

**Parish of Malin (Clonca)      Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2022**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (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  
**E-Mail:** [malinparish@hotmail.com](mailto:malinparish@hotmail.com)                              *St. Mary's Church* - Sunday 9am  
**Web Site:** [www.malinparish.ie](http://www.malinparish.ie)                              **Facebook:** Malin Parish

**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 at 7:30pm  
*St. Mary's Church, Lagg:*                              Wednesday at 9:30am

**Anniversary Mass:** Molly, Maurice O'Connor and Packie Toner on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July at 9am in St. Mary's Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Mary Mc Daid, Ballysalla, on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July at 10.30am in St. Patrick's Church  
**Mass and Burial of Ashes** of Patsy Gill, Malin Town and Reading, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 11am in St Mary's Lagg  
**Anniversary Mass:** Ellen Gorman, Carnmalin on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.  
**First Anniversary Mass:** Colleen Feeney, Glengad Mountain on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Bill Coffey, Killourt on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 12noon in Star of the Sea Church.  
**First Anniversary Mass:** Cassie Mc Colgan, Lematuder, on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 6pm 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". **Collections for the last week: Thank You.**

	<i>Aughaclay</i>	<i>Malin Head</i>	<i>Lagg</i>
<b>Parish</b>	505	305	205
<b>Restoration</b>	500	305	205

<b>Parish Fund</b>	<b>€1015</b>
<b>Restoration Fund</b>	<b>€1010</b>

**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.

**Parish Prayer Day for Marriage and Family Life:** On Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of July we pray once again as a parish community over 24 hours for Marriage and Family Life.. Our proposed theme for this month's prayer day on this Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> of July is Grandparents – and of course Great Grandparents too!! These are all so important in the life of faith in every family and in every parish. We need to acknowledge them and affirm them. But we also need to call on them to be bold in their role in handing on the faith to the generations to come. We can so easily lose heart. Our Grandparents and Great Grandparents have so much richness to share with our children and young people as well as with their own daughters and sons.

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

**Parish Draw for June:**

	<b>200</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>50</b>
5/6	<b>404 SALLY FARREN</b>	<b>426 RONALD BOGGS</b>	<b>381 MARGARET LOCKWOOD</b>
12/6	<b>194 JOHN &amp; JACQUELINE MC DAID</b>	<b>413 DIANE &amp; PADDY DOHERTY</b>	<b>365 SEAN MC LAUGHLIN</b>
19/6	<b>128 KATIE MC LAUGHLIN</b>	<b>139 CHANISE MC ELHINNEY</b>	<b>266 RENA TOLAND</b>
26/6	<b>198 MARY T MCGONAGLE</b>	<b>397 CATHERINE HEGARTY</b>	<b>307 HUGHIE MC COLGAN</b>

**15 th August 15 Sports Malin Head: 2<sup>nd</sup> Planning Meeting on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 8.30 in meeting room of Star of the Sea Church. New volunteers are very welcome to help organise this important Parish event.**

**Vocations** "It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit and then you will be my disciples." Are you being called to love the Lord and His people as a priest, sister or brother? If you are considering such a vocation, speak to the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. Pat O'Hagan, PP, Moville, at [pgoh2111@gmail.com](mailto:pgoh2111@gmail.com) or by telephone: 0035374 9382057, or email the National Vocations Office: [info@vocations.ie](mailto:info@vocations.ie)

**National Grandparents Pilgrimage at the Shrine of our Lady of Knock**, also celebrating the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly, Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July. Anointing of the Sick 2:30pm. Mass 3pm, followed by Rosary. Children's Prayer Appeal: Children are invited to write a prayer for their grandparent(s) or for someone in their life who is an 'elderly person'. Prayers can be sent to Knock Shrine and all intentions will be remembered during the liturgy.

**Lough Derg Three Day Pilgrimage** runs until 15<sup>th</sup> August (Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.loughderg.org), email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) or telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518.

**Afternoon Teas** are back on again this year in Malin Presbyterian Church Hall, situated on the coast road to beautiful Lagg beach and Malin Head.. Note the dates: 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> July, 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> August. We would be delighted to see you all again.

## **Gospel: Luke 10:38-42** *The welcome offered by the sisters, Martha and Mary, in Bethany*

Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

### **Hospitable Household**

Wouldn't we be delighted if a whole raft of stories turned up about Martha, Mary and Lazarus; but today's episode and the raising of Lazarus (John 11) are the only ones recorded by the Evangelists. However, these two stories let us see Jesus in an everyday setting among people that he loved and who clearly loved him. The parents of Martha and Mary were presumably dead, since we hear nothing about them. The two women were clearly very attached to the Lord and he treated them with respect and affection. This story is not teaching that one should not serve a meal to our guests. Jesus is saying rather that more important than feeding them is enjoying their company and loving them. We should never be so busy that we have no time for conversation.

Our Irish tradition emphasises hospitality, a tradition somewhat harder to practice in a busy urban setting, but one that we would do well to keep alive, and even revive to a higher level. We are more likely to encounter the grace of God when welcoming visitors to our home, than just by sitting watching television!

### **Listen to him**

The Psalmist asks God, "What is man that you care for him, or mortal beings that you keep them in mind?" Some saintly people seem to have an exceptional grasp of God's plan for the human race, and have shared that knowledge with the rest of us. So the Word of God came to Abraham, not as an abstract doctrine but as a conviction grasped by the heart. Abraham's encounter with God was deeply personal. He was called the friend of God, and his welcome to God's Messengers mirrored eastern nomadic hospitality.

Abraham is the iconic model of deep-rooted trust in God. Called to leave his own clan, he stopped worshipping their gods and set out for an unknown destination. In return God promised he would become the father of a great nation. Abraham trusted and followed this call, even when there seemed little hope that this promise would ever be fulfilled. When they had practically given up hope, he again hears that his wife will bear a son, and again he trusts in God's word. Later still, when Isaac was born Abraham felt he ought to sacrifice this precious son. But he carried out this grim command, how could the promise of God ever come true? According to Genesis, later echoed by St Paul, Abraham's trust in God never wavered, and in the end was vindicated. It was for this faith that he was justified in God's sight, and this faith was passed on to Abraham's children and to all believers, including ourselves.

Jesus had a special esteem for Mary, the sister of Martha, and enjoyed her vibrant relationship with him, her eager spirit of listening. While we feel sorry for Martha, being left to do the household work on her own, it's clear that Jesus appreciated Mary's listening spirit. Our attentiveness to him must not be eclipsed by our mundane daily bustling about. Then we have St Paul's reflection about how the Word of God, hidden from all mankind for centuries, was received by those who *eagerly* listened to it. We need to make space for God in our lives, to listen for it at some time each day, and to pray the Holy Spirit to be our guide.

### **Martha and Mary**

I love this conversation between Jesus and his friends (two sisters and their brother Lazarus) in the village of Bethany. While he was friendly with all of them, it is hard not to feel a twinge of sympathy for Martha. It was her house after all, and she would naturally want to show it at its best. Her problem, as with over-anxious people in general, was that she saw only one right way to do things, and became annoyed when others followed a different course. What she does not see is that the best kind of welcome is when we forget ourselves and focus on what our visitor really needs.

Martha loved Jesus too, and it is clear that he treasured them both. Her mistake was in not realising how Jesus wished to be received. Her sister correctly sensed that when Jesus came to visit them on his way to Jerusalem, what he wanted from them was not food but conversation. So, while Martha made the greater effort at housekeeping, Mary knew better what he expected of her. Her contemplative intuition grasped instinctively the main reason for Jesus' visit. He was there not to receive but to give, not to be served but to serve. He had something to say and they needed to listen to him.

This encounter suggests a theology of contemplation, how to receive the Lord's visit. It starts from the basis that whoever our visitors may be, there is always something to be learned from them. The one who comes knocking on our door will have something to tell us, should be listened to and understood. After a frustrating debate with scribes and Pharisees, Jesus came to visit his friends, for peace and calm. He comes to talk to us in the quiet of the evening or the freshness of the morning, to share with us the Word of life. He comes not because he needs us but because we need him. We too can be distracted and "worry and fret about so many things." We may, like Martha, miss the better part, the one thing necessary, which is to listen to the Word of Christ.

The world is made up of Marthas and Marys – doers and dreamers – and the former are much more numerous than the latter. The commercial society of today places a huge premium on achievement. It is tangible results that count. Production and sales targets are set for and only those who meet them are rewarded. Captains of industry insist that pay be related to production: "shape up or ship out." And those who can't or won't are made redundant. That is, in a sense, Martha's world. Mercifully, we still have our dreamers. And like Jesus, we should cherish such dreamers for the contribution they bring to our lives.

Who are the Marys our church today? Not all of them live in cloisters, though some still do, quietly worshipping on behalf of us all. Some live a busy life at work and as home-makers, but find time in their hearts for prayer and for going to church. Others work creatively in their writing rooms or studios, patiently building their dreams of a better world for future generations. It is the poets, painters, writers, philosophers and mystics, who like Mary, have chosen the better part.