

Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 13th March 2022
2nd Sunday of Lent (Year C Week 2)



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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Station of the Cross at 6pm in *Star of the Sea Church* - today Sunday 13th March. *St. Patrick's Church* – Sunday 20th March. *St. Mary's Church* – Sunday 27th March.

St. Patrick's Day Masses:

St. Patrick's Church, Aughaclay:	Wednesday at 6pm and Thursday (in Irish) at 10.30am
Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head:	Wednesday at 8pm and Thursday at 12noon
St. Mary's Church, Lagg:	Thursday at 9am

Weekday Masses:

St. Patrick's Church, Aughaclay:	Monday at 7.30pm
Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head:	Monday at 10am



HAPPY ST PATRICK'S DAY TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS

- 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 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
- Anniversary Mass:** Ellen Nora Doherty, Bree on Saturday 26th March at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
- Anniversary Mass:** Ellen Mc Laughlin, Cullourde on Friday 8th April at 7:30pm in Star of the Sea Church.
- First Anniversary Mass:** John McDermott, Bunn Glengad on Saturday 9th April at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.
- First Anniversary Mass:** Noreen Mc Gonagle on Sunday 10th April at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
- Anniversary Mass:** Rose Gallagher, Francistown, on Saturday 30th April at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.
- Anniversary Mass:** Bill Monagle, Donegard, on Saturday 30th April at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
- First Anniversary Mass:** Isabella Mc Laughlin, Lower Braghy on Sunday 8th May at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
- Anniversary Mass:** Louise Colhoun on Friday 13th May at 7:30pm in St. Patrick's Church.
- First Anniversary Mass:** Michael Deery, Keenagh on Saturday 4th June at 8pm 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". 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>	480	290	105
<i>Restoration</i>	475	285	100

Parish Fund –	€875
Restoration Fund –	€860

The Parish Draw begins again in April. Promoter Cards are available NOW from Fr. Devlin in the Parochial House. Thanks to all our promoters and members for your continuing support. Promoters are asked to make returns on Monday 28th March. The draw costs 35 euros for 6 months and 70 euros for the year.

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..

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.

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/>
Stories of Hope: You are invited to Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Steelstown, Derry on four Tuesdays of Lent at 7pm to listen to local people share their personal journeys of faith: 8th – Fr. Isaac & Mikhail Kennedy, 15th - Ciara Mc Alister & Jenny Mc Grath, 22nd - Rev. Canon Katie Mc Ateer, 29th - Paul O'Hea, there will be music and tea/ coffee afterwards. All are welcome.

The Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 3rd – 8th July 2022. Cost: £689 per person sharing, €150 with single room supplement. Price includes flights, transfers and full board. The pilgrimage will be suitable for pilgrims who do not require medical, nursing or personal assistance which cannot be provided this year. The intentions of the sick can be taken to Lourdes. The Pilgrimage Office, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, will be open for enquires and application forms on Thursdays and Saturdays, 11am – 1pm, from 3rd March. Tel: 028 71 260293 or email derrypilgrim@outlook.com.

Are you between the age of 16 and 18? You are invited to join the Pope John Paul II Award Youth Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Tuesday, 22nd March. Join youth from all over Ireland in a day of prayer, talks and music. Guest speaker will be Fr. Peter McVerry of the Peter McVerry Trust. Music by Elation Ministries. The pilgrimage will start at 11am and will conclude after 2:30pm Mass,

celebrated by Award patron, Bishop Donal McKeown. For transport information contact your local secondary school or the Derry Youth Ministry office on 00 44 (0)28 7126 4087 or email lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org.

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.

Glengad Community Centre: New 4 week cooking '*Eat Good Feel Good*' course starting in Glengad Community Centre on Tuesday 15th March 10am - 11am. This course will be delivered by Donnabella Kitchen and is for adults. Cost is €30 for the 4 weeks to be paid prior to the start date. Contact 0860675914 to book your place. Class will run subject to demand. **Kids Drama** classes running in the centre on Tuesday evenings by Réalta Academy of Speech and Performance. Contact Bernie for further details 086 882 7323. **On Saturday 2nd April** Glengad Community Association and Malin Head Community Association together with Wild Alpaca Way are holding a day of fundraising for Motor Neurone Disease and PIETA HOUSE in support of the National Campaign #climbwithcharlie. First walk 10am from the bottom of the Crua Mountain, Glengad, all the way to the top, with the Alpacas leading the way. Take in the spectacular panoramic views overlooking the Atlantic, Inistrahau Island, North Inishowen and as far as the Western Isles of Scotland. Second walk 3pm on Knockamany Bens, Malin Head, again led by the Alpacas to the top. Enjoy more spectacular views of the Atlantic, Glashedy Island, Banba's Crown, all the beautiful peninsulas of North Donegal and Tory Island. Donation buckets will be available at the events on the day and in Lafferty's shop, Glengad, Malin Post Office, and Seaview Stores, Malin Head. Please wear appropriate footwear and high viz. For any further information please contact Glengad Community Association on 086 0675 914 (Mairéad), Malin Head Community Association on 074 93 70478 or Wild Alpaca Way 086 1789 955 (Sheila). No need to register... just turn up.

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36 Peter, James and John glimpsed the hidden glory of Jesus

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" " not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

God on the mountain, God in the valley

Our lives are a mixture of a 'mountain-top experience' and a 'valley experience.' Jesus' prediction of his suffering and death followed by the transfiguration experience reveals this truth in no unclear terms. You can see thorns in a bush full of roses or roses in a bush full of thorns, no matter how you look at it you can't change the truth that both, thorns and roses are before you. Life's journey is through thorns and roses, mountains and valleys.

In the verses preceding today's passage, Jesus already predicted his passion, suffering and death (the valley experience). He spoke about carrying one's cross as a pre-requisite for discipleship.

Interpreted in our own life-context, the mountain-top experience is that of peace, happiness, prosperity, fame, success, physical well-being, stable relationships and a general feeling of fulfilment and contentment. The valley experience is that when things don't seem going right in our lives, when failures and losses befall us, when we are fallen and forsaken, misunderstood and betrayed by others, when relationships threaten to break, when 'tomorrow' scares us in the face, when loneliness stalks us, when grief overwhelms us and life seems at its edge.

When you know that suffering is going to come upon you, it is but natural that your face will look gloomy and pale and people can notice it. But here at the Transfiguration Jesus is looking radiant in glory (the mountain-top experience). This scene suggests that when we take up our cross in God's name we receive strength and grace from the Lord to carry it. The voice of God "This my beloved son in whom I'm well pleased, listen to Him" is not just an endorsement of the Jesus-mission of redemption but an affirmation that God is always "well pleased" when we are willing to carry our cross and follow Him. When you are busy carrying your cross become also sure God is busy weaving a crown for you. Your crown is not somewhere beyond the grave, but in this life itself.

In our human experience, we are tempted just like Peter, James and John to desire the mountaintop experience and avoid the valley experience. But we really must live the valley experience if we want to see the glory of God in our lives. It is in the valley valley experience that we discover our frailties and the follies of our intelligence, when inflated egos are punctured and we discover our great need for God.

When we find it hard to trust God in the valley experience of your life, we could think of little chickens under the wings of a hen. There is darkness under its wings, the little chicks cannot see anything, yet they feel the warm, reassuring protection of their mother. As the Psalmist puts it, "The Lord will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings we will find refuge; His faithfulness will be your shield and your rampart." (Ps 91:4).

Whether in the valley or on the mountain-top, we need the affirmation of God, for the God in the valley is the same God on the mountains.