

Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 15th January 2023
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A 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		St. Mary's Church - Sunday 9am
Web Site: www.malinparish.ie	Facebook: Malin Parish	



Weekday Masses
St. Patrick's Church, Aughaclay: Tuesday at 7:30pm
The Oratory, Connolly Foundation: Friday at 10am

Funeral Mass: Rose Mary Murphy, London on Saturday 21st January in St. Mary's Church.

Months Mind Mass: Paddy Doherty, Middletown on Sunday 22nd January at 12noon in Star of the Sea Church.
Anniversary Mass: Willie McLaughlin (Davey), Cuill on Sunday 29th January at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.
Anniversary Mass: John McGilloway, Lougherbraghy, David McGilloway (London/Lougherbraghy), and Sr. Bridget McGilloway, Convent of Mercy, Newry/Lougherbraghy on Sunday 5th February at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
First Anniversary Mass: Frances Coffey, Carnmalin on Sunday 5th February at 12noon in Star of the Sea Church.
Anniversary Mass: John Mc Laughlin (R), Ballylannon/Greencastle on Sunday 19th February at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Mary Margaret Fallon, Malin and Luton on Sunday 26th February at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Tommy & Sadie Gallagher, Magherard on Sunday 12th March at 9am in St. Mary's Church.

Parish Collections for the last week: Thank You.

	<i>Aughaclay</i>	<i>Malin Head</i>	<i>Lagg</i>
Parish	500	305	220
Restoration	495	305	220

Parish Fund	€1025
Restoration Fund	€1020

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

New Parish Collection Envelopes for January to July 2023 are in the Churches. Every adult is expected to support the parish financially. Envelopes are the preferred way to support the parish.

Parishioners who are sick or housebound who wish to be attended at home are asked to contact Fr Devlin to be added to our lists for monthly visitation.

This weekend, Bishop Donal McKeown, Bishop of Derry publishes a Pastoral Letter to the people of the Diocese of Derry 'God has plans for His people. Join in the Mission of Prayer, Exploration and Renewal.'

The full pastoral letter and a video message will be available at: www.derrydiocese.org/pastoral-letter

Bishop McKeown invites "all our local parishes to explore and review our way of being Church so that we: - Build an open and welcoming community, reaching those who feel like outsiders in our churches;
 - Grow in faith together throughout our lives; and - Make Jesus known and loved.

"Faith means believing that God is at work, even in difficult times. Faith involves discerning where God is in the middle of fear and loss, anger and division.

A future full of hope will involve change

"In our time of listening and sharing during our parish synodal conversations, there was a recognition of change in our faith community. But the key question is not merely how we change so that we can maintain the current model and structures. With that model we have been failing in our mission of bringing people to know and love Jesus.

"If we ask the right question, we discover that renewal is not only a question of managing changed structures and rescheduling parish Mass. This is a time where we need to make space for grace so that God's plans – and not our limited imagination - can renew the mission of the Church.

"In a context of prayer and of openness to the Holy Spirit, I invite the parishes of the diocese to set out on this mission of renewal, believing that if we listen for the voice of the Lord, we can enter into His peace. Like generations of missionaries before us, we walk into the future, filled with hope, that the Lord has already prepared for us."

Lourdes 2023: The Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage, led by Bishop Donal McKeown, will go direct from City of Derry Airport. 3rd to 7th July, four nights full board in the Hotel Aena: £745 sharing, £35 single supplement. Travel insurance up to age 79-£39. Age 80 to 94-£78. (Pilgrims may wish to use their own insurance). Further details and payment arrangements will be available in the new year via the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, 164 Bishop Street, Derry, derrypilgrim@outlook.com, tel 02871 260 293.

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.

Those interested in serving the Church as a priest in the diocese of Derry should contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. Pat O'Hagan, PP Bellaghy and Greenlough, at (028) 7938 6452 or at pgoh2111@gmail.com.

Study Theology, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before February 8th. Find out more on our website, prioryinstitute.com.

Safeguarding Notice: If you have any concerns with regard to Safeguarding children or adults in need of protection within the Church please contact Marie Gormley, the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person (DLP) at 00447596 500 793, or at marieformley@derrydiocese.org. additional contact numbers: Garda Síochána, Buncrana 074 93 20540 or Letterkenny HQ 074 91 67100, TUSLA Family and Child Agency, Buncrana 074 93 20420, Letterkenny 074 91 23672.

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.

Enrolment in Scoil Naomh Mhuire , Urblereagh National School, Scoil Cholmcille, Glengad agus Scoil Treasa Naofa 2023/2024:

– Application forms are now available from the schools and on the school's websites. Completed forms must be submitted by Wednesday 1st March 2023.

Looking for a mature female to help care for elderly lady in her own home. Flexible part-time hours, some evening shifts available. Must be of a kind, caring nature and have a good personality. For more information telephone 089 2488 667.

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Gospel: John 1:29-34 John the Baptist announces the One who will baptise us with the Holy Spirit

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." John also testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

Taking stock of ourselves

Two particular thoughts are prompted by today's readings. The first is John's dramatic declaration, Behold the Lamb of God. the second is an invitation to do a personal stock-taking during this first month of the new year, and make some resolutions to improve the quality of our lives. The Baptist urges us to ask what are we fundamentally about and then seek to reset our lives. And St Paul reminds us that we are "called to be saints together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

An honest stock-taking of ourselves may unveil the selfish motives that often direct our actions. To rise above an ego-centric spirit we need to recognise something outside of and larger than ourselves, the God who cares for us and for the whole human community. Can we listen to John's call to restore what is broken, and Jesus' call, to bring light to the world? Do we see that it is with our cooperation that the Lamb can remove the "sin of the world?"

Facing our deepest personal truths is always difficult; it calls us to not just drift along with this world's evil, always taking the line of least resistance. Discipleship is urgent and costly, but it is also possible and is the way towards the deeper joy and fulfilment that our soul is longing for. If we properly hear the Baptist as he witnesses to Christ, our response will be a stock-taking that goes to the root of our being. It may even reveal to us the truth that sets us free.