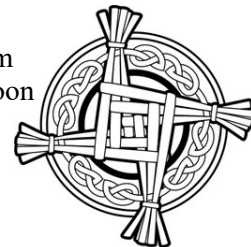


Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 29th January 2022
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C Week 4)

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
E-Mail: malinparish@hotmail.com		St. Mary's Church - Sunday 9am
Web Site: www.malinparish.ie	Facebook: Malin Parish	



Feast of Candlemas/Presentation of the Lord: Blessing of Candles Saturday 29th January:

St. Patrick's Church, Aughaclay: at 6pm
Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head: at 8pm



St. Brigid's Day Mass: Tuesday 1st February in *Star of the Sea Church* at 7:30pm.

Weekday Masses:

St. Patrick's Church, Aughaclay: Monday and Tuesday 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

First Anniversary Mass: John Doherty, Ballygorman on Saturday 22nd January at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
Months Mind Mass: Neil Mc Laughlin (Big Mickie), USA/Lower Brahey on Sunday 23rd January at 9am in St. Mary's.
First Anniversary Mass: Mary Mc Laughlin, Ross Head on Saturday 29th January at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.
Anniversary Mass: David McGilloway, Lougherbragh /London on Sunday 30th January at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Paddy and Ellen Kelly, Glentoskert on Sunday 30th January at 10:30am in St. Patrick's.
Anniversary Mass: William Doherty, Leiter on Tuesday 8th February at 7:30pm in St. Patrick's Church.
First Anniversary Mass: John Mc Gilloway, Lower Braghey on Sunday 13th February at 9am in St. Mary'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.
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.
First Anniversary Mass: John McDermott, Bunn Glengad on Saturday 9th April 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". Envelopes for the Parish Collection are available in all churches. **Collections for the last week: Thank You.**

	<i>Aughaclay</i>	<i>Malin Head</i>	<i>Lagg</i>
<i>Parish</i>	485	215	225
<i>Restoration</i>	485	215	225

Parish Fund –	€925
Restoration Fund –	€925

PARISH DRAW

	200	100	50
2/1	205 EILEEN MC LAUGHLIN	410 MARY B MC LAUGHLIN	171 MONICA WALSH
9/1	245 NELL GALLAGHER	237 JOHN A DOHERTY	330 JOHN MC GUINNESS
16/1	299 MAUREEN HEGARTY	263 MARY MC COLGAN	259 PACKIE DOHERTY
23/1	246 PAT MC GINLEY	186 NUALA MC CLEAN`	249 DAMIEN WARD
30/1	191 MICHAEL HOUTEN	197 SEAN MC GEOGEHAN	290 BRIGID DOHERTY

CONFIRMATION : SATURDAY 14TH MAY AT 12 NOON IN ST PATRICK'S AUGHACLAY

FIRST COMMUNION MALIN TOWN AND GLENGAD. SATURDAY 7TH MAY 12 NOON

FIRST COMMUNION MALIN HEAD AND URBALREAGH, SATURDAY 21ST MAY 12 NOON

Scoil Treasa Naofa, Malin, Scoil Cholmcille, Glengad, Urrblereagh National School and Scoil Naomh Mhuire, Malin Head, now have application forms for admission in Sept. 2022. Contact schools for details.

Carndonagh Men's Shed Opening Hours: 10am-1.30pm Fri. Phone 083 0282642. Come and join us!!

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 for 2022. To book: www.accord.ie/services/marriage-preparation or email for more information accordinishowen@gmail.com.

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Gospel: Luke 4:21-30 Jesus shares the fate of prophets, rejected by his own people

Jesus began to say to them in the synagogue, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?"

He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in his own hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian."

When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Worship and prejudice

The scene in the synagogue that Sabbath seems pretty disturbing; a people who have come for worship turn angry to the extent of intending to throw Jesus off a cliff. What is it that made them so angered? He had reminded them of a low point in their history, when God punished the people of Israel with a famine, but then saved a Gentile widow. Jesus had also reminded them of God's mercy towards a Gentile named Naaman. Naturally his message was a shocker and just the opposite of they wanted to hear.

Some truths are often bitter. We too may be angered or agitated when someone (even a preacher?) tells us a truth that we don't want to hear. Had Jesus glorified the Jews and told them that they were God's exclusively privileged people, he would probably have received bouquets instead of brickbats, appreciation rather than criticism. But he chose to call a spade a spade.;In effect, Jesus declared that God has no favourites, that there are no privilege cardholders to receiving love and compassion, that all are equal shareholders of God's love no matter who we are, where we come from and whatever our socio-economic status. We don't earn divine favour by the titles we hold, but receive it freely from the unconditional love of God for us. In the second reading, St. Paul too speaks of the primacy of love.

What happened in the Nazareth synagogue can happen today in the church. We may carry prejudices with us into our places of worship, and if we do, we block the message God wants to give us. Our prejudice can be against the very priest or preacher who addresses us, against some in the congregation, the choir, the readers or other church helpers, or against the hierarchic Church as such. A prejudiced mind will never sit comfortably in Church and will never find fulfilment in worship or carry the gospel message home.

Mahatma Gandhi during his student days began to read the Gospels and even considered embracing Christianity. He believed that the teachings of Jesus offered a solution to the caste system that divided the people of India. One Sunday he decided to attend services at a nearby church and talk to the minister about becoming a Christian. When he entered the sanctuary, however, the usher refused to give him a seat and suggested that he go worship with his own people. Gandhi left the church and never returned. "If Christians have caste differences also," he said, "I might as well remain a Hindu." That usher's prejudice not only betrayed Jesus but also turned a person away from knowing Jesus more closely.

Do we take prejudices into our place of worship? Are we prejudiced against individuals or any community? If so, we turn to Jesus for healing we need.