

Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 20th February 2022
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C 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
 E-Mail: malinparish@hotmail.com St. Mary's Church - Sunday 9am

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Weekday Masses:

St. Patrick's Church, Aghaclay: Thursday and Friday at 7:30pm

Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head: No Mass

St. Mary's Church, Lagg: No Mass

Anniversary Mass: Philip and Paddy Mc Gonagle, Ballynahona, on Saturday 19th February at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church

Anniversary Mass: Frank Hasson on Sunday 20th February at 9am in St. Mary's Church.

Anniversary Mass: John Mc Laughlin, Ballylannon and Greencastle, on Sunday 20th February at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.

Month's Mind Mass: Willie McLaughlin, Davey of Cuill, on Saturday 26th February at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.

Month's Mind Mass: Sister Teresa (Brigid Mc Gilloway) on Sunday 27th February at 9am in St. Mary's Church.

First Anniversary Mass: Billy Farren, Glentoskert on Saturday 5th March at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.

Anniversary Mass: Thomas and Sadie Gallagher, Magherard on Sunday 13th March at 9am in St. Mary's Church.

Anniversary Mass: Mary Anne & Roger Doherty, Lower Braghy on Saturday 19th March at 9am in Star of the Sea Church.

First Anniversary Mass: John McDermott, Bunn Glengad on Saturday 9th April in St. Patrick's Church.

Anniversary Mass: Rose Gallagher, Francistown, on Saturday 30th April at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.

Month's Mind Mass: Frances Coffey, Carnmalin on Saturday 5th March at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.

First Anniversary Mass: Isabella Mc Laughlin, Lower Braghy on Sunday 9th May 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". Envelopes for the Parish Collection are available in all churches. **Collections for the last week: Thank You.**

	<i>Aghaclay</i>	<i>Malin Head</i>	<i>Lagg</i>
<i>Parish</i>	485	140	270
<i>Restoration</i>	480	140	265

Parish Fund –	€895
Restoration Fund –	€885

SYNOD Rome 2023: Pope Francis has asked that every parish throughout the world participate in a consultation on the living of our faith and how we can respond to the challenges of our times. The yellow pages give fuller details of this process and how we can join in his call to renewal and faith. See also on Malin Parish and Derry Diocesan website/synod.

No Greater Love – Five-week 'zoom' programme, each session lasting one hour, with a time for prayer, sharing and reflection. This programme is considered a great way to prepare our hearts and minds for the holiest of seasons in the Church calendar. In a series of short films shot on location in the Holy land, No Greater Love is a biblical pilgrimage, taking us through the key events of Christ's passion and revealing His amazing love for us. Best-selling author, Edward Sri, will guide us through the final hours of Christ's life. You will walk step by step with Jesus through the Scriptures from the Garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Hosted by the Living Church Office in Down & Connor diocese, there are six 'starting' options to choose from: Tuesday 8th March at 7:30pm, Wednesday 9th March at 7:30pm, Thursday 10th March at 11am or 7pm, Monday 14th March at 11am or 7pm. Please consider participating! To book your place please click on the link: <https://forms.office.com/r/TZkWYFSAHR>.

Exploring Priesthood – Zoom with Seminarians and Priests: On Tuesday 1st March at 8pm there will be an opportunity for men to join in on a Zoom meeting to find out more about priesthood and to hear directly from a priest and from two young men who are currently studying for the priesthood in our National Seminary in Maynooth. The event is being run by the National Vocations Office. Further information and registration details by emailing info@vocations.ie or alternatively by visiting vocations.ie/zoom The Zoom session should end by 9.30pm at the latest. There will be a short time watching YouTube videos on priesthood and vocation, a Questions & Answers session with seminarians and panel.

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 9374103 or e-mail accordinishowen@gmail.com. Accord Inishowen are hosting **Virtual Interactive Marriage Preparation Programme (Pre-Marriage) Courses** via Zoom for 2022. To book: www.accord.ie/services/marriage-preparation or email for information accordinishowen@gmail.com.

Malin GAA is looking to source land in the Malin Parish or the surrounding areas to develop a training ground. If anyone is selling or leasing land long term, can they contact the Club Secretary: Brendan Monagle on 086 3777 015.

Trocaire is delighted to offer its Lenten workshops this year again. Please register so we have knowledge of numbers attending. You can register here on this link for our workshops- <https://forms.gle/jbb8mxLt8t1NpSzU8>. In preparation for these workshops- please have a look at our resources for Lent on our parish page; <https://www.trocaire.org/our-work/working-in-ireland/parishes/lent-2022/>

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38 *Instead of revenge, we need to show compassion to all*

Jesus said to his disciples, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

All-embracing Compassion

(1) Others had said: "do not do to others what you would not have them do to you." That is perhaps the basic law of manners and politeness. Jesus, characteristically, goes beyond this: Do to others... The Christian ethic is positive. It goes beyond "Thou shalt not..." to "Do" It is activist. There is the story of the man who appeared at the gate of heaven asking to be let in. St Peter asked him why he thought he should be let in. The man answered: "my hands are clean." "Yes," answered Peter, "but they are empty!"

(2) The Gospel asks us to go the extra mile. Jesus asks for more than the minimum that justice requires. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?" = He told his disciples: "unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Yet with those who tried and failed he was full of sympathy and compassion. He will never say "enough," but he will not reject anyone who has failed and comes back to him.

(3) Some people prefer the simple formula: "Eye for eye; tooth for tooth". David had his chance to kill his enemy before his enemy killed him, as Saul fully intended to do. But he held back and he would not take Saul's life. The temptation to violence is an easy one. The world is full of wars and violent confrontations. We yield too readily to our instincts of aggression, whether it is the great aggression where nation confronts nation in a balance of terror, or violent confrontations between groups of citizens, or violence in the home. Education in peaceful means of solving interpersonal and intercommunal difficulties is one of the greatest needs of our age. The way is open to Christians to start to learn more about non-violent means of solving conflicts and becomes peacemakers.

(4) Compassion is the characteristic of God – even of the "Old Testament God" whom some wrongly see as uniquely harsh and cruel. Our psalm emphasises that God is not the seeker of vengeance that many people imagine him to be. He is not waiting and anxious to punish each and every fault, but is concerned only to remove our sins and fill us with life.

(5) God's love and goodness, his desire not to reject or to lose us, is shown most powerfully in what he has done for us in his Son Jesus Christ. He has made us into a new creation. He wishes to join us with him for an eternity of fulfilment and happiness. God's compassion for sinful and unhappy humanity is the model of our compassion. St Matthew had said: "Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Ch. 5:48.) St John said: "God is love" (1 John 4:7.) St Luke's report of Jesus' words is: "Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate."

Able to forgive

Jesus' message was new and shocking for the religious leaders of his day. Their law decreed "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." In other words, they were expected to strike back at those who harmed them in any way. It is in a gospel like that presented to us today that we see just how radical and revolutionary Jesus' teaching must have sounded back then. Indeed, it is still quite revolutionary in today's world, with our dog-eat-dog mentality. The process of salvation which he had come to establish would be based on forgiveness, and, therefore, to be part of, and to belong to that process must put each of us right Out there in the front line of tolerance, forgiveness, and love.

Look in a mirror, reflecting on the failures and sin in your life. Take as much time as you need. You are going to ask God's forgiveness, you are going to offer amendment, to move forward from here. Jesus taught us one simple prayer, which we call the Our Father or the Lord's Prayer. It is a simple prayer, and it is quite short. One of the petitions is where we ask God to forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. We can rattle off this prayer, and fail to realise the bind in which it can place us.

In the Lord's Prayer, we ask God to forgive us on one condition, which is that we will forgive others in our turn. There is a proven power in forgiveness and love. "Blessed are the meek" says Jesus, "they shall possess the earth." We are impressed by the power of forgiveness shown by characters like Mahatma Ghandi, Martin Luther King, and others who somehow managed to turn the other cheek. The bully cannot deal with the power of the one who won't strike back, but often resorts to violence as the only way to silence their voice of protest. To err is human, to forgive is divine. We would aim to be big-hearted, tolerant and patient.. But the ideal Jesus sets for us is, "Be merciful, just as your heavenly Father is merciful."