

Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 17th April 2022
Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection (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, Aughaclay: Monday and Tuesday 7.30pm
Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head: No Mass
St. Mary's Church, Lagg: No Mass

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil at 7pm in *St. Patrick's Church* and at 8pm in *Star of the Sea Church*. Please bring candles.
Easter Sunday: Masses as Usual.
Divine Mercy Novena: Star of the Sea Church begins on Good Friday and ends with Devotions on Sunday 24th April at 6pm.

Anniversary Mass: Kathleen Kelly, Drumcarbit on Friday 22nd April at 7:30pm in St. Patrick's Church.
Months Mind Mass: Bridie Mc Geoghegan, Crackna on Saturday 23rd April, at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.
Months Mind Mass: Barbara Doherty, on Sunday 24th April, at 12noon in Star of the Sea Church.
First Anniversary Mass: Paddy Harkin, Magherard, on Wednesday 27th April at 7.30 in St. Patrick'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.
Month's Mind Mass: Mary Margaret Fallon, Ballyloskey and Luton, on Sunday 1st May at 9am in St Mary's Church.
Month's Mind Mass: Mary Mc Laughlin, Ballyheeney on Saturday 7th May 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: Eamon Devlin, Templemoyle on Tuesday 31st May at 7.30pm in St Patrick's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Eileen Mc Carron, Templemoyle, on Saturday 4th June at 6pm in St Patrick's Church.
First Anniversary Mass: Michael Deery, Keenagh on Saturday 4th June at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
Anniversary Mass: Richard Douglas, Carthage Mountain, on Sunday 5th June at 10.30 am in St Patrick's Church.
First Anniversary Mass: Maire Doherty, Umgal on Sunday 12th June 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". **Collections for the last 2 weeks: Thank You.**

	<i>Aughaclay</i>	<i>Malin Head</i>	<i>Lagg</i>
<i>Parish</i>	410 480	180 185	140 260
<i>Restoration</i>	410 480	180 180	135 260

Parish Fund – € 730 925
Restoration Fund € 725 920

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SYNOD 2023: Thanks to those parishioners who attending last week's Listening Session, those who organises it, took notes and facilitated the discussion. Anyone unable to attend can share their opinions online at derrydiocese.org/synod

MALIN PARISH DRAW begins another year at the end of April. If you have not yet joined, it costs only 35 euros for 6 months, 70 euros per year. Just put your details and payment in envelope to Emmaus Parochial House or contact any promoter. Cheques to Malin Parochial please.

April Parish Prayer: All Families. Our parish prayer day takes place next Wednesday 20th April. We ask you to pray once again over the 24 hours for Marriage and Family Life. The parish community is vital for the growth and well-being of each family. It is from the parish community that the family can be reminded of the values we hold in following Christ. And it is there also that each family can find support in trying to live out those values of love and generosity and faith.

An open-air Mass for all the children in the diocese who will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation this year. It will take place in Celtic Park, Lone Moor Road, Derry BT48 9LB on Thursday 9th June 2022 beginning at 11.30am and finishing around 1.00pm. This will be a great opportunity for all the children in the diocese, sealed in the Holy Spirit, to come together in the celebration of the Eucharist. It will also mark in a special way the ending of their primary school years.

Sharing the Good News: The current issue can also be linked to and downloaded from the home page of www.catholicbishops.ie.
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.

Gospel: John 20:1-9 *The empty tomb seen by Peter and the Beloved Disciple is a sign of the resurrection of Jesus*

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Rising with him to a new life

Jewish tradition tells of a rabbi who gathered his students together very early in the morning while it was still dark, and asked them this question: *'How can you tell when the night has ended and the day has begun?'* One student answered: *'Maybe it's when you see an animal and you can distinguish if it's a sheep or a dog.'* 'No,' the rabbi said. A second student answered: *'Maybe it's when you are looking at a tree in the distance and you can tell whether it's a fig tree or a peach tree.'* 'No,' said the rabbi. After a few more guesses the students demanded the answer. The rabbi replied: *'It's when you look on the face of any woman or man and see that she is your sister and he is your brother. If you cannot do this, no matter what time it is, it is still night.'*

In St John's account, the Easter story begins very early in the morning of the first day of the week while it is *'still dark'*. In one of his letters, the same writer insists that *'the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining'*. But this is strictly on one condition, which he spells out clearly: *'Whoever loves his brothers and sisters,'* John says, *'lives in the light.'* On the other hand, *'whoever prefers to hate . . . is in the darkness.'* (1 Jn 2:8-11). Just two days ago, as we remembered the sufferings and death of the most marvellous human being the world has ever known, we came face to face with the dark side of human nature, the darkness that led the enemies of Jesus to torture, humiliate, and finally murder him on a cross. On that black day in Jerusalem, the capacity of human beings to hate, hurt and harm one another went completely out of control. It's no wonder, then, that *'darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon'*, that *'the sun's light failed'*, and that *'the curtain of the temple was torn in two'* (Lk 23:24).

Between light and darkness, between good and evil, one mighty struggle is still going on. It's going on in the physical cosmos, in human societies, and within our own personalities. Although the darkness often appears to be stronger than the light, it has not yet triumphed. The light is remarkably resilient. Often in danger of being extinguished, it manages to survive, and even to win many victories. The words of Mahatma Gandhi, the father of modern India, still ring as true as when he spoke them seventy years ago: *'When I despair I remember that all through history the way of truth and love has always won. There have been tyrants and murderers, and for a time they can seem invincible, but, in the end, they always fall.'* The words of the Easter Vigil liturgy express the same truth in an equally appealing way: *'The power of this holy [Easter] night,'* it proclaims, *'dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy. It casts out hatred, brings us peace, and humbles earthly pride.'* Our celebration of Easter reminds us that the darkness of evil and hatred will never have the last say. For the resurrection of Jesus proclaims the ultimate triumph of light over darkness and goodness over evil, both in us and in our world.

Jesus was buried at sunset, as darkness was once again creeping over the earth, to all appearances a victim and a failure. But on the third day afterwards the sun came up on him victorious and triumphant, alive, powerful and influential. Once again, *'the true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world'* (Jn 1:9)

So we celebrate his resurrection today by rising from darkness and death ourselves. The Risen Lord himself, represented here by this beautiful Easter candle burning in our midst, is asking us to leave behind the works of darkness, to renounce and reject anything and everything in our lives which is dark, sinister and evil, and as persons connected to him by baptism, to *'walk always as children of the light'*, following in his footsteps.

So we are now invited to renew our baptismal promises. Reject darkness, evil and sin in every shape and form. And promise to follow Jesus Christ from now on, in a life of light, goodness and love, a life shaped by his own powerful example, a life supported and guided by the Holy Spirit, whom he first gave us at baptism and whom he gives us again right now. So together, dear People of God, let us renew our baptismal promises, and renew them as loudly, clearly, joyfully and enthusiastically as we possibly can.