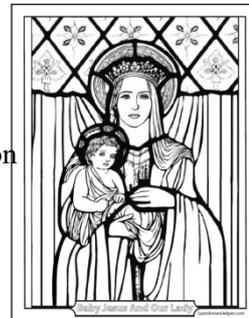


Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 22nd May 2022
6th Sunday of Easter (Year C Week 2)



Fr. Peter Devlin P.P.	Fr. Charley Logue C.C.	Mass Times
Malin	Malin Head	<i>St. Patrick's Church</i> - Saturday 6pm Sunday 10:30am
074 93 70615	074 93 70134	<i>Star of the Sea Church</i> - Saturday 8pm Sunday 12 noon
E-Mail: malinparish@hotmail.com		<i>St. Mary's Church</i> - Sunday 9am
Web Site: www.malinparish.ie	Facebook: Malin Parish	

Weekday Masses:

<i>St. Patrick's Church, Aughaclay:</i>	Tuesday & Thursday at 7:30pm
<i>Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head:</i>	Friday at 7:30pm
<i>St. Mary's Church, Lagg:</i>	Wednesday at 9:30am

Mass and Burial of Ashes: Bobby Monagle, Manchester/ Donegard on Friday 27th May at 7:30pm in Star of the Sea Church.
Month's Mind Mass: Sadie Kelly, Ballysallagh, Glengad on Sunday 29th May at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.
Month's Mind Mass: Jim Kenny, Sliveawn on Sunday 29th May at 12noon in Star of the Sea 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.
Anniversary Mass: Richard Douglas, Carthage Mountain 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.
Month's Mind Mass: Michael Farren, Muff, Culdaff on Sunday 5th June at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Aughaclay
Anniversary Mass: Declan Mc Carthy, Bree, on Sunday 26th June at 12noon in Star of the Sea Church.
First Anniversary Mass: Maire Doherty, Umgal, on Sunday 12th June at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
Anniversary Mass: William Synott on Saturday 2nd July at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Molly, Maurice O'Connor and Packie Toner on Sunday 31st July 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 week: Thank You.**

	<i>Aughaclay</i>	<i>Malin Head</i>	<i>Lagg</i>
<i>Parish</i>	420	215	200
<i>Restoration</i>	420	215	195

Parish Fund – € 835
Restoration Fund - € 830

Congratulations to all the pupils of the parish that made their First Holy Communion recently.

Annual May Pilgrimage to Malin Well on today Sunday 22nd May. Starting with Divine Mercy in the Star of the Sea Church and walk to Malin Well. Bus provided if needed.

Lagg Chapel Painting: We are hoping to get Lagg Chapel painted. The Parish will cover the cost of the painter, but funding is needed for the purchase of good quality paint. We hope that you will help us raise the funds needed through your generous donations. There will be a church gate collection on Sunday 12th June at 9am Mass in Lagg. You may also donate by contacting any of the following numbers Breege Kirby 074 93 70395, Bernie McDonagh 086 3540 873, James Anthony & Nuala McClean 074 93 70652, Tina McDaid 086 4019 767 or Teresa Ann Mullin at Mullins shop.

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 1pm. 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.

Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service is currently recruiting volunteers to train as Marriage Preparation Programme Facilitators. Accord Inishowen is seeking registration of interest from those who have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in accordance with best practice. Contact Aisling 01 5053112 or by email to marriagepreparation@accord.ie. The closing date for receipt of registration of interest forms to be included in selections for this year is Friday May 27th 2022.

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.

CPR and Defibrillator Skills: if you are interested to learn, I will do a house to house call (on your terms of course) Children welcome...ring Teresa on 086 8476 845.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 3rd to 8th July 2022, (ex Belfast) £689 pp sharing. Places are still available: contact the Pilgrimage Office, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, tel 028 71260293 or email derrypilgrim@outlook.com. All intending pilgrims are asked to return application forms and full payment by Saturday 28th May.

Coffee Morning in aid of our Ukrainian Friends in the Malin Parochial Hall on Saturday 28th May from 11am until 3pm. Hall is open from 8-11am on the morning for donations of baked goods etc. Thank you, Malin Ukrainian Support Group.

Concert For Ukraine featuring "The Magnificent Seven Crew" in partnership with the Derry Branch of Concern Worldwide: Monday 6th June, in the Millennium Forum, with over 30 top singers and entertainers from Derry City and beyond, who are giving of their time freely to help those suffering as a result of the terrible devastation being inflicted on the people of Ukraine. Tickets, £16.50, are available online or at the Millennium Forum Box Office. All proceeds from the show will go to the Ukrainian humanitarian appeal.

In recognition of our Patron Saint and founder of Derry, St. Columb's College welcome you to attend our final event in a year of celebrations – a Formal Gala dinner in the City Hotel on 10th June, £40 per ticket with special guest, Mickey Harte. Send your money and name of your/ your guests to columba1500@stcolumbscollege.org.

Masters in Catholic School Leadership Information Session: The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre, working in Partnership with Saint Mary's University, Twickenham, offers the Masters in Catholic School Leadership. This is a post-graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. An Information session on the Masters Programme will take place via ZOOM on Monday 13th June at 3:30pm. If you would like to attend this session, please email tferry@derrydiocese.org.

Gospel: John 14:23-29 Our Lord's words at the Last Supper, in view of his imminent departure

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

A goodbye

French vocabulary is sometimes more precise than English. "Goodbye" is a case in point. The French use *Au revoir* for those everyday temporary separations, while *Adieu* is reserved strictly for final departures; it means roughly "until we meet in heaven." Life is a succession of *Au revours* and *Adieus*. The number of the latter grows with the passing years. Our hearts and memories are peopled with faces that once were dear to us. Some, like our parents, died. Others moved away out of our lives never to reappear again. If their names crop up in conversation we say, "I wonder what became of so-and-so." They may say the same about us too. Life is a series of little deaths until our own death which for us will be the last great *Adieu*. We are, as never before, a pilgrim people, on the move. We need faithful friends who travel with us. In today's gospel, Jesus alerts his disciples to his imminent departure, his ascension into heaven. He doesn't say *Adieu* but *Au revoir*. "I am going away, but I shall return." We never really say goodbye to God, for God always goes with us. Notice how immigrants who leave their families, friends, language and cultures and settle, often penniless and in a hostile environment, on the other side of the globe, begin by building houses of worship. Such was the case with the Irish in America or Australia. Such is the case today with immigrant Muslims building mosques all over Europe. God is what they cling on to. God keeps his promise to be with us always. He will always keep his side of the bargain. It is up to us to keep ours. And when we come to the end of our pilgrimage here and have to make our last goodbye, it will be literally *Adieu*, "going to God."

Listening and responding

Obedientia, the Latin for obeying, literally means to listen hard, to hold one's ear to something. The first rule of the road that we all learned was "Stop! Look! Listen!" Before you cross the railway tracks, stop and listen. There may be a train coming. "I am leaving you with a gift — peace of mind and heart." What a beautiful promise, what a special gift. Peace is not the absence of war. It is the presence of something real and tangible. It is something I can experience, and it results from having my relationships the way they ought to be. I will deal in greater detail with this later. We are all familiar with invitation cards that have RSVP on them. The person is looking for a response from us. Every word that Jesus speaks is calling for a response. A rule of thumb is to learn to listen, and then listen to learn. My response must be practical; it must entail doing something. Believing something up in my head is nothing more than mental assent. Knowing that Jesus is God is not faith. Satan knows that. Faith is not up in the head; it is in the heart, and it eventually makes its way down into my feet. It is only then that I will be prepared to step out, and act on the direction given me by Jesus. The message of the gospel is simple, definite, and direct. There is not one "maybe" or one "might" in all the promises of Jesus.

The power of relationship

John's Gospel has a higher theology than the other three gospels. But the remarkable fact is not its strong theological slant but how early in the Church's history such a Trinitarian perspective emerged. By the time of St. John the idea of God linked the Father, Jesus and the Paraclete, the guarantor of the peace that Jesus has given. Already we have hints that God is a community of relationships, that there is so much knowledge and love in God that the knowledge and love transform into distinct personages. This truth is revealed to enlighten our minds, not to provide theologians with raw material for speculations (nothing wrong with that), to dazzle us with the brightness of God's glory, the power of God's knowledge and the passion of God's love.