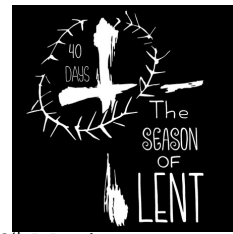


**Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year C Week 1)**



**Fr. Peter Devlin P.P.** Malin 074 93 70615  
**Fr. Charley Logue C.C.** Malin Head 074 93 70134  
**Mass Times**  
 St. Patrick's Church - Saturday 6pm Sunday 10:30am  
 Star of the Sea Church - Saturday 8pm Sunday 12 noon  
 St. Mary's Church - Sunday 9am  
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**Station of the Cross at 6pm** in *St. Mary's Church* - today Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March. *Star of the Sea Church* - Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March. *St. Patrick's Church* - Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March. *St. Mary's Church* - Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

**Weekday Masses:**

*St. Patrick's Church, Aughaclay:* Monday and Tuesday at 7.30pm  
*Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head:* Monday at 10am, Tuesday and Friday 7.30pm  
*St. Mary's Church, Lagg:* Thursday at 9:30am

**First Anniversary Mass:** Billy Farren, Glentokert on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.  
**Month's Mind Mass:** Frances Coffey, Carnmalin on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Thomas and Sadie Gallagher, Magherard on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 9am in St. Mary's Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Mary Anne & Roger Doherty, Lower Braghy on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 9am in Star of the Sea Church.  
**First Anniversary Mass:** John McDermott, Bunn Glengad on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April in St. Patrick's Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Rose Gallagher, Francistown, on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.  
**First Anniversary Mass:** Isabella Mc Laughlin, Lower Braghy on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 9am in St. Mary's Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Louise Colhoun on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm 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>	455	195	240
<i>Restoration</i>	450	190	240

Parish Fund –	€890
Restoration Fund –	€880

**Parish Draw**

	€200	€100	€50
6/2	426 FR LOGUE	435 MARION KELLY	276 EIMEAR, KIERAN MC COLGAN
13/2	258 MARY DOHERTY	306 ROSEMARY MC COLGAN	335 GERALDINE LYNOTT
20/2	292 ANNA, ELLIE PORTER	298 LAURA, CONOR MC GEOGHEGAN	140 LINDA MC DAID
27/2	294 COLLETTE MC CLEAN	300 KATHLEEN KEARNEY	167 AYDA DOHERTY

**The Parish Draw begins again in April. Promoter Cards are available from Fr Devlin in the Parochial House. Thanks to all our promoters and members for you continuing support.**

**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 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 11am or 7pm, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 11am or 7pm. Please consider participating! To book your place please click on the link: <https://forms.office.com/r/TZkWYFSAHR>.

**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 [accordinshowen@gmail.com](mailto:accordinshowen@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](http://www.accord.ie/services/marriage-preparation) or email for information [accordinshowen@gmail.com](mailto:accordinshowen@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: 8<sup>th</sup> – Fr. Isaac & Mikhail Kennedy, 15<sup>th</sup> - Ciara Mc Alister & Jenny Mc Grath, 22<sup>nd</sup> - Rev. Canon Katie Mc Ateer, 29<sup>th</sup> - Paul O'Hea, there will be music and tea/ coffee afterwards. All are welcome.

**The Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Tel: 028 71 260293 or email [derrypilgrim@outlook.com](mailto:derrypilgrim@outlook.com).

**Annual Trocaire Lecture (Online):** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 7pm. 'How women of faith are responding to the ecological crisis'. Dr. Carmody Grey, Durham University & Laudato Si Institute. Lucy Vokhiwa, Malawi. To register: [Frances.Harman@trocaire.org](mailto:Frances.Harman@trocaire.org).

**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, 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**The Census** is taking place on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022. Census enumerators are calling to every home in your area to deliver census forms from now until census date. They will return after census night to collect your completed forms. Enumerators can help you with any census queries that you have. You can visit our website [census.ie](http://census.ie) for more information. Contact details for the census office are also available on the website. Please ask to see their ID badge when they call. Census enumerators will not enter your home.

**Glengad Community Centre:** New 4 week cooking *'Eat Good Feel Good'* course starting in Glengad Community Centre on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> 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. **Glengad Community Association** will be arranging a climb of Crua on 2<sup>nd</sup> April to show our support to Charlie Bird in his campaign to raise money for Irish Motor Neurone Association and Pieta House. Anyone wishing to donate can do so on the day. More details to follow.

### **Gospel: Luke 4:1-13 Jesus was tempted like we are, but he did not sin**

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

### **The great temptation**

The story of Jesus' temptations is not to be taken lightly. It's a warning that we can ruin our lives if we stray from the path God wills for us. The first temptation was decisively important. On the surface it is a desire for something innocent and good: why not call on God power to satisfy our hunger. "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread," the tempter says to Jesus. His reply is surprising: "One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." We must always seek God's will above all. At every moment we must listen to God's Word, seek God's will.

Our deepest needs are not met by physical food and drink. Human beings need and yearn for more, for spiritual nurture. To help save other people from hunger and misery, we need to listen to God our Father, who awakens in our conscience a hunger for justice and solidarity.

Perhaps our great temptation today is to "change things into bread", to reduce our desires to what is tangible and consumable. Indiscriminate consumerism is all around us, but it is hardly the way to progress and liberation. A consumerist society leads to emptiness and discontent. Why do the number of suicides keep growing? Why do we barricade ourselves in gated communities, and build walls and barriers to stop hungry people from sharing our prosperity and disturbing our peace?

Jesus wants us to be aware that human beings do not live on bread alone. We also need to nurture the spirit, know love and friendship, develop solidarity with those who suffer, listen to our conscience, open to the ultimate Mystery of sharing, that joins us with God.

### **Saying "NO" to temptation**

When we want to give in to any temptation, we will always find reasons, arguments and logic to support our desires. But we need wisdom from God to challenge, question and walk over our temptations. Every year on the First Sunday of Lent we read the gospel story of Jesus being tempted by Satan. The message of the Gospel is not just about saying "NO" to temptation but about challenging the temptation or the tempter.

The first temptation was to turn stone into bread. Stones were in plenty around Jesus. If all the stones changed to bread, there would be enough food for a lifetime. The problem of poverty in the world is because so many people want to stack up and store money and material for a life-time. It is the feeling of insecurity. Jesus spoke of a parable of a man who wanted to pull down his barns and build larger ones but the Lord asked him, 'You fool, if your life would be demanded of you tonight, whose will all this be?' Giving in to the first kind of temptation is like trying to accumulate for a life time when God wants us to live one day at a time. Giving in to this temptation will lead us to pillage, plunder, cheat, grab and snatch from others as much as we can.

The second temptation was that Satan would give all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him. This temptation is all too evident from the growing power struggles seen in the world today and increase in violence and bloodshed; one religion trying to dominate another, nations trying to out-do another in economy and weaponry to become world-superpowers; cultures, communities and ethnic groups claiming superiority over another. This temptation for power begins at the individual level when we forget Jesus teaching 'those who wish to be first must be the servant of all' leading us to clamour for power, position and fame even at the cost and dignity of another.

The third temptation was for Jesus to perform a spectacular act of falling from the pinnacle and not getting hurt. This temptation reveals itself in certain dangerously advancing technologies where man is trying to play God. Technology is good if it improves the quality of life, but dangerous when the creature wants to become creator. When we rely only on our own strengths and intelligence we will discount God. All our intelligence put together still cannot stop a tsunami, an earthquake or the raging waters of our flood.

Paradoxically, it is our intelligence itself that has breached nature's course and aggravated natural calamities. So when any temptation faces you, don't just say "No", but question it as Jesus did. Liken your temptation to any of his temptations and seek the wisdom of God to handle it.