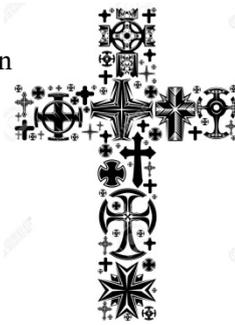


Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 11th September 2022
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C Week 2)

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>	Wednesday at 7:30pm
<i>Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head:</i>	Tuesday and Friday at 7:30pm
<i>St. Mary's Church, Lagg:</i>	Wednesday at 9:30am
<i>The Oratory, Connolly Foundation:</i>	Friday at 10am

First Anniversary Mass: Eddie McLarkey on Sunday 18th September at 9am in St. Mary's Church.

Month's Mind Mass: Mary Mc Gonagle, Glentoskert on Sunday 18th September at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.

Month's Mind Mass: Mary Anne Kelly, Ballymena on Saturday 24th September at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.

First Anniversary Mass: Margaret Houton, Portaleen on Saturday 1st October at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.

Anniversary Mass: Carmel Mc Laughlin, Slieveban on Saturday 1st October at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church,

First Anniversary Mass: William Mc Laughlin (WP), Carrowmore, Malin on Sunday 2nd October at 9am in St. Mary's Church

Anniversary Mass: Margaret Kelly, Gortnarrin on Sunday 2nd October at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church..

First Anniversary Mass: Annie Coffey, Killourt on Saturday 15th October 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>	500	215	215
<i>Restoration</i>	495	210	215

Parish Fund	€930
Restoration Fund	€920

Parish Draw August Winners:

	€200	€100	€50
7/8	364 Elaine & Martin Mc Colgan	359 Thomas Mc Laughlin (R)	298 Michael Farren
14/8	270 Denis & Anne Monagle	308 Maurice Porter	321 Conor & Laura Mc Geoghegan
21/8	305 HESSIE DOHERTY	386 Eunan and Mandy Doherty	291 Mary B Mc Laughlin
28/8	370 Teresa Devlin	315 Gerard McCullogh	131 Angela Houton

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine: Saturday 24th September, let by Bishop Donal McKeown. Stations of the Cross at 2pm followed by Mass at 3pm, with Sacrament of the Sick. Buses will travel from a variety of pick up points. Information please contact Fr. Patrick Lagan at St. Eugene's Cathedral on 028 7126 2894 or email: at cathedral@derrydiocese.org.

Coffee Morning for Oncology Unit in Letterkenny and Northwest Cancer Center, Altnagelvin Hospital in Malin GAA Clubhouses on the 24th September from 10am to 5pm.

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. It is a great opportunity for those currently in leadership roles and those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system. Applications for the Autumn intake close 30th September 2022. If you require any further information, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org.

Lough Derg – One-Day Retreats have resumed. Dates for September: 13, 17, 18, 24 & 25. Booking is essential. Admission €45pp includes all refreshments, lunch, return boat service, full retreat programme, free car & coach parking. Boats available from 9.15am on the day; retreat begins at 10.30am, finishing at 4.30pm. For booking and further information: tel +353 (0)71 9861518, online: www.loughderg.org or email email: info@loughderg.org.

Lough Derg Day of Prayer for Peace in Ukraine: The One Day Retreat on Sunday 25th September, will have the special focus of praying for an end to the conflict in Ukraine. Guest Speaker, refugee, Halyna Tesluk, Associate Professor of Old Testament at The Ukrainian Catholic University. More information at www.loughderg.org. Boats from 9.15am | Retreat Programme begins at 10.15am | Boats return at 4.30pm. Morning Coffee & lunch included. Booking essential. Special discounted rate of €25 for Ukrainian refugees (must be booked by telephone: +353 (0)71 9861518). Full price €45.

Gamblers Anonymous: Is Gambling affecting your life? Perhaps we can help. Tel 028 7135 1329.

Safeguarding Sunday is a chance to shine a light on what our diocese is doing to ensure our parish communities and our places of worship are safe environments. Protecting children, and adults at risk, is at the heart of the Church's message. The National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland has developed comprehensive safeguarding standards which are designed to support best practice in providing safe environments and child-protection procedures. The Diocese of Derry, along with all Church bodies, is committed to complying with these standards. This year's Safeguarding Sunday Mass takes place next Sunday, 18th September, at 3pm in St. Columb's Church, Waterside, Derry. We take this opportunity to thank and pray for those who have stepped up to co-ordinate safeguarding in our church so that we can ensure the protection of children

and adults at risk. We believe that safeguarding is an outworking of our faith in a loving and just God - the God who calls us to speak up on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves and to defend the rights of the vulnerable (Proverbs 31:8).

Derry Youth are now taking expressions of interest for the Derry Youth Scholarship Programme. This is a year-long programme for young people doing their Leaving Cert. The programme provides opportunities for young people to meet others from across the diocese, to come together to explore their faith, to meet new friends, gain training and learn new skills, and work with a charitable organisation. If you are interested in this programme or would like more information, please message us @Derryyouth on social media or email Niamh at niamh.mclaughlin@derrydiocese.org

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32 *The parables of the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin, and the Prodigal Son*

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe-the best one-and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!'

Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

If hatred is not to flourish..

We all find it hard to forgive any wrongs inflicted on us by others. Perhaps the resented incident was deliberate, or it might have been unintentional. But it's sad if people have to go through life harbouring grudges, making themselves miserable because they cannot let bygones be bygones. They need to consign to the past those hurts of the past, rather than still smoulder with unresolved resentment.

Because we ourselves often feel resentments, we might imagine God as waiting to settle accounts with us some day. Because we can be vindictive, we project vengeance onto God. Such a distorted notion appears in our first reading today, where Moses seems to be more merciful than God. When the people worshipped the Golden Calf, God turns aside from his anger only because Moses intercedes on their behalf. How different is the picture of God that Jesus presents in his parable. Our heavenly Father is not an angry God who wants to judge us harshly, but a merciful God who wants to be close to us, and forgives all our foolishness. God is like the loving, welcoming parent who has lost a child, and cannot rest until the child is safely home.

The spirit of hatred, anger and revenge is alive and well in our world today. Proxy civil wars are stirred up and prolonged by outside powers, with masses of guns and weapons of mass destruction piled up and waiting to be used. Some have stockpiled chemical weapons while others have nuclear bombs enough to destroy the whole planet. How conflicted are the views of politicians who talk of spreading democracy, but can rain down destruction from the safety of drones, high in the atmosphere.

Forgiveness is fine when we ask for it for ourselves. But what about letting others be forgiven? The father in the parable throws such a huge party that the noise is heard out in the fields. Are we also willing to celebrate, if peace can be reached without revenge or punishment? Or are we like the sullen elder brother who resents celebrating the return of his lazy, irresponsible younger brother? Can we accept that God offers mercy to everyone, no matter what they have done? If we are to be truly Christian, we have to change our view of other people, and to see them as God does, with understanding and of mercy. The Prodigal Son story has no clear ending. We don't know if the elder brother eventually went in to join in the celebrations, or stayed outside, seething with self-righteousness. There is no ending, because it is not just a story, it is a challenge to each of us. How would *you* end the story? Would you go in or stay outside?