

Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 23rd October 2022
30th 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 *St. Mary's Church* - Sunday 9am
Web Site: www.malinparish.ie **Facebook:** Malin Parish

Weekday Masses:

St. Patrick's Church, Aughaclay Wednesday Funeral of Frank Doherty (Bann), Culkeeny & Leeds, 11am
 Thursday 7.30pm
Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head: Tuesday and Friday at 7:30pm
St. Mary's Church, Lagg: Wednesday at 9:30am
The Oratory, Connolly Foundation: Friday at 10am

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>
<i>Parish</i>	540	260	185
<i>Restoration</i>	535	260	190

Parish Fund	€985
Restoration Fund	€985

Malin Parish Auction will be on Friday 11th November. Organising Committee meeting Wednesday 26th at 8pm in the Parish Hall.

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.

St. Paul tells Timothy that his life has been poured out in service, that he has run the race to the end and kept the faith. We pray that those who are discerning a call to serve as priests, deacons or religious will be encouraged and supported to run the race faithfully to the end. We pray to the Lord. Anyone interested in serving the diocese of Derry as a priest should contact their local priest(s) and/or the diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. Pat O'Hagan, PP, Bellaghy, at pgoh2111@gmail.com

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.

Annual Solemn Novena in honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Nine Sundays before Christmas in Long Tower Church at 6pm, beginning Sunday 23rd October. The theme of our Novena this year is What do I believe? Exploring our Faith. Our first speaker will be Deacon Michael McCaul. Everyone is welcome. Long Tower's 40 Hours: A continuous 40 Hours of Adoration will begin with 8am Mass on Sunday 23rd October, continuing right through Sunday night and all day Monday 24th October, concluding at midnight. 'O Come Let Us Adore Him'.

Scoil Naomh Mhuire, Malin Head are seeking a part-time school cleaner for 2 hours an evening Monday to Friday. Start date: Monday 7th November. Please email your CV to admin@malinheadns.com before the closing date 26th October 2022.

Inishowen Music and Friendship Evenings, October: We return for four special Music and Friendship Evenings in various venues at 8pm each evening. Carn Domhnach, Tul Na Ri Tuesday 18th October – Speaker: Ed Smyth. An Caislean Nua Greencastle, Community Centre Thursday 20th October – Speaker: James McKean. Bun Cranncha, Municipal Golf Club (entrance behind Gateway Hotel), Tuesday 25th October – Speaker: Philip Poots. Magh Muff, St. Mary's Community Hall Thursday 27th October – Speaker: John Mulhern. Singers will- sing and play Gospel-Songs each evening at 8pm. Enjoy friendship with friends over a cup of tea. Everyone Welcome Admission Free.

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.irishpilgrimagestrust.ie.

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Two men went up to the temple to pray; two contrasting approaches to God

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

A Humbled Heart

Opposites Attract: In marriage and other human relationships we often notice how two unlike personalities complement each other, like the positive and negative sides of a magnetic field. One partner shows a natural flair for leadership and the other is happy to follow that lead, at least in many areas. Among ourselves, the taking of initiatives will be shared back and forth of course, neither partner being fully passive with respect to the other; but with God there is only one proper relationship: he is the powerful giver and we the dependent receivers.

This weakness on our side, this dependency towards our Creator and Father, is in fact our way to peace. As Paul so clearly saw: “when I am weak, then am I strong; I can do all things in him who strengthens me” (2 Cor. 12:10; Phil. 4:13.) The apostles attributed all their abilities and successes (cures, conversions) to the power of God, working through them. Only when we are humble in God’s presence can he do great things in us, as Our Lady so well declares, “He casts the mighty from their thrones and exalts the lowly.”

People often feel awkward about regarding humility as a virtue at all. Is it really a good thing to feel small? Or does it harm our ego and our self-confidence. Perhaps the word “humble” is too often misused, applied without much thought to dwellings that are shoddy or neglected, to efforts that are half-hearted failures and to characters who adopt a pose of false modesty in order to win approval.

Genuine humility is simply recognising the essential truth about ourselves. It is honest self-appraisal, in God’s presence, with no pretences, masks or poses. In the presence of the all-holy, all-powerful God each of us knows himself/herself as weak, imperfect and indeed sinful; and with this we recognise our need for mercy. There is no bribe that we can offer to blot out our guilt. There is no pressure we can exert (as we might among ourselves) to gain a credit we do not deserve. Our best recourse is a humble spirit; this attitude will draw down on us divine mercy and grace. The Publican felt this need for complete honesty, as he stood in the Temple of God. “Lord, be merciful,” he said; and went home with his sins forgiven and with relief in his heart.

On the other hand, what’s wrong with the outlook of this Pharisee, if anything? After all, he leads an admirable life and gives good example within the Jewish tradition. According to his self-appraisal, he kept all the rules, from fasting and almsgiving to honesty and purity. There was real effort there, a commitment to holiness within his tradition. But his virtues made him to forget that he remained weak and sinful, like other people. His sense of punctilious holiness took the place of prayer. He goes so far as to despise others, while giving thanks for his own merits. And by this attitude, he undermines his other virtues. Pride is like a worm, destroying the apple at its core. Indeed, it turns him from speaking to God, to talking about himself. His prayer dies.

This warning may apply to our church’s attitude, towards God and others. In the past, didn’t we sometimes take a stance of collective pride, towards people of other religions? We claimed ours as the fullest expression of Christ’s Church, with the best moral standards and sacramental practice, promoting a visible world-wide bond among believers. We continue to value these

things and want to share them with people who are searching for the truth. But we must resist a niggling temptation to look down on outsiders, to disparage their values or under-rate their sincerity? We need to guard against self-righteous Catholicism and sincerely respect other pathways of faith. Leave it to God to judge the merits of other persons and their faiths. It is enough for us to trust in his mercy, recognise our own imperfections and try to live by the spirit of compassion.