

Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 11th December 2022
3rd Sunday of Advent (Year A Week 3)

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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

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Weekday Masses

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

Anniversary Mass: Pat Mc Laughlin, Ballymena Cottages on Saturday 10th December at 6pm in St. Patrick'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.
Anniversary Mass: Rose Kelly, Glentoskert on Christmas Morning at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Mary Ellen Gallagher on Christmas Day in the Star of the Sea Church.
Anniversary Mass: Susan Quigley, Lagg on Sunday 1st January at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
Months Mind Mass: Mark Mc Daid, Templemoyle on Sunday 1st January at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Jim Mullin on Thursday 5th January at 8pm in the Star of the Sea Church.
Anniversary Mass: Patricia Josephine Mac Laughlin on Friday 6th January 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	580	215	225
Restoration	580	220	225

Parish Fund	€1020
Restoration Fund	€1025

Penitential Service in Preparation for Christmas on Sunday 18th at 7pm in St Patrick's Church Aughaclay.

Sacramental Preparation Talk for Parents: of those children receiving the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 31st January 2023 at 7:30pm.

St. Vincent de Paul: Church Gate Collection this weekend 10th & 11th December.

The Priory Institute is delighted to offer an online retreat Word Becomes Flesh: An Advent Retreat "Oh that you would tear apart the heavens and come down!" (Isaiah 64:1). Visit our website prioryinstitute.com or click on link <https://bit.ly/3DWrtKx> to register/find out more.

Accord Inishowen are hosting a Marriage Preparation Programme (Pre-Marriage) In Person Course on Friday 3rd and Saturday 4th February 2023 in Carndonagh. To book: www.accord.ie/services/marriage-preparation or email for information accordinishowen@gmail.com.

Pilgrimage to San Giovanni & Rome: As part of St Eugene's Cathedral 150th Anniversary Celebrations, Bishop Donal McKeown will lead a pilgrimage to San Giovanni & Rome from 25th – 30th September 2023. Visiting the birthplace of Padre Pio, Shrine of St. Michael Archangel, St. Peter's Basilica and other important sites. Price is £879pps (Single room supplement £150). For more details, email info@marian.ie or call Belfast on (028) 956 80005 or Dublin on (01) 878 8159.

The Matt Talbot Prayer Society – Praying for those suffering from Addiction: This Prayer Society has been created to pray for people who are suffering from any form of addiction, to pray for those recovering from addiction, and to pray for all those affected by addiction, especially family members. As we know addiction takes many forms from alcohol, drugs, gambling, pornography to other less acknowledged addictions. To join the Matt Talbot Prayer Society, you are invited to enrol the name of the person to be prayed for and the addiction we are praying that they will be freed from. Those enrolled will be prayed for specifically every day by members of the Society. Mass will be offered for those enrolled on the first Monday of every month in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, at 7.30 pm. You will also receive an enrolment card to enable you to join in the prayer. To enrol someone in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society please email vita@matttalbotprayersociety.com or private message St Eugene's Cathedral Facebook page or phone St Eugene's Cathedral at 028 71262894/71365712.

Prayer Resource created by the Northern Pastoral Network for families and parishes for the Twelve Days of Christmas. This family prayer booklet has been specifically compiled with families in mind. The Gospel for each day of Christmas is accompanied by a Gospel reflection and prayers. The booklet can be downloaded at: <https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/12-days-of-christmas-2022>.

Malin's Official Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony: The event will be held on Sunday, 11th of December at 6pm. The lights around Malin green will be turned on, and some holiday songs will be performed by the children of Inish Ceol and Matthew Crampsey.

Christmas Bazaar in the Malin Head Community Centre on Sunday 11th December. 1st draw at 2pm. Large variety of prizes

3rd Sunday in Advent *Theme: Society finds it so hard to tolerate dissent that those who step out of line are often harshly treated. John the Baptist dared to castigate King Herod for his immoral example, and paid for it with his life.*

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10 *What God can do: he can open our eyes and turn the barren desert into a blossoming garden*

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

2nd Reading: James 5:7-10

James urges us to follow the noble example of courage shown by prophets

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11 *From his prison cell, John is encouraged by the reports of Jesus' cures*

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?"

Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Joy in the Lord

"Be strong and do not fear! Here is your God." Today is called Rejoicing Sunday. Today the candle on the Advent Wreath is pink, not purple as on the other three Sundays of Advent. It is meant to express our joy at the nearness of Christ's birthday. Some people seem to be happy by nature; others mournful by nature. Here is the story of a priest who always preached mournful sermons. He was asked by his parish priest to preach about St. Joseph instead, as he was a cheerful man. The following Sunday the priest spoke about Joseph who happened to be a carpenter and as a result spent a lot of his time making coffins and here we go again with sad, sad tales.

Here are three impressions about happiness. First, that happiness is right here and now.. We convince ourselves that life will be better when we get married, have a baby, then another. Then we are frustrated that the kids are not old enough and we will be more content when they are. After that we are frustrated that we have teenagers to deal with. We will certainly be happy when they are out of that stage. We tell ourselves that our life will be complete when our spouse gets his or her act together. The truth is there is no better time to be happy than right now.

Second, 'If you are happy, let your face know.' Maybe we could begin to be more joyful by taking a peek in the mirror and asking ourselves: does my face look like the face of someone who has heard the good news of the Gospel, namely that I am loved unconditionally by God?

Third, joy will come to us if we set about actively trying to create it for others. If I go about my life demanding that others carry me rather than seeking to carry them; feeding off others rather than feeding them; demanding that others meet my needs rather than trying to meet theirs, joy will never find me no matter how hard I party or try to crank up good cheer.

Could the Baptist have doubted?

Why did the Baptist send from his prison cell that urgent question to Jesus: "Are you He that is to come?" Hadn't John recognised our Lord as the Messiah several months previously, at the Jordan, when he proclaimed Him publicly as the Lamb of God? Did John, faced with almost certain death under Herod, have doubts or second thoughts about Jesus? Some say no, John only asked the question for the sake of his followers, who needed confirmation of their faith from Christ himself. But if John did have doubts, it was because of the peaceful way that Jesus behaved, not at all like the violent revolutionary the Jews expected as their Messiah. The answer to his question came when Jesus told him what God's messenger would be like: healer of the sick, consoler of the suffering, preacher of freedom and truth to the poor. In this way, John's faith in Jesus was made strong, giving him courage to protest against Herod, and accept a martyr's death.