

Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 19th March 2023
4th Sunday of Lent (Year A Week 4)

Fr. Peter Devlin P.P. **Fr. Charley Logue C.C.** **Mass Times**
 alin 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: Monday and Tuesday at 7:30pm
Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head: Tuesday at 10am and Friday at 7:30pm
St. Mary's Church Lagg: Wednesday at 9:30am
Connolly Foundation Oratory: Friday at 10am

Stations of the Cross at 6pm: Today Sunday 19th March in St. Mary's Church. Sunday 26th March in Star of the Sea Church.

Anniversary Mass: Ellen Nora Doherty, Bree on Saturday 18th March at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
Anniversary Mass: Brigid Doherty Ballynahona on Sunday 19th March at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Bridie Mc Geoghegan, Crackna, on Saturday 25th March at 6pm in St Patrick's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Barbara Doherty (Babby) on Saturday 25th March at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
First Anniversary Mass: Mary Mc Laughlin, Ballyheeney on Saturday 1st April at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
Anniversary Mass: John & Teresa Doherty, Sheskin on Saturday 8th April at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
First Anniversary Mass: Joe Gorman, Carnmalin on Saturday 6th May at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
Anniversary Mass: Isabella Mc Laughlin, Lower Braghey on Sunday 14th March at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Rose Gallagher, Francistown on Sunday 30th April at 10.30am in St Mary's Church.

Parish Collections for the last week: Thank You.

	<i>Aughaclay</i>	<i>Malin Head</i>	<i>Lagg</i>
<i>Parish</i>	465	310	230
<i>Restoration</i>	465	310	230

Parish Fund	€1005
Restoration Fund	€1005

Next Monday 20th March is once again our Continuous Prayer date for Marriage and Family Life in our parish. Our theme is that of All Mothers. It is a call to spend time and attention on thinking about our mothers, praying for them, and affirming them for their amazing goodness in so many ways. It should be much more than the one day in March, Mother's Day Sunday 19th, that we focus on this. We have an opportunity to spread this focus throughout the month and so substantially build up the wonder that is our mothers.

Confirmation: Thanks to our Confirmation Preparation Team for their help with the Retreat in Knock last Saturday.

Confirmation will be at 12noon on Saturday 22nd April in St Patrick's Aughaclay

Pledge to Avoid Alcohol and Illegal Drugs for those confirmed on Sunday 30th April at 10:30am Mass in St. Patrick's Aughaclay.

Malin Parish Charity Shop will be upstairs in G & S Supermarket, Carndonagh from Monday 15th May for 6 weeks. Items for the shop and staff volunteers are needed. Contact Martin on 0868606890

Parish Draw begins again in April. New cards are available this week. Promoters are asked to make returns on Monday 27th March at 8pm in the Parochial House, Drumcarbit.

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. An information session via ZOOM will be held on Monday 8th May at 3.30pm. If you require any further information, or wish to register for the information session, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org**Malin GAA-The Big St. Angela's College, Sligo:** Part-Time Certificate in Religious Education (Primary) with Online Delivery, Autumn. The programme is open to: Qualified primary & post-primary school teachers who wish to transfer to primary school teaching. Parents, sacramental preparation teams and parish catechists who have a specific interest in the area of primary religious education may also apply. Closing date for Applications is Monday, 12th June. Contact Mary Kearns, Senior Administrator, School of Education, St. Angela's College, Lough Gill, Sligo E. mkearns@stangelas.ie, Website: www.stangelas.ie.

Glengad Community Centre: Good as New Shop, Pound Street Carndonagh. All donations and support greatly appreciated. See Facebook for more info on: PMG Coaching for all ages, Coyle School of Irish Dancing, Réalta Academy of Drama and Performance and Glengad Youth Club.

Ceili and 2 Hand Dance will be held in the Glengad Community Centre on Friday 24th March. Music is by Martin Doogan. Dancing from 8:30 -11:30pm. Admission is €5.

Pope John Paul II Award Youth Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine takes place on Tuesday, 28th March, starting at 11am and concluding with Mass at 2.30pm. For more information, visit www.jp2award.com.

World Youth Day - Derry Diocesan Youth is taking a group on Pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Lisbon, from 25th July to 7th August 2023. This pilgrimage is for over 18s. Limited places available: if you would be interested in travelling on the pilgrimage, or finding out more, please contact Lizzie Rea on lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org.

Thank You: On behalf of the Donegal Diabetes Association we would like to thank the parish for their generosity from last weeks annual church gate collection. €509.15 was collected. Thank you all very much.

Catholic Schools Diocesan Education Conference 29th & 30th August 2023. 'Go Make Disciples of all Nations'. A full programme of events, with booking forms will be issued in the coming months. We are really looking forward to this gathering of our Diocesan Education Community - over 900 delegates attended the last one. We hope you will be able to attend.

Gospel: John 9:1-41 *Jesus, Light of the World, cures the man who was born blind*

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask himself."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, "We see," your sin remains.

Open the eyes of my soul, Lord

It's hard to know why Jesus went through the ritual of the spittle, the mud, and the water, in order to heal the man. He healed other blind people with a touch, or simply a word. It might well have been a test of faith. He sent the ten lepers on their way, and they were healed as they journeyed along. He sent the centurion home and, before he reached home he got word that his servant was healed. I often think that this is how Jesus heals many of us. We ask for his healing, and nothing seems to happen immediately. Maybe, after asking for his healing, we should go on our way, and expect to notice the healing taking place gradually as time goes by.

As the story unfolds, we notice that the man's eyes were really opened, and that includes the eyes of his soul. Clearly Jesus was intent on healing the total person, or not at all. We don't imagine him healing someone, and then having that person going away still filled with resentment against another. Such a person was not really healed at all. The man in today's gospel was totally healed, and he ended up on his knees, worshipping Jesus.

A practical and simple prayer is "Lord, that I may see." It is a short prayer, but when it comes from the depths of my heart, it is a powerful prayer. Remember that other blind man named Bartimeus? He was told that Jesus was passing by, and he was determined to get his attention. Those around him tried to silence him, but he shouted all the louder. And he also was cured. To another man Jesus asked the pointed question, "Do you want to be healed?"

The greatest good we can do for others is not by giving them money, though that can also be needed at times, but in revealing their own riches to them. It is good to affirm others and make them feel both loved and worthwhile. Many people have grown up with a poor self-image, and they just cannot see the good in themselves. This is another form of blindness, and it is a blindness in others that any one of us can heal. The most certain proof that the Spirit of God lives in you is your willingness and ability to affirm and bring a blessing to other people.