

Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 16th April 2023
2nd Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy (Year A Week 2)

Fr. Peter Devlin P.P.	Fr. Charley Logue C.C.	Mass Times
Malin	Malin Head	<i>St. Patrick's Church</i> - Saturday 6pm Sunday 10:30am
074 93 70615	074 93 70134	<i>Star of the Sea Church</i> - Saturday 8pm Sunday 12 noon
E-Mail: malinparish@hotmail.com		<i>St. Mary's Church</i> - Sunday 9am
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Week Masses:
St. Patrick's Church, Aughaclay: Tuesday at 7:30pm
Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head: Monday at 10am & Friday 7:30pm
St. Mary's Church Lagg: Wednesday at 9:30am
Connolly Foundation Oratory: Friday at 10am

Divine Mercy Novena ends today Sunday 16th with Devotions at 6pm in Star or the Sea Church

Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (40hrs) today Sunday 16th after 12noon Mass and ends with Rosary and Devotions at 6pm. Resumes tomorrow Monday 17th after 10am Mass and finishes with Rosary and Devotions at 7pm.

Anniversary Mass: John & Teresa Doherty, Sheskin on Saturday 8th April at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
Anniversary Mass: Noreen Mc Gonagle on Sunday 9th April at 9am in St. Mary's Church
Anniversary Mass: Kathleen Kelly, Drumcarbit, on Saturday 22nd April at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.
First Anniversary Mass: Sadie Kelly, Denny, Ballysalla on Saturday 29th April at 6pm in St Patrick's Church
Month's Mind Anniversary: Owen Mc Cullagh, Malin Town, on Sunday 30th April at 9am in St Mary's Church
Anniversary Mass: Rose Gallagher, Francistown on Sunday 30th April at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.
Month's Mind Anniversary: Christopher McLaughlin(J) Ross Head, at 6pm on Saturday 6th May in St Patrick's.
First Anniversary Mass: Joe Gorman, Carnmalin on Saturday 6th May at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
Anniversary Mass: Louise Colhoun on Saturday 13th May at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.
Months Mind Mass: Kathleen Doherty, Carnmalin on Saturday 13th May at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
Anniversary Mass: Isabella Mc Laughlin, Lower Braghey on Sunday 14th May at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
Months Mind Mass: Patrick Mc Laughlin, Lower Braghey on Sunday 14th May at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Noel Doherty (Donal Mor), Shantla and members of Donal Mor family, on Saturday 3rd June at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.

Parish Collections for the last week: Thank You.

	<i>Aughaclay</i>	<i>Malin Head</i>	<i>Lagg</i>
<i>Parish</i>	785	520	290
<i>Restoration</i>	785	520	290

Parish Fund	€1595
Restoration Fund	€1595
Holyland Collection	€1650

April Parish Prayer: Next Thursday 20th April we continue with our Continuous Prayer for Marriage and Family Life praying for All Families. There is a great variety of family life in our world today. We need to care for all our families whatever their composition because, in Baptism, we have promised them our love and support. We need a lot of prayer to help us do this both individually and as a faith community. The parish community is the best, and often the only, place where families are encouraged to be the best of who they are. We do this by calling them to work on their relationships as parents with their children; as children in relationship with their parents; as sisters and brothers. We do it also by reminding families of the importance of regular family prayer through which they can grow in faith in the presence and power of God's love through Christ in their homes and in their love for one another. And through this prayer the parish community is also reminded that families are the most important resource for the life of the parish and for the handing on of the faith that is so important for all of us. Thank you to all for continuing to support Marriage and Family Life, especially through this Movement of Prayer.

Thanks to our Parishioners and others overseas who contributed to enable the painting of Lagg chapel .The inside is now also painted. Thanks also to the workmen for doing such a good job.

Parish Draw begins again in April. New cards are available. Promoters are asked to make outstanding returns asap.
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 086 8606 890.

Aughaclay Chapel Repainting Committee: Our Mega Draw is starting soon. Tickets are €10 each or 3 for €25, sellers will be calling door-to-door in the next few weeks. Check out Aughaclay Chapel Re-painting Facebook page.

Invitation to opening of new Memorial Garden at St. Columb's College, Derry: On Wednesday 26th April, at 4pm, Bishop McKeown will bless and dedicate a new Memorial Garden at St. Columb's College, Buncrana Road, Derry which has been created in memory of all deceased members of the College Community. As well as honouring all of the deceased colleagues, pupils, parents and friends, two young men, Reuven Simon and Joseph Sebastian, who tragically lost their lives on 29th August 2022, will be particularly remembered. If you would like to attend, please email rsvp@stcolumbscollege.org by 3.30pm on Wednesday 19th April.

Malin Head Clean -Up; As part of the 'An Taisce National Spring Clean initiative' and with the support of Donegal County Council we are encouraging all members of the community to get out and about and get litter picking this weekend April 14th-16th. Take pride in our community every little bit helps-take part in a beach clean or even just collect litter in your own area! Hi Viz vests, Bags, gloves are available from the Community Centre by e-mailing info@malinheadcommunity.ie or contacting any committee member

Give Blood - Save A Life: The mobile Blood Donation Clinic will be in Carn Community School on Wednesday 19th April: 2:30 - 5pm and 7 - 9:30pm & Thursday 20th April: 2.30 - 6.30pm. It is advised to book an appointment - 1800 731 137 or giveblood.ie. 1 in 4 of us will need a blood transfusion in our lifetime.....and 1 blood donation can save 3 lives.

Gospel: John 20:19-31 *The presence of the risen Jesus dispels fear and brings peace to his friends*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Helped by a doubting apostle

The expression "Doubting Thomas" comes from this remarkable Easter story. The apostle Thomas, one of Jesus's inner circle, was slow to believe in the resurrection. He demanded concrete evidence before he could believe that the risen Jesus had appeared to his fellow apostles. His story offers some comfort to those of us who are always nagged by doubts. With the memory of our Lord's crucifixion fresh in their hearts, the nervous disciples had locked the doors of their meeting room.

They had locked themselves for fear of Jewish reprisals. They were afraid that what was done to Jesus could be done to them. The turning point came when Jesus appeared among them and breathed the Holy Spirit into them, filling them with new purpose. "As the Father sent me, so am I sending you." In the power of the Spirit they left their self-imposed prison, to go out and spread the message of Jesus. In today's reading from Acts St Luke shows them witnessing to the resurrection both in word and by the quality of their living.

Some people who cannot believe profess to envy those who do. They would like to experience the certainty of believers and share the faith of their parents. And indeed, most ordinary mortals have moments of doubt during our spiritual journey. Thomas's recovery from his doubts offers a valuable insight into God's mercy and kindness. Are we sometimes like those disciples, indecisive, inactive, unwilling to promote the faith. The "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" have dented our confidence. Are we tempted to abandon our faith journey, unable to see a way forward? Our past failures make us hesitant to try again. Today's gospel offers a solution. The Lord himself has power to revive our courage and our faith. No locked doors, nor even locked hearts, can keep him out.

At first, Thomas refused to believe that the others had seen him. He demanded definite and demonstrable, tangible proof. Jesus gave him the proof he needed. "Put your finger here," he said, "and feel my wounds." He forgives our fears and doubts too, and offers us a fresh start. We need to say in our turn, "My Lord and my God."

Today we meet with the risen Christ, just as St Thomas did. Sharing in the Eucharist is our statement of loyalty, our act of personal and shared faith. In praying the Eucharist together we help each other's faith and strengthen our Christian community. It was because the members of the early Church in Jerusalem met in public for prayer and seemed such a joyful little community, that so many others came to believe and the church grew steadily in those early, Spirit-filled days.

No-one else can do our believing for us. Eventually Thomas came to believe in the resurrection, when he saw the risen Jesus with his own eyes. The story ends with a message for all who have received the gift of faith: 'Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Our faith is a gift from God. But it is not an inert gift that can we lock away like some precious heirloom. It is a living gift that needs nurturing, to grow and mature. Like other life-forms, faith can wither from neglect. We need to pray about it, think about it, and express it in actions arising from love. This does not mean that we will never have any doubts. But if like Thomas we continue seeking, we too will come into the presence of Jesus and say "My Lord and my God!"