

**Parish of Malin (Clonca)      Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2022**  
**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C Week 2)**

**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](mailto:malinparish@hotmail.com)                              *St. Mary's Church* - Sunday 9am

**Web Site:** [www.malinparish.ie](http://www.malinparish.ie)                              **Facebook:** Malin Parish



**Weekday Masses:**

*St. Patrick's Church, Aghaclay:*                              Monday at 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

**Months Mind Mass:** Maggie Doherty (Jack), Culkeeney on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.  
**Months Mind Anniversary Mass:** John Mc Gonagle, Dunegard on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30pm in Star of the Sea Church.  
**First Anniversary Mass:** Annie Coffey, Killour 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.  
**Months Mind Mass:** John O'Neill, Umgall on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 9am in St. Mary's Church.  
**First Anniversary Mass:** William Glackin, Ballygorman on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 9am in St. Mary's Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Jim Rudden, Tully on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 9am in St. Mary's Church.  
**First Anniversary Mass:** Josephine Mc Gonagle, Leiter on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Michael Mc Laughlin (Fildara) on Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup> 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>Aghaclay</i>	<i>Malin Head</i>	<i>Lagg</i>
<i>Parish</i>	570	240	150
<i>Restoration</i>	575	235	145

<b>Parish Fund</b>	<b>€960</b>
<b>Restoration Fund</b>	<b>€955</b>

**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).

**Letterkenny University Hospital:** A Service of Remembrance for families who have suffered the loss of a baby through Miscarriage, Stillbirth or Neo-Natal death and for families who have sadly suffered the death of a child, will be broadcast on today Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October on Highland Radio immediately after the 10am news. Could all families listening to the Remembrance Service light a candle in their homes during this prayer service"

**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>

**Carndonagh Brass Band** are recruiting new members age 9 and upwards. Unit 10 Spraoí agus Sport at 6pm Monday Night.

**The Donegal Older Persons Council Executive Committee** would like to cordially invite older people to their Annual General Meeting and Health & Wellbeing Event on Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 10am - 2 pm in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny. On the day there will be a cooking demonstration with Pauline Sugrue from the Wild Garlic Table. In addition, there will be information on services for older people in the county and health checks. This is a free event. All older people aged 55 and over are welcome. Refreshments will be provided. RSVP by 5<sup>th</sup> October to Mairead on 074 9153900 email: [mairread.lynch@donegalcoco.ie](mailto:mairread.lynch@donegalcoco.ie).

**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)

**Catholic Chaplaincy QUB – Golden Jubilee Mass:** The Catholic Chaplaincy warmly invites you to join them for their Annual Dedication of Studies Mass, which this year takes place on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of their landmark site at the heart of the Queen's campus. Bishop Noel Treanor will celebrate the special Mass on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm in the Chaplaincy's Corpus Christi Chapel, 28 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast.

**‘Becoming’** – 1-Day Retreat by Thornhill Ministries. Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October 10am – 3 pm An Grianan Hotel, Burt. A day in which to take the long view on our awareness and growing in our spiritual ‘becoming’ as we navigate the joys and challenges, the ups and downs of life’s journey. Day includes reflection, input, contemplation, Mass. Lunch provided. A donation welcome. To register: Text 077 368 32458/ email thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org

**The North West Cross Border Jobs Fair** will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October from 10am - 3pm, in the Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana. This event provides an opportunity to meet Employers, check out their current vacancies and learn more about what Training/Education opportunities are on offer. So whether you’re a Job seeker, Graduate and or employed and you wish to change jobs, start a new career or relocate ... then please register your interest on [www.Eventbrite.ie](http://www.Eventbrite.ie) and we look forward to seeing you there. NB: -This event is supported by The Cross Border Partnership for Employment Services, The Department of Social Protection and Department for Communities.

**Gospel: Luke 17:11-19** *Of the ten lepers cured, only one returned to express thanks*

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean.

Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

**Grateful for what we have received**

A friend was once rushed to hospital with a serious pain in his back, the result of an old football injury. He was successfully operated and made a rapid recovery. After his cure, he could hardly say enough in praise of his surgeon, the nurses and the whole hospital. Never again did he complain about our health services. It is normal to feel grateful to those who took good care of us. We have a new joy in living and thank God for being spared the other ailments we saw around us while in hospital. My friend even dropped his guard, to say a prayer of thanks. But the real test of gratitude comes later when the relief has worn off. Do we remember then what people did for us? Do we still say thanks to God, who saved our life?

Earlier generations used to say “Thank God” after remarking about fine weather, success in business or at school, the safe arrival of a child, or a recovery from illness. It’s a good custom, built on a tradition of faith and prayer. We might wonder whether a people truly grateful to God would not show it more in their way of life. A grateful people might be more ready to share what they have. They would hardly be totally fixated on private property, while so many are unemployed and the politics of austerity threatens the welfare of the elderly and the chronically ill.

How satisfying it is to receive a sincere “Thank you” for a service truly appreciated. We might even be embarrassed by the warmth of another’s thanks for something that didn’t cost us much sacrifice; but there’s still a warmth in being thanked for things we’ve done. The contrary also holds, of course: how hurtful it is to be consistently taken for granted, without ever a word of appreciation. One out of ten was a fairly poor proportion; but then, truly appreciative people, willing to make sacrifice to show their thanks, are rare enough.

After Mass, we need to bring this thankful spirit into practical social expression in our treatment of others; seeing our life as gift, we should be better able to accept the realities of daily living and share our blessings with others in a generous spirit.

**Doing God’s will**

Sometimes we pride ourselves in having such a good democratic system, a claim which indeed is debatable. We value individual freedom and liberty, the right to choose and decide for ourselves how to live our lives. But the populace can be swayed by pressure groups and allow hardship and curtailment of liberty to be the lot of migrants and asylum-seekers. And while we do not suffer dictators gladly sometimes we seem to want to dictate to God, make God do things our way, and leave us masters of our own destiny. Some even abandon faith and prayer, because God has not granted their requests.

This was the inclination of Naaman the leper, an army commander from Syria, as he bargained with God. Hoping to be cured of leprosy by prophet Elisha, Naaman arrived laden with gifts of silver and gold, to pay for his cure. The prophet did not even come out to meet him, but sent a message telling him to wash seven times in the river Jordan. Naaman was so hurt that he prepared to return to Syria, raging with indignation. Why wash in this particular river, when there were so many bigger and cleaner rivers at home? “Here was I thinking Elisha would cure the leprous part,” he fumed.

It was only when his servants pointed out how simple was the prescription that he was persuaded to try it and so was cured. Come to think of it, how often do we behave like Naaman. “Why do I have to go to church, when I can worship God out in the open air?” “Why does God send me the cross of sickness, when I could do so much good if I were healthy?” We even find such attitudes among the apostles. “Why do you not show us the Father?” Philip said to him. Some complained, “He says intolerable things and how could anyone accept it?” and they walked with him no more. This reaction of unbelief is often found. But it stands to Naaman’s credit that he thought again, was cured and then returned to thank Elisha.

As Shakespeare wrote in *King Lear*, “How sharper than a serpent’s tooth it is to have a thankless child.” The Eucharist is a reminder never to forget God’s greatest gift to us, his own Son, our Saviour. If we concentrate too much on asking for things, there is a danger that we may reduce our Mass to the level of magical thinking, a way of turning God to our way of thinking. How much better if we can open our hearts and our lives to whatever God wants for us, which is sure to be the best that can happen to us in the long run.

We are meant to pray “thy will be done”, not demand to have our own way. When we need a favour, we must ask for it *with prayer and thanksgiving*, because God answers prayer, even if not precisely in the way we expect. Ultimately, says Jesus, God grants only what is for our good. We need to thank God from the heart, like Naaman after his cure, or like the leper who was grateful to Jesus. What a pity the other nine did not say a word of thanks for the blessing they received.