

Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 7th November 2021
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B Week 4)

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

MonthMind Mass: Willie Mc Laughlin (White Paddy), Carrowmore, Malin.on Sunday 7th November at 9am in St. Mary's Church.

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: Jim Rudden on Sunday 12th December at 12noon 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>	475	205	180
<i>Restoration</i>	475	200	175

Parish Fund –	€ 860
Restoration Fund –	€ 850

Parish Draw

	€200	€100	€50
3/10	312 McLaughlin Family, Masons	176 Maura Monagle	319 Neil Doherty
10/10	168 Marion Doherty	261 Hannah O'Donnell	299 Maureen Hegarty
17/10	235 Anne Kelly	381 Sadie Mc Gonagle	145 Roy Kelly
24/10	165 Alan Mc Laughlin	298 Laura & Conor Mc Geoghegan	171 Monica Walsh
31/10	350 Richard Mc Cole	152 The Crua Girls	225Max, Millie, Anne , Finn Doherty

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

Laudatosi - Prayers for Success of Cop26: On Sunday, 7th November, Bishop McKeown will offer Mass in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, for the success of the proceedings at COP26. Each parish, each school, each home - united with people of faith throughout the world - are invited to pray for our world at this time.

Malin Parish Bingo will resume in the Parochial Hall on Sunday 7th November at 8.30pm. 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,

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.

Derry Diocesan Youth will be holding a Youth Event in the Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, Derry on 21 November, from 12:00noon -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 16 November.

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44 The offering of the widow had great value in God's sight

As he taught, Jesus said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

The Cheerful Giver

"It's all taking and no giving!" as Dolly Parton belted it out, in the Film: Working Nine to Five, and her next line was to mock that way of life: "What a way to make a living!." Today's Scriptures point to another way. The good life manages to blend gracious taking with cheerful giving, and the value is in the giving. It's our giving that is recorded in the Book of Life. Jesus is the Great Giver: that we may have life, and have it to the full [Jn 10:10.] As a fine example of this kind of mutual help, we have heard how Elijah and the widow of Zarephath helped each other to survive. During the famine she shares the last of her food with the starving prophet. She gives without hesitation, and is blessed in return. In the Gospel Jesus says, in effect, "Give from the heart." The widow's offering to the Temple might seem small in the eyes of other donors, but it was whole-hearted and therefore priceless in value. Generosity is not the exclusive prerogative of the rich. The poor have great gifts to share too, and when they do so, others should respond with appreciation.

Gifts from ordinary people support many projects and causes in the Catholic Church, just as they kept the Jerusalem temple going in Jesus' day. It is a strange, but at the same time common truth, that generosity is more widespread among those who have little to spare than among those who have lots of money and property. But let's recall today that all donations made for the glory of God share in Jesus' warm praise of the woman who "gave all she could." This story of the Widow's Mite invites us to examine the quality of giving in our lives — not just to Church collections, but to whatever worthy cause attracts our attention and our sympathy. More than once, Jesus spoke about this subject. Not only should the gift be made with a generous heart, but so far as possible in an anonymous, non-fussy way, so that "the left hand does not know what the right hand is doing." The thing should be done because it is right, with the intention of pleasing God rather than winning credit or praise from others. And the more it costs us in personal terms — giving up some of our time, or our comfort, for something worthwhile — the more it is part of the one great sacrifice of Christ, who gave himself totally for us.

Saint Paul coined the phrase "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:6-7.) And there can be no doubt that the cheerful gift is more acceptable even among people on an everyday level. The hospitality shown to the famished prophet Elijah by the poor widow in the town of Sidon, was all the more precious in that it was given with loving respect, and not as a grudging duty. Here was a man of God, clearly in need of help. There was no need for long, involved argument about how he had gotten into this position, or whether he had drawn up a wiser plan for his future. She did what she could for him, and was blessed in the process.

"Charity brings its own reward," says the proverb. There is a glow of satisfaction in giving for a good cause. It is also, in a Gospel sense, the best possible investment for our eternal future — that "treasure in heaven" of which Jesus spoke, when he invited people to "sell what you have and give to the poor." And it has been well said that, from the perspective of our death-bed, we will be happier to think of what we have freely given away during our life-time than of what we have simply stored away for the rainy day.

Giving can be global as well as local. In our technological age, we have more detailed information than any previous generation about the hungry and deprived plight of people in Third World countries, and indeed of the major miseries endured in inner-city areas of high unemployment much closer to home. Sometimes we feel almost crushed into apathy by the sheer magnitude of the problems; at other times we may grow indignant at the political and economic structures that seem to perpetuate this state of affairs. Aware and intelligent generosity should prompt us to outspoken concern for justice, as well as some personal contribution to charities like famine relief, development funds and soon. At the same time, we ought not neglect the smaller, perhaps less urgent, needs at our own door-step. The personal touch is part of the giving, and giving our time can often be more precious than anything else. And Shakespeare's line remains true about all works of kindness and mercy, in whatever circumstances: "It is twice blessed: it blesses him that gives and him that takes."