

Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 16th October 2022
29th 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
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Weekday Masses:

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

Months Mind Anniversary Mass: John Mc Gonagle, Dunegard on Friday 14th October at 7:30pm in Star of the Sea 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: Eugene Mc Geoghegan, Muff and Crackna on Saturday 22nd October at 6pm 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.
Months Mind Mass: John O'Neill, Umgall on Sunday 30th October at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
Months Mind Mass: Colm Curley, Magherard on Sunday 30th October at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.
First Anniversary Mass: William Glackin, Ballygorman on Sunday 20th November at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Jim Rudden, Tully on Sunday 11th December at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
First Anniversary Mass: Josephine Mc Gonagle, Leiter on Sunday 11th December at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Charlie Monagle, Brookefield Terrace, Malin on Sunday 18th December at 9am in St. Mary's Church
Anniversary Mass: Michael Mc Laughlin (Fildara) on Friday the 23rd December at 7.30pm 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	685	220	165
Restoration	685	220	170

Parish Fund	€1070
Restoration Fund	€1075

Parish Prayer Day for Marriage and Family Life: Next Thursday 20th October is once again our continuous parish prayer day for marriage and family life. Our suggested focus this month is on family reconciliation. This is often much needed and even when it is not it is important that we are aware of those who do need it for their family life. We pray for couples who are going through difficult times in their relationship. And we pray for family members who may be at odds with one another that peace and reconciliation may be renewed.

Malin Parish Auction will be on Friday 11th November. Full details next week.

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.

Carndonagh Brass Band are recruiting new members age 9 and upwards. Unit 10 Spraoí agus Sport at 6pm Monday Night. **Ceili and 2 Hand Dance** will be held in the Glengad Community Centre, On Friday 18th November. Music by Martin Doogan Dancing 9-12. Admission €5.

The Irish Pilgrimage Trust- Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Easter 2023: now accepting applications from young people of all religious denominations with: A medical condition, physical disability or illness (aged 9-18). A learning disability (aged 11-21). Very seriously ill children under the age of 9, accompanied by a parent or close relative. Young adults between the age of 19 and 30 with a disability or illness. The young person travels without their family but accompanied by experienced adult carers in the group. This week is a great experience for the young person as they have the opportunity to make new friends, increase their social skills and confidence and often provides respite for parents/carers. The Irish Pilgrimage Trust covers the cost of those young people selected to travel. If there is a young person that you feel would be eligible and would benefit from a trip to Lourdes please contact Mary Dunnion on 0877962047 or Aileen Henry on 0872063183 for further details and an application form. Please note closing date for applications is 31st October. Have you ever wanted to volunteer and help others? If you are interested in volunteering with The Irish Pilgrimage Trust to travel to Lourdes as a carer for a week next Easter please contact Mary on 00353877962047 for more information. All volunteers pay their own fare which is €750 for adults or €495 for students. More details can be found on our website www.irishpilgrimagetrust.ie.

St. Boden's Anniversary Celebrations: St. Boden's National School, Culdaff is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year on Sunday 29th October. Dinner and music in McGrory's. Tickets are available from the school office or McGuinness's shop. Price €25. All pupils past and present are invited to join the celebrations.

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8 Like the persevering widow calling for justice, we are never to grow discouraged

Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have

no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.”

And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

Praying from the heart

There is a way to pray with the heart, which reaches out to God, who is sure to answer. To speak from the heart is also to speak to the heart. God can read the human heart, and knows me better than any words I might use; better than I know myself.

Late in Autumn, a family were sitting around eating their dinner. For whatever reason, Christmas came into the conversation. Smiling, the mother asked her son what he wanted for Christmas, and, after a long pause, young John said “A bicycle.” The months went by, and the word “bicycle” was never mentioned again, not even when the mother bought roller blades for John at Christmas. She had decided that, if he really wanted a bicycle, she would have heard about nothing else for all the weeks coming up to Christmas,

There was something that the widow wanted, and, despite all his toughness, the judge simply had to give in to her eventually, because she showed no sign of giving up. If I met an alcoholic who wanted sobriety, my initial question would be, “How badly do you want it? Do you want it enough to do what it takes to stay sober?” A young lad wanted to work for a particular firm, and they had no vacancies. So he went back there eleven times in one month, until the personnel officer threw his hands in the air, and gave him a job!

After speaking about the evil judge Jesus speaks of his Father. If even the judge gave in to persistence, how much more will our heavenly Father respond to our prayers? God can read the heart, and knows whether we really want and need what we ask. If sometimes prayer goes unanswered, perhaps it is that God gives us what we ask, unless he has something better to give us.

The prayer in today’s gospel is an acute petition. This is a normal form of prayer, of course, but not the most important. Praise and thanksgiving are the highest form of prayer; but that is greatly helped when my prayers of petition are granted. If my prayers are always prayers of petition, I run the risk of being selfish and self-centred; except, of course, when the prayers of petition are for others. Like one of the ten lepers, I can ask, and, when my prayer is answered, I can return to give thanks.

Not giving up

Rome was not built in a day: No great work can ever be achieved without long and patients effort. Look at the art of Michaelangelo, the Beethoven concertos, the cathedral of Notre Dame (How many chisel-strokes to release the Pieta from its marble shroud? How many brush-strokes to transfer the Last Judgment from Michaelangelo’s teeming imagination to the sanctuary wall of the Sistine?.) Not just the world’s teeming artists and leaders, but everyman, are/is involved in a work of great significance, needing persevering courage to see it through to a successful conclusion; and that work is our salvation. To achieve it, we must co-operate vigorously with God, and in a sense struggle with Him. Today’s liturgy invites us to consider two picturesque examples of perseverance in prayer, and the final success that this achieves.

Moses, the man of God, stands on the hilltop interceding for his people who are struggling for their survival in the valley below, attacked by the violent tribe of Amalek. His arms are raised in the classic gesture of intercession (later immortalised in the Cross of Christ, and still used by the celebrant at Mass.) When, out of sheer weariness, his arms begin to droop, Israel fares badly in the battle. With the help of friends he manages to persevere in his mediating prayer, until victory is won. A beautiful prophetic image for Christ, whose prayer continued even when his soul was sorrowful, even unto death. It supports the ideal of intercessory prayer on behalf of others-not, however, in a superficial way or for petty requests; but for matters of life and death, for salvation, release from sin, recovery from depression, strength to cope with problems, perseverance. And when we pray these things for others, we must do so seriously, with a love that is ready for practical service too.

The widow’s dogged perseverance is reflected in the lives of many strong women. History recalls the struggle of various women to achieve particular aims. Think of the persistence of Joan of Arc, of the suffragettes, the feminists who protest at all inequalities based on gender; the mothers who face up to all bureaucratic barriers on behalf of their family. Their styles of campaign may be different; but the perseverance and the courage are the same. Today we have the story of the widow, who kept up her petition until finally she forced the judge to try her case and give her justice. Her situation was that of a poor person under threat, but with the law firmly on her side. There was no doubt about the justice of her case, but the problem was to get a judge to hear it.

That persevering widow encourages us to pray constantly, for ourselves and for others. We recognise our needs (especially for peace, love, grace and salvation), and ask for them. Our God is not like the unheeding judge of the parable, though it may often seem so. We need to persevere and never abandon hope. In this spirit, eventually all will be well, and into his presence we will come, happy to have reached our final destiny.