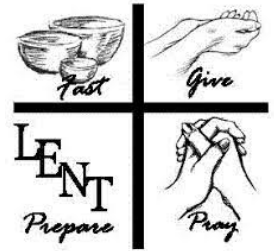


Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 26th February 2023
1st Sunday of Lent (Year A Week 1)

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
Web Site: www.malinparish.ie **Facebook:** Malin Parish



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

Stations of the Cross: Today Sunday 26th February at 6pm in St. Mary's Church.
 Sunday 5th March in Star of the Sea Church. Sunday 12th March in St. Patrick's Church. Sunday 19th March in St. Mary's Church. Sunday 26th March in Star of the Sea Church.

Anniversary Mass: Mary Margaret Fallon, Malin and Luton on Sunday 26th February at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Billy Farren, Glentoskert on Saturday 4th March at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.
Anniversary Mass: John Mc Grory, Bree on Saturday 4th March at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
Anniversary Mass: Roger and Mary Anne Doherty, Lower Braghey on Saturday 11th March at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
Anniversary Mass: Tommy & Sadie Gallagher, Magherard on Sunday 12th March at 9am in St. Mary's 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, Ballyheeny on Saturday 1st April at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.

Parish Collections for the last week: Thank You.

	<i>Aughaclay</i>	<i>Malin Head</i>	<i>Lagg</i>
<i>Parish</i>	605	345	220
<i>Restoration</i>	605	345	220

Parish Fund	€1170
Restoration Fund	€1170

Aughaclay Chapel Re-painting Committee: Fundraising Coffee morning on Holy Saturday, 8th April, 11am -4pm in the Parish Hall Malin Town.

Fr. Devlin the will attend the sick on Tuesday 28th February in the afternoon.

Painting of Aughaclay Chapel: Expressions of interest are invited from registered painters for the internal and external painting of Aughaclay Chapel to be sent to Fr Devlin, Malin, pnd4680@eircom.net by Friday 10th March.

Online Lenten Retreat. The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a FREE OF CHARGE online retreat 'Reflecting on the Sunday Gospels of Lent as Stepping Stones on our Journey to Easter'. Visit our website prioryinstitute.com or click on this link <https://bit.ly/3DWRTkx> to register/find out more.

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Malin Conference wants to thank everyone for their continuous support. Looking for a collector to take up the SVP collection on a Sunday morning after 9am Mass in St. Mary's Church, Lagg. If interested please call/text 083 0989 600. If in need do not hesitate to contact us on this number, all help provided is carried out in confidentiality.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes – 3rd – 7th July 2023: The Pilgrimage office at 164 Bishop Street, Derry, BT48 6UJ will be open to the public on Saturdays only from 11am until 1pm commencing on Saturday 11th February. Intending pilgrims can also leave a message on 028 7126 0293 with their full postal address and the number of booking forms required, or email this information to derrypilgrim@outlook.com or write to us at the above address.

Enrolment in Scoil Naomh Mhuire, Urblereagh National School, Scoil Cholmeille, 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.

Sma Dromantine, Newry, BT34 1RH. Tel; 02830821964 email: admin@dromantineconference.com. **Lenten Reflection Day** Saturday 4th March 9.30am – 5pm. **Kindfulness...** a gifted way of living my life. An opportunity for time aside to reflect on the Season of Lent and to open our minds and hearts afresh to celebrate Holy Week and Easter. Led by Fr. Damian Bresnahan SMA. Cost (including lunch) £35/€40. **Dance of Life Retreat** Friday 17th March (5pm) – Sunday 19th (2pm). In this retreat the opportunity to dance may bring a renewed awareness in your sense of self, connection with others and connection with God. Led by Sr. Mary Taylor OLA and Fr. Damian Bresnahan SMA. Cost £220/€250.

The Carndonagh Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets in the IDP Building, Pound Street, Carndonagh on Mondays and Thursdays at 8.30pm. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking.

26 Feb 2023 – 1st Sunday of Lent (A)

During Lent we may reflect on our Baptism as a sharing in the life of Jesus. Our growing in the image of God has an aspect of dying to self and another aspect of rising to God's new life of love. The seed of this movement or growth was planted in us when we were first reconciled to God in the grace and sacrament of our rebirth.

Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.""

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you," and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The right options

Since he was alone in the desert, only Jesus himself knew what he felt. The implication of the temptation story is that he had to struggle within himself to find the best way to live his life for God. We ordinary mortals will hardly imagine ourselves turning stones into bread; but in the first temptation Jesus seems to toy with the possibility of providing a limitless supply of bread for people, like the daily dole-out of food by which Roman emperors kept popular with their followers. But Jesus saw how a focus on food and drink can lead to forgetting spiritual values. "Man does not live on bread alone."

Jesus sensed that his ultimate service to mankind, the effective one that would endure, would be through suffering and the Cross, after which would come the crown. Without his crucifixion and resurrection his message would be forgotten. In every event of life, God is saying something to us too. The story of the Temptations warns us not to let selfishness govern our lives. We need to be guided by the Holy Spirit, who continues to prompt our conscience throughout our days. Imitate Our Lord by taking up life's challenges, not with an air of gloomy resignation, but cheerfully accepting what providence may bring. Let Jesus be a major influence in our lives, reflect upon his words and actions with reverence and affection, so as to bring about an inner purification of our minds and wills.

The second temptation was to seek fame and celebrity, and indeed, throughout the next few years the people kept asking him for further miracles. What if he were to throw himself from off the pinnacle of the Temple and be unscathed. But this would be just showmanship. He answered, "You must not put the Lord your God to the test!" as a warning not to be rash and superficial. Finally, in the scene on the mountain-top, *seeing all the kingdoms of the world*, suggests a temptation to become a political messiah, ruling all nations and having power to impose his will on people, like it or not. He dismisses this notion too, since we will enter into a true union with God only if we are drawn to it in spirit.

Our temptations

The story of Jesus' temptations is not to be taken lightly. It's a warning that we can ruin our lives if we stray from the path God wills for us. The first temptation was decisively important. On the surface it is a desire for something innocent and good: why not call on God power to satisfy our hunger. "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread," the tempter says to Jesus. His reply is surprising: "One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." We must always seek God's will above all. At every moment we must listen to God's Word, seek God's will.

Our deepest needs are not met by physical food and drink. Human beings need and yearn for more, for spiritual nurture. To help save other people from hunger and misery, we need to listen to God our Father, who awakens in our conscience a hunger for justice and solidarity.

Perhaps our great temptation today is to "change things into bread", to reduce our desires to what is tangible and consumable. Indiscriminate consumerism is all around us, but it is hardly the way to progress and liberation. A consumerist society leads to emptiness and discontent. Why do the number of suicides keep growing? Why do we barricade ourselves in gated communities, and build walls and barriers to stop hungry people from sharing our prosperity and disturbing our peace? Jesus wants us to be aware that human beings do not live on bread alone. We also need to nurture the spirit, know love and friendship, develop solidarity with those who suffer, listen to our conscience, open to the ultimate Mystery of sharing, that joins us with God.