

**Parish of Malin (Clonca)      Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022**  
**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C Week 4)**

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**Weekday Masses:**

<i>St. Patrick's Church, Aughaclay:</i>	Monday 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:am
<i>The Oratory, Connolly Foundation:</i>	Friday at 10am

**Month's Mind Mass:** Mary Anne Kelly, Ballymena on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.  
**First Anniversary Mass:** Margaret Houton, Portaleen on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Carmel Mc Laughlin, Slieveban on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church,  
**First Anniversary Mass:** William Mc Laughlin (WP), Carrowmore, Malin on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 9am in St. Mary's Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Margaret Kelly, Gortnarrin on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.  
**Months Mind Anniversary Mass:** Maggie Doherty (Jack), Culkeeney on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.  
**First Anniversary Mass:** Annie Coffey, Killourt on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Grace & Charlie Mc Laughlin, Ballylannon on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Eugene Mc Geoghegan, Muff and Crackna on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Eddie Doherty and Robert Mc Laughlin, Ross Head, on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.  
**First Anniversary Mass:** William Glackin, Ballygorman on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 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>
<b>Parish</b>	475	215	215
<b>Restoration</b>	470	215	215

<b>Parish Fund</b>	<b>€905</b>
<b>Restoration Fund</b>	<b>€900</b>

**Malin Parish Draw:** Promoters are asked to make returns for the second half 6 months subscriptions on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September in the Parochial House, Malin Town

**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](mailto:malincep07@yahoo.co.uk).

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

**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](mailto: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](mailto:niamh.mclaughlin@derrydiocese.org)

**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 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022. If you require any further information, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 71264087 or email [tferry@derrydiocese.org](mailto:tferry@derrydiocese.org).

**Counselling:** A professional confidential counselling service is available for couples or individuals through ACCORD at the Pastoral Centre, Carndonagh. F93 XP59. Contact 074 9374103 or e-mail [accordinishowen@gmail.com](mailto:accordinishowen@gmail.com). Accord Inishowen are hosting a **Marriage Preparation Programme (Pre-Marriage) In Person Course** on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2022 in Carndonagh. To book: [www.accord.ie/services/marriage-preparation](http://www.accord.ie/services/marriage-preparation) or email for information [accordinishowen@gmail.com](mailto:accordinishowen@gmail.com).

**Gospel: Luke 16:19-31** *From deep in Hades, Mr. Rich (Dives) sees Mr. Poor (Lazarus) sitting at Abraham's side* (Jesus said to the Pharisees):

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even

the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.'

He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house- for I have five brothers-that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

### **Partying, while poor people starve**

As religious feasts diminish in popular significance, the secular calendar expands. They advertise Father's Day and Mother's Day, Earth Day, Black Friday and Gay Pride Day, and many another social celebration. Maybe we shouldn't worry too much, as many of our Christian feasts were originally pagan festivals that we baptised. Now the process is being reversed. The latest addition to our secular calendar is Animal Day early in October. Without any disrespect for our fur and feathered friends, the amount spent on pet animals is now enormous. Dogs and other household pets are no longer fed on the scraps that fall from the table, as in former times. Advertising for dog-food and cat-food shows how dramatically our pets' eating habits have changed. With what we spend on them, we could feed many poor people who are undernourished and starving.

When hearing of Lazarus and the rich man, if we tend to identify with Lazarus, we miss the point of the story. We, collectively, embody the spirit of the rich man. In Europe we have a mountain of beef, of cereals and of butter, a lake of wine and a lake of milk, that cost a fortune to maintain. These are like the crumbs that fall from our table. The warning of Amos aims at us: "Woe to those ensconced snugly in Zion."

However, the problem of shocking inequality of opportunity in our world is so large that we tend to shrug off any responsibility for our personal part in it. You may be living in a bed-sitter with few comforts or struggling just to meet mortgage repayments on your home. Yet all the services we benefit from, our public transport system, our education, our health services etc. derive from the rich man's club to which we belong. In that sense, we are dining at the rich man's table.

The prosperity of the developed world began with products that were looted from the colonies. We still get primary resources from developing countries for a relative pittance, like the tea and coffee we drink, or our year-long supply of fruit from tropical countries. Added to that, we still look to poorer countries to accept our toxic waste. After feeding and clothing ourselves with their resources, we want to return our rubbish to them. We know that we are contributing to climate change, yet don't relish the lifestyle changes that are required. We need to learn from the parable of Dives and Lazarus. Our world is too small to bear such inequalities. Unless we share our surplus and care for our world, we will end up in a hell of our own making.

### **Empty hands upraised**

The parable of "Mr. Rich and Mr. Poor" is a warning for prosperous people in our prosperous countries. Indifference to the needs of the poor is against the gospel. The gospel contrasts the two attitudes, that of Lazarus, the image of the poor, the downtrodden, those left penniless by the greed of the wealthy and the tax-collectors, and whose only hope was in the mercy of God, and on the other hand that of the rich man, clothed extravagantly, and feasting magnificently every day, self-sufficient, not seeing any need whatsoever to beg for God's mercy.

Help is at hand for the poor, who for a short while share in Christ's sufferings so as to share in his glory. For as St Paul tells us, "What we suffer in this life can't be compared to the glory which is awaiting us." But for anyone who *stores up treasure* in this world instead of becoming rich in the sight of God, death brings the realisation that his life was wasted, that his spirit wants to be possessed by God, but cannot do so because it has become fixed in its ways. As a man lives, so shall he die.

The poor in spirit are the ones who put their trust in God. "There is one thing I ask of the Lord; for this I long; to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life" (Ps 26). They try to bear life's crosses with patience and trust. Further, they welcome life gratefully, without being materialistic, for as St Paul says, "the world as we know it is passing away." (1 Cor 7:31). Take each day as a gift and try to live it well. With the Psalmist we can pray, "my soul thirsts for God, the God of my life. When can I enter and see the face of God" (Ps 42).

If when we listen to today's gospel about Lazarus and the rich man, we tend to identify with Lazarus, we miss the whole point of the story. We, collectively, are the rich man. In Europe we have a mountain of beef, a mountain of cereals, a mountain of butter, a lake of wine and a lake of milk, that cost us a fortune to maintain. These are only the crumbs that fall from our table. Amos' warning is aimed directly at us: "Woe to those ensconced snugly in Zion." The problem about being collectively responsible for the world's starving masses is that we can so easily shrug off our personal responsibility. You may be living in a bed-sitter with few comforts or struggling to meet the mortgage repayments on your home. Yet all the services we benefit from, our public transport system, our education, our health services etc. derive from the rich man's club to which we belong. We dine at the rich man's table.

The prosperity of our developed world began to be built on products that were looted from the colonies. We still get primary resources from developing countries for a relative pittance, like the tea and coffee we drink, and sell it on at elevated prices. Adding insult to injury, we still hope that other countries will be willing to accept our toxic waste. After feeding and clothing ourselves with their resources, we are now returning our rubbish to them. We are becoming aware that we are spoiling our world by climate change. Our revelry is coming home to roost. We need to take to heart the parable of Dives and Lazarus. Our world is too small to bear such inequalities. Unless we share our surplus and care for our world, we will end up in a hell of our own creation.