

Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 24th July 2022
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (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
Web Site: 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: Tuesday at 8pm and Friday at 7:30pm
St. Mary's Church, Lagg: Wednesday at 9:30am

Months Mind Mass: Kathleen Logan, Urblereagh on Saturday 30th 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.
Mass and Burial of Ashes of Patsy Gill, Malin Town and Reading on Tuesday 2nd August at 11am in St. Mary'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.
Months Mind Mass: John Byrne, Beagh on Sunday 14th August at 10:30pm in St. Patrick's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Bill Coffey, Killourt on Sunday 14th August at 12noon in Star of the Sea Church.
First Anniversary Mass: Cassie Mc Colgan, Lematuder on Saturday 27th 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>
Parish	445	245	205
Restoration	445	245	200

Parish Fund	€895
Restoration Fund	€890

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.

Malin Head Sports Day 3rd Planning Meeting on Tuesday 26th July at 8.30pm in meeting room of Star of the Sea Church. New volunteers are very welcome to help organise this important Parish event.

Painting of Lagg Chapel: The Parishioners of Lagg Chapel would like to say Thank You to everyone for their generous donations towards the painting of the Church. To the people who gave private donations, those who contributed to the Go Fund Me page and also those who gave at the church gate collection. A total of €6,470 was raised. The outside painting is complete and we hope to paint the inside in the coming months. The Parish paid the labour cost of €5100. Thanks again to everyone!

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 or by telephone: 0035374 9382057, or email the National Vocations Office: info@vocations.ie

Anyone interested in studying for the Diocesan Priesthood is invited to attend a weekend "Come & See" retreat from 26th - 28th August. Please contact the diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Pat O'Hagan, PP, Moville, at pgoh2111@gmail.com for more details and information.

National Grandparents Pilgrimage at the Shrine of our Lady of Knock, also celebrating the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly, today Sunday 24th 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 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.

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: 23rd & 30th July, 6th & 13th August. We would be delighted to see you all again.

RNLI Charity Gig in Mc Clean's, Malin on Friday 29th July at 8pm, tickets can be got on the *Malin RNLI Fundraising Branch* Facebook page or at the door for €10.

WISE- Women's Integration Skills and Employment is a FREE service to unemployed women in Donegal who are looking for employment now or in the future. Are you a stay at home mum, a carer, single parent or on a disability payment? Do you lack confidence and find interviews daunting? WE CAN HELP ! We provide FREE courses, create/updated your CV, help you excel in interviews, find your ideal job and much more! The WISE Project is funded by the Department of Justice and Equality & The European Social Fund. You can contact us by Phone or on Facebook – The WISE Project www.facebook.com/WISE 500

Call Deirdre in West Donegal on 086 145 2249, Penny in Letterkenny area and South Donegal on 086 145 2250 and Breege in Inishowen on 086 145 2252 for more information.

Looking for a mature lady to help care for elderly parent in her own home flexible, part time hours. Telephone: 083 8274 814.

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13 *When asked how we should pray, Jesus teaches the “Our Father.”*

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Teach Us To Pray

There are methods of prayer a-plenty and many gurus offering to teach us meditation. We can readily identify with the disciple who asked, after watching Jesus at prayer, “Lord, teach us to pray.” They wanted to know how Jesus set about prayer, in his own heart. St Luke’s Gospel is notable for its prayerful focus. More than the other Evangelists he draws attention to Jesus praying – whether alone, on the hills or in the garden of olives.

Like that unnamed disciple, we can sincerely ask, “Lord, teach us to pray.” But first we need to sit in silence, just aware of him. Then gradually, like the apprentice learning from the master, or rather, like good soil becoming fertile from the falling dew, his prayer takes root and germinates in our hearts. Slowly we too begin to repeat that central prayer which links our whole being to the one that Jesus calls, “Abba, Father.”

We are unused to Luke’s wording of the Lord’s Prayer. The official version adopted by the Church is Matthew’s, which is longer and more liturgical, with its seven petitions. Luke’s is shorter, containing only five petitions, but is more directly personal. Instead of “Our Father who art in heaven,” as in Matthew, Luke’s version begins with the simple cry “Father!” It is a form of address that would not have been on the lips of anyone but Jesus. It originated in, and revealed, his profound bond with the Father. Jesus was Son of God in the depth of his being.

The early Christians, especially those who listened to St Paul, cherished the moment of Baptism when they became children of God. In the depths of their hearts they could hear the Spirit of Jesus urging them to make their own his intimacy with God, “Abba, Father” (Rom 8:15; Gal 4:6). This title of familiarity expressed perfectly the sweet intimacy and total confidence of their new status. Even as it revealed the core identity of Jesus, it makes us aware of the dignity of our adoption as children of the Father. Who better to introduce us to prayer than Jesus himself and, of course, the Holy Spirit he shares with us?

Our interior life

When the Old Testament calls God “Father” it means guardian of the people or of groups within the nation (see Deut 32:6; Ps 68:5; Is 63:16; 64:8; Jer 3:4, Mal 1:6,2:10). There is a more personal touch in Sirach 23:1,4. But neither in the Old Testament nor in the writings of Qumran is such an intimacy with God expressed as in Luke 11:2. The repeating of the word “Abba” in Romans 8:15, Gal 4:6 and Mark 14:36 shows how the early Christians were aware of Jesus’ intimacy with the Father.

The simple prayer taught by Jesus contrasts with the fulsome formulations used in Jewish and Greco-Roman prayers, not to mention some modern equivalents! Although “abba” can be translated “daddy,” one should not think of God as a weakly indulgent “papa,” spoiling his children by granting every whim and never correcting them. On the contrary, Jesus taught much about our duties to love our enemies and to trust, love and reverence the heavenly Father, who is the Lord God Almighty.

There is a positive value in praying alone as well as in praying with others. Not only did he pray in the garden and in quiet places, but Jesus also prayed in the synagogue and in the temple. He would have said the *Shema*, the daily prayer of a faithful Jew, about loving God with all our heart and soul. And in the temple he blamed the priests for failing to make it a house of prayer for all nations. Do we ourselves pray daily? Do we pray that God’s will be done? And do we give thanks in all circumstances?