rebuked by the crowd for confessing his faith out loud, he refused to be silenced. He had the courage to keep professing his faith, in spite of the hostility and scorn it brought upon him. This man's courage faith and the quality of hearing, and speaking and seeing it gave rise to may have something to teach us when professing our faith publicly can invite scorn.

This man's faith literally brought Jesus to a standstill, in spite of the fact that at this point in his ministry he was hurrying from Jericho to Jerusalem. The gospel says simply, 'Jesus stopped.' Jesus' response to the heartfelt prayers of this man was in complete contrast to that of the people around him. Rather than telling him to keep quiet, Jesus told those around him to call him over. Jesus is portrayed as the champion of those not considered worthy enough to come near to God. Again we witness the extraordinary responsiveness of this man to Jesus' presence, to the call of Jesus. When he heard that Jesus was calling him, he first of all threw off his cloak. His cloak, no doubt, served many purposes. He sheltered him from the weather; it was his bed; it was in a sense his home. Yet, he abandoned it, and having done so, he jumped up and went unerringly to Jesus in his blindness. Nothing was going to hold him back from connecting with Jesus, not even his precious cloak. He speaks to all of us of our own need to free ourselves of the binds that stifle our faith and keep us from approaching the Lord.

The question that Jesus asked that man when they came face to face was not the kind of dismissive question that comes from annoyance at being interrupted, 'What do you want?' Rather, it was a very personal question 'What do you want me to do for you?' It is a question that we can all hear as addressed to each of us personally, and how we answer that question can reveal a great deal about who we are and what we value. In the passage in Mark's gospel which immediately preceded this one, Jesus asked that same question of two of his own disciples, James and John, 'What do you want me to do for you?' Their answer revealed a self-centered ambition, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory?' The blind man's answer to Jesus' question revealed a very different heart. Aware of his blindness, aware of his disability, he asked simply, 'Master, let me see again.' In answering his prayer, Jesus addressed him as a man of faith, 'your faith has saved you.' He was already seeing Jesus with the eyes of faith before he received back his physical sight. Once he received back his physical sight, we are told that he followed Jesus along the road. He immediately used his newly restored sight to walk after Jesus as a disciple up to the city of Jerusalem, where Jesus would be crucified. His faith had shaped his hearing and his speaking, and now it shaped the path he would take. His faith had shaped his hearing and his speaking, and we could do worse than take this man as a model of faith in our own lives. Like him we are blind beggars who need to keep on crying out to the Lord who passes by so that we can see him more clearly and follow him more nearly.