

Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 18th September 2022
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C Week 3)

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:
St. Patrick's Church, Aughaclay: Monday at 7:30pm
Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head: No Mass
St. Mary's Church, Lagg: No Mass
The Oratory, Connolly Foundation: 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.
Anniversary Mass: Grace & Charlie Mc Laughlin, Ballylannon on Sunday 16th October at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Eddie Doherty and Robert Mc Laughlin, Ross Head, on Saturday 29th October at 6pm in St Patrick's Church.
First Anniversary Mass: William Glackin, Ballygorman on Sunday 20th November at 9am in St. Mary'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	575	235	225
Restoration	575	235	225

Parish Fund	€1035
Restoration Fund	€1035

Parish Prayer Day for Marriage and Family Life: Tuesday 20th September we once again as a parish community pray continuously for Marriage and Family Life. This month we intentionally think about married people who are separated and/or divorced and the responsibility of the parish community for them and their well-being Thank you for your efforts to keep this prayer going in our parish.

MALIN PARISH DRAW: Promoters are asked to make returns for the second half 6 months subscriptions on Monday 26th September in the Parochial House, Malin Town

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.

Malin Parish CEP Ltd. Caretaker Vacancy in Glengad Community Centre. DSP conditions apply. Contacts: David Mc Dermott on 086 3861 188, Danny Mc Gonagle on 086 8124 568 or e-mail: malincep07@yahoo.co.uk.

Lough Derg – One-Day Retreats have resumed. Dates for September: 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.

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

Queen's University Catholic Chaplaincy: The Chaplaincy at Queen's University Belfast looks forward to reopening for the new academic year from Monday 12th September. Open during term from 10am to 10pm Monday through Thursday and Fridays 10am to 3pm, the Chaplaincy provides vital pastoral and faith supports to students, offering them a home-from-home during their time at University. More on what's on offer can be found at qubcatholic.org Mosaic Café is open Monday through Friday from 10am to 3pm and the ever-popular Sunday evening Mass, open to the University community and wider public, resumes from Sunday 18 September at 8pm. Spread the word, especially with any incoming or returning students!

Pathways – Adult Faith Development Programme: Two-year, part-time course, now enrolling for 2022-2023 intake: Have you ever thought about exploring your faith... or wished that you could broaden your understanding of your faith? Would you like to explore, discuss and reflect upon issues and questions of faith, the Church, and how to link faith to life? If the answer is "yes", then Pathways may be for you. The course runs one Saturday per month (10am 4.30pm) from October to June, either in-house at Drumalis, Larne, or online via Zoom. To register for Pathways, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9am – 5pm) – 028 28276455/28272196 or email maura@drumalis.co.uk. Further information also available on Drumalis website: <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>. See reflection on the course: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BE7FIbhuJCI>

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

Safeguarding Sunday Mass takes place today 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).

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.

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13 *You cannot serve God and wealth*

Jesus said to the disciples,

"There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.'

So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Filthy Lucre?

A schoolboy had to write an essay on "The adventures of a pound note." Nowadays it would be the history of a fifty-euro note. On average, banknotes have a life-span of just over twelve months. After passing through many hands, they are recalled and incinerated. It would be fascinating to follow the new banknote's uses from the moment it came fresh and crisp off the mint until it's burning in the incinerator, some twelve months later. Every crease, every stain on it, would have a tale to tell. It passed through wallets and purses, pockets and handbags. Only God knows where it has been and what it was been spent. It has its joyful mysteries and its sorrowful mysteries. It might even have its glorious moments. Has it been used to buy a fix of heroin or cocaine, or to bribe someone to secure a contract? Was it ever picked from a pensioner's pocket? It could as easily have bought medicine for a sick child or education for someone from a poor family. It could have been an anonymous donation to a worthy cause. It could have been somebody's gift to a neighbour worse off than themselves. It could have been sent to the Third World and fed a whole family there for a week.

Many worry about devaluation and shrinking purchasing power as they recall what money could buy when they were young. But in a sense what really devalues money is if we make bad use of it. "Use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends," said Jesus, "and when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity." The rich can be casual about money, but in tenements and shanty-towns around the world, even the price of a meal can be a precious and elusive thing. Oscar Wilde said that a cynic is "one who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing." A Christian should be the reverse: one who has less interest in the price of a thing than in its true value.

No pockets in a shroud

"The love of money is the root of all evil" says St Paul. He did not call *money itself* the root of all evil, but rather the *love of money*. Of course money is needed as a means of exchanging goods in every organised society. But a person can become its slave through excessive love of money. It can become a substitute for God in one's life. In George Bernard Shaw's play, *Major Barbara*, when the rich industrialist was asked what was his religion he answered, "Why, I'm a millionaire. That's my religion!" but life is far more precious than the money we have, the food we eat or the clothes we wear. Possessions are only on loan to us, and in time we must leave them all behind. "Naked I came from my mother's womb," (Job 1:21), "and naked shall I return; the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away."

The story about the Unjust Steward is about the fair and just use of money. Great personal wealth is rarely acquired without some sharp practice, and so Jesus regards money as somehow tainted. The laws and structures of society still seem to cater not so much to the common good but to the benefit of the wealthy and the privileged few. We need to keep in mind the words of Jesus, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, blessed are the merciful, blessed are those who strive for justice." This brings true fulfilment and the greatest reward of all, the friendship of God for all eternity. Deep down, we know that there are no pockets in a shroud.