

**Parish of Malin (Clonca)      Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C Week 4)**

**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 at 7:30pm  
*Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head:*                              Wednesday and Friday at 7:30pm  
*St. Mary's Church, Lagg:*                              Tuesday at 11am  
*The Oratory, Connolly Foundation:*                              Friday, 10am

**Months Mind Mass:** Kathleen Logan, Urblereagh on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.  
**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 on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 11am in St. Mary's Church.  
**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.  
**Months Mind Mass:** John Byrne, Beagh on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 10:30pm in St. Patrick's 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>
<i>Parish</i>	520	195	200
<i>Restoration</i>	520	195	200

<b>Parish Fund</b>	<b>€915</b>
<b>Restoration Fund</b>	<b>€915</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.

**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.

**Malin Head Sports Day** 4<sup>th</sup> Planning Meeting on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 8pm 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)

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

**Fr Brian Brady, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination;** The parish of Clonmany are having an evening of celebration on the occasion of Fr. Brian Brady's 50th Anniversary of Ordination, on Saturday 13th August, beginning with mass in St. Mary's Church at 6.30pm followed by refreshments and entertainment in the nearby hall.

**Fr. Brian worked in this parish for some years and is inviting anyone who would like to share in the jubilee.**

**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: 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> August. We would be delighted to see you all again.

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

**18th Sunday (C) *The Rich Fool stands as a warning against clinging to our comforts while knowing that others starve. The heartless economic model proposed by globalised capitalism and our accumulative society adds to the world's inequalities and tensions.***

**(1) Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23** *"Vanity of vanities!" You can't take it with you when you die*

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. Even one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from

all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

## **(2) Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11** *Since Christ has returned to the Father, we must seek the things that are above*

Since you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

## **Gospel: Luke 12:13-21** *The Rich Fool, a warning against greed and selfishness*

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions."

Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

### **If I were a rich man**

"What does it profit us to have gained the whole world, and to have lost or ruined our own self?" (Lk 9:25). "Our life is not made secure by what we own, even when we have more than we need" (Lk 12:15). A worthy and purposeful life focus merely on heaping up money or a material legacy. The rich man in the parable believed his future was secure, and that his good fortune was entirely due to his own merits. It must have come as a shock to learn that his life was God's to give and God's to take away. We might even feel a sneaking admiration for this industrious man. There is in all of us some streak of greed and covetousness, wanting to own things at all costs.

Greed can spring from lack of love, and many people try to fill that void with property and celebrity. There is ample evidence of this on every side. The clamour of the rat-race, an obsessive scramble to advance by fair means or foul, the demands of already well-paid professionals for higher salaries, backed by the withdrawal of service if these demands are not met. Jesus opposes such self-seeking and wants us to face the question: What are my hopes for the life hereafter?

The rich fool spent his energies on piling riches upon riches. The other extreme would be to see no value at all in working for a living. "Why bother with service since life is so short, and we can be fed at public expense?" Living off state benefits is not a valid vocational option. That tendency existed among some in the early Church, who thought that the second coming of Christ was so near that work was superfluous. Saint Paul, usually so concerned with spiritual growth, shows himself a pragmatist on this matter. "If anyone refuses to work, he should not eat."

Virtue is usually midway between extremes. We should apply this to our appetite for money. On the one hand we have the voluntary poverty of Jesus; born in a place used to house animals; he left this world owning nothing, stripped even of his clothes before being crucified. On the other side, we need some worldly goods, a place to live and money to live on. And there are many ways to use money responsibly. Someone rich who uses that wealth to provide worthwhile employment, is doing more than one who claims to believe the gospel but does nothing for the welfare of others.

We "lay up treasure in heaven", by living with integrity, not only honouring God but also caring for our neighbour. To live a good, honourable life we need to put to death our vices, especially greed which is like worshipping a false god. Nothing can better show the relativity of money than the question, "This pile of yours, when death comes knocking – whose shall it be?"

### **Rich, but not well furnished**

Jesus speaks of treasure in heaven, as quite different from financial profit on earth. "There are no pockets in the shroud" is a wise old saying. To be poor in spirit, even if I am well off, so that my money does not own me, nor am I enslaved to it. It is a commonplace that while the first million (euro, pounds or dollars) may be the hardest to make, it breeds a compulsion to make even more. It cannot be right that some people own thousands of times more than the lowest-paid worker. Naked capitalism, unrestrained by some requirement of social sharing, is far from the fairness that God requires. There's such a difference between monetary riches and spiritual wealth. There is no greater wealth than a loving, kind heart. Money cannot buy happiness. It is such a simple lesson, but one we never will learn unless we want to. When we die, we have to let go of everything. A doctor was at the bedside of a wealthy woman who was dying, who had a reputation for being miserly. She had no family of her own, so there was great interest as to who would inherit her wealth. ("Where there's a will, there are relatives!") When she passed away, one of the nurses whispered "I wonder how much did she leave behind?" Quietly the doctor answered, "She left everything."