

Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 5th March 2023
2nd Sunday of Lent (Year A Week 2)

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, Aghaclay: 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

St. Patricks Day Mass in Aghaclay at 10:30am will be an Irish Mass

Stations of the Cross: Today 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: 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, Ballyheeney on Saturday 1st April at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.

Parish Collections for the last week: Thank You.

| | <i>Aghaclay</i> | <i>Malin Head</i> | <i>Lagg</i> |
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| <i>Parish</i> | 450 | 250 | 235 |
| <i>Restoration</i> | 450 | 250 | 235 |

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| Parish Fund | €935 |
| Restoration Fund | €935 |

Confirmation: Confirmation: Meeting of Confirmation candidates on Monday 4th at 7pm in the Parish Hall. **Retreat to Knock:** Saturday 11th March, leaving Parish Hall car park at 7:50am. **Pledge to Avoid Alcohol and Illegal Drugs** for those confirmed on Sunday 30th April at 10:30am Mass in St Patrick's Aghaclay.

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.

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

Painting of Aghaclay Chapel: Expressions of interest are invited from registered painters for the internal and external painting of Aghaclay 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/3DWrTlx> 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 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.

Sma Dromantine, Newry, BT34 1RH. Tel; 02830821964 email: admin@dromantineconference.com. **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.

St. Angela's College, Sligo: Part-Time Certificate in Religious Education (Primary) with Online Delivery, Autumn. The programme is open to: Qualified primary school teachers; Qualified 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 or visit Website: www.stangelas.ie.

Rhyme Time for Toddlers is kicking off in Carndonagh Community Library on Tuesday 28th 10am. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity for your child to learn new songs and rhymes and meet new friends along the way. This is a free event for all toddlers. Please contact Carndonagh Library on 074 9373701 if you would like more information.

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.

2nd Sunday of Lent (A) (1) Genesis 12:1-4 *Abraham shows complete obedience to God, prepared even to sacrifice Isaac*

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

(2) 2 Timothy 1:8-10 *Suffering for the gospel will be repaid by our Saviour Jesus Christ*

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9 *Jesus transfigured on Mount Tabor prepares his apostles for his passion*

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white.

Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Pilgrim's Progress: Life as Journey

The years of our life pass smoothly by, each one seeming shorter than the last. We are on a journey from youth to age, from the cradle to the grave. In his dream-like poem, *The Lotus Eaters*, Alfred Tennyson describes a sense of weary resignation, one option we might take, in face of the passing years:

"Let us alone. Time driveth onward fast,

And in a little while our lips are dumb.

Let us alone. What is it that will last?

All things are taken from us, and become

Portions and parcels of the dreadful past."

Through eyes of faith, the passing of the years looks somewhat different. We believe our journey is going somewhere: instead of simply terminating with death (full stop, *finis*), we will emerge into the life of heaven (welcome, transition into God's presence.) We are pilgrims, like Abraham, moving toward the land of promise. Like St Paul, we try to deal with the problems and setbacks along the way, with the help of the Lord. And in the end, if we are faithful, we will share the total joy of joining Christ in glory, as the reward of life's pilgrimage.

Pilgrim's Progress: In our many journeys today (the age of mobility) we tend to move around a lot, without showing much signs of spiritual progress; indeed, in that respect we often appear to be going backwards. Our goals and desires are short-term, narrow, superficial. Moved by a restless urge for money, for celebrity, novelty, success and pleasure, we go round in rapid circles. But the pilgrims' sights are set on a higher destination, and like Martin Luther King they can say: "I have a dream!" However far-off and hard to reach this dream may be, it is worth more than all the short-term desires we follow. Each step on the journey takes on meaning in light of the goal God sets before us.

A personal, inward journey: Our whole life can be made a pilgrimage towards God. Just as he called Abraham, so he calls each of us to be his own. His call to us is quiet but insistent. Not exactly in the form of: "leave *your country and your father's house*," but "*leave your old ways*, the pride and selfishness, the hardness of heart, the angry temper, the envy and the falsehood. And go to the land I shall show." The direction of our pilgrimage is not geographical but moral: "Go towards charity, purity, sharing in truth and prayer and good-will. Go in the way of the gospel. Go to heaven."

Meaningful Living: Having God's command, and submitting entirely to it, made Abraham the first great pilgrim. Henceforth all his activity took on the value of obedience to God; he was on the high road towards Yahweh, the living God. The same spirit would give the deepest meaning to our lives too. Far from being absurd or useless, the pilgrim's efforts to follow the gospel of his Master are full of meaning. Progress along this way is the real formula for peace of mind. Augustine said it profoundly: You have made us for Yourself, o Lord; and our hearts can never be at rest, until they rest in You.

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