

Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 10th July 2022
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C Week 1)

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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



Weekday Masses:

St. Patrick's Church, Aughaclay: Monday and Thursday at 7:30pm

Anniversary Mass: Maryanne and Roger Doherty, Lower Braghey on Saturday 9th July at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.

Anniversary Mass: Molly, Maurice O'Connor and Packie Toner on Sunday 31st July at 9am in St. Mary's Church.

Anniversary Mass: Mary Mc Daid, Ballysalla, on Sunday 31st July at 10.30am in St Patrick's Church

Anniversary Mass: Ellen Gorman, Carnmalin on Saturday 6th August at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.

First Anniversary Mass: Colleen Feeney, Glengad Mountain on Saturday 13th August 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". **Collections for the last week: Thank You.**

	<i>Aughaclay</i>	<i>Malin Head</i>	<i>Lagg</i>
<i>Parish</i>	480	170	230
<i>Restoration</i>	480	165	230

Parish Fund	€880
Restoration Fund	€875

Parish Collection Envelopes: New boxes of collection envelopes (July to December 2022) are now in all churches. The parish expenses continue to increase. Envelopes are the preferred way to support your parish. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Mass for the dead of Malin Parish on Sunday 14th August, 9am in Lagg, with blessing of graves afterwards and at 3pm in St. Patrick's Aughaclay.

15th August Sports, Malin Head. Planning meeting on Wednesday 13th July in the meeting room in Star of the Sea Church at 8.30pm

Synod Report - What has been heard? The people of the Diocese of Derry along with other Catholics all around the world have taken part in parish consultations in recent months in response to the call from Pope Francis to give their views on the type of church they want. It's the first time such a process has ever taken place. As you know, it is all leading up to the global Synod which will take place in Rome next year. The Diocese of Derry submitted its report on its consultations to the Irish Synodal Pathway Steering Committee on May 29th. This report can be viewed at: <https://www.derrydiocese.org/synod-report>.

'Prayer By Telephone': The Sisters of Mercy, Bethany House of Prayer, Dundalk, welcome any person who may wish to request prayer. All requests are confidential. Tel 00353 42 9331 602, between 9am – 9pm every day.

Lough Derg Three Day Pilgrimage runs until 15th August (Saturday 13th Aug is the final day to begin the Pilgrimage). Cost €80. Booking advised. Concessions available for students, seniors and groups. All booking information, including information on organised parish groups, available at www.loughderg.org, email info@loughderg.org or telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518.

Counselling: A professional confidential counselling service is available for couples or individuals through ACCORD at the Pastoral Centre, Carndonagh. F93 XP59. Contact 074 9374103 or e-mail accordinishowen@gmail.com. Accord Inishowen are hosting a **Marriage Preparation Programme (Pre-Marriage) In Person Course** on Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd October 2022 in Carndonagh. To book: www.accord.ie/services/marriage-preparation or email for information accordinishowen@gmail.com.

Family Fun Day takes place in Muff Community Park on Sunday 10th July 2-5pm, admission €10 per family, with activities including bouncy castles, fancy dress, traditional sports/races, penalty kick competition, horseshoe throwing, bonny baby and much more. Everyone is welcome. **Car Boot Sale** is on the second Saturday of the month, outdoors in Muff Community Park, the next date is Saturday 9th July 2-5pm, to book a table call 074 93 84572, call on the day and have a browse.

The Iosas Centre Cafe in Muff (adjacent to White Oaks) is starting a Sunday Carvery serving meals from 12.30-3pm. Delicious starters, mains and desserts, using our own organic vegetables. Booking is recommended and take away is available. Phone no.: 0749384866. Why not finish your afternoon with a walk in our beautiful Celtic Prayer Garden. (1 course €12.50/2 courses €15.50/3 courses €19.50).

The Cairn Theatre Group will present The Shadows of Glenveigh every Tuesday during July & August at 8pm. The story of the Glenveigh evictions told through drama and song. Enquiries Tel: 0749381104 Email: patsycavanagh2@gmail.com

Gleneely Sports will take place on Sunday 24th July @2pm at Gleneely Colts Football grounds. All the usual races, sideshows and stalls, along with BBQ & Tea room with home baking. A 5k walk/race will also take place on Friday 22nd July @7pm in Gleneely. All Support Welcome. Any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0868574838.

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37 *The parable of the Good Samaritan*

A lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbour?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

The Samaritan Impulse

In their racially diverse and pluriform country, the English have largely retained values which were rooted in Christianity. Many of them take seriously the message of the good Samaritan parable. The Samaritans were started in 1953 by a London vicar, Chad Farah, in order to help people in trouble and on the verge of despair. It is a very Gospel-based movement.

The impact of the parable of the “Good Samaritan” is extraordinary when we remember that for the Jews the Samaritans were anything but good. What does the parable mean for us here and now? Jesus used it to illustrate the most important quality he wants in his followers. It was his answer to a specific question: “Who is my neighbour?” The answer is that everyone without exception, must be treated with love and respect.

We might wonder what the Samaritan had to gain personally from doing this act of charity. The answer, in material terms, is precisely nothing. Love that is really and truly love, is disinterested. What merit is there in being good only to our friends, who will reward us in return, should the need arise? Christian love must be more inclusive than that. Furthermore, if we do not show love to the neighbour whom we see, then no matter what commandments we keep, what ritual sacrifices we join in, as did the priest and Levite in the parable, we become incapable of loving the God we cannot see. If we join in the Eucharistic meal and receive God’s Son into our hearts, we must first cleanse our heart of hatred, bitterness, ill-will, because the God we receive in this sacrament is love.

Limited love

Deuteronomy invites us to treasure the Mosaic Law, the Torah, as the direct communication of God’s will. Here, as in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus adds to the Old Testament teaching of love, deepening its application. The Good Samaritan will obviously be the centrepiece of the homily this weekend. It would be good to help our people hear that story in a fresh way. They may be surprised to hear some background about its hero, the helpful Samaritan. His people, the Samaritans of the hilly region north of Judea, were an outcast group in first-century Palestine. For intermarrying with the occupying Assyrians centuries before, the Jews considered them a mongrel breed. Further, for building their own temple on Mount Gerizim (see Jn. 4:20-22), they were considered a heretical form of Judaism. For a Samaritan to help an injured Jew at the roadside would have been an act of heroic generosity and compassion.

Some social analogy may help here. Some American preachers have compared it to a black man aiding a white victim of street crime. The point is to find a social parallel which will bring this story home to one’s own congregation. Note the significant shift between the lawyer’s question “Who is my neighbour?” and Jesus’ question at the end of the parable: “Which of them proved neighbour to the victim?” The lawyer wants a definition that will comfortably limit his duty of helping others. Jesus forbids us to set any such limits: our neighbour is any human being in need.

Are we so bad?

Our news media give a rather depressing picture of human nature, incurably bent on war, destruction, social and political injustice, and on all types and forms of immorality. That, of course, is what is seen as making news. But it should blind none of us from being more aware in our daily lives of the basic goodness of human nature, and of noting the many selfless and quite unnoticed acts of love and charity. And by being positive about our human nature and its capabilities for good, we become more aware of our own potential to love selflessly. This is what Jesus tries to help the lawyer to experience. Instead of giving him a dictionary definition of “neighbour,” he presents him with the parable about the Samaritan who acts not out of a sense of duty or of guilt, but out of sheer love and generosity. Though we are not told, we can hope that the lawyer is fired with enthusiasm to live in a similar manner.

Perhaps we get impatient with the slowness of our society to make changes for the common good. But perfect love is not so soon reached. It’s well to remember that Deuteronomy’s law of love was given while the people were on their journey to the Promised Land, and that the Gospel parables were told while the disciples were still on their way to Jerusalem. Perfect charity is a challenge all through life. Along that journey there can be stops and even wrong turnings, but if we remember the Good Samaritan we can renew our desire to follow his example.

To stress the negatives in the parable — the violence of the brigands, the neglect by the priest and the levite — would be pessimistic and miss the real point. The Samaritan shows the virtues of humanity — even in people of whom little good was expected. The Jews were meant to take special care of the stranger, the widow, and the orphan. These were the groups most in need of charity, and so whoever came to their help would be helpful to all, without exception.