

**Parish of Malin (Clonca)      Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy (Year A Week 3)**

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| <b>Fr. Peter Devlin P.P.</b>   | <b>Fr. Charley Logue C.C.</b> | <b>Mass Times</b>   |
| Malin  | Malin Head                    | <b>St. Patrick's Church</b> - Saturday 6pm Sunday 10:30am   |
| 074 93 70615   | 074 93 70134                  | <b>Star of the Sea Church</b> - Saturday 8pm Sunday 12 noon |
| E-Mail: <a href="mailto:malinparish@hotmail.com">malinparish@hotmail.com</a> |                               | <b>St. Mary's Church</b> - Sunday 9am                       |
| Web Site: <a href="http://www.malinparish.ie">www.malinparish.ie</a>         | Facebook: Malin Parish        |   |



**Week Masses:**

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| <b>St. Patrick's Church, Aughaclay:</b>    | Thursday at 7:30pm |
| <b>Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head:</b> | No Mass            |
| <b>St. Mary's Church Lagg:</b>             | No Mass            |
| <b>Connolly Foundation Oratory:</b>        | Friday at 10am     |

**Anniversary Mass:** Kathleen Kelly, Drumcarbit, on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.  
**First Anniversary Mass:** Sadie Kelly, Denny, Ballysalla on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm in St Patrick's Church  
**Month's Mind Anniversary:** Owen Mc Cullagh, Malin Town, on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 9am in St Mary's Church  
**Anniversary Mass:** Rose Gallagher, Francistown on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.  
**First Anniversary Mass:** Jim Kenny, Slievebann on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 12pm in Star of the Sea Church.  
**Month's Mind Anniversary:** Christopher McLaughlin (J) Ross Head, at 6pm on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May in St. Patrick's.  
**First Anniversary Mass:** Joe Gorman, Carnmalin on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Louise Colhoun on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.  
**Months Mind Mass:** Kathleen Doherty, Carnmalin on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Isabella Mc Laughlin, Lower Braghey on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 9am in St. Mary's Church.  
**Months Mind Mass:** Patrick Mc Laughlin, Lower Braghey on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 9am in St. Mary's Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Noel Doherty (Donal Mor), Shantla and members of Donal Mor family, on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Richard Douglas, Carthage Mountain on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Celia Farren, Glentoscort on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 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> |
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| <i>Parish</i>      | 370              | 260               | 140         |
| <i>Restoration</i> | 365              | 260               | 135         |

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| <b>Parish Fund</b>      | <b>€770</b> |
| <b>Restoration Fund</b> | <b>€760</b> |

**TROCAIRE BOXES: PLEASE RETURN ALL TROCAIRE BOXES OR ENVELOPES TO THE CHURCHES**

**First Holy Communion** on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 12noon in Star of the Sea Church.  
**The Annual Malin Well Turas** on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> May begins at 3pm in Star of the Sea Church with Divine Mercy and ends with prayers for the dead and blessing of the graves at Malin Well. Walk via The Park House Lane. Transport is available for anyone needing help with climbing the hills.  
**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 15<sup>th</sup> May for 6 weeks. Items for the shop and staff volunteers are needed. Contact Martin on 086 8606 890.**  
**Aughaclay Chapel Repainting Committee: Sincere thanks to all who supported the recent Coffee Morning. It raised 4,600 euros (after expenses) Thanks also to those who made donations to the fund.**  
**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.**  
**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Eugene's Cathedral** - A Diocesan Mass will be celebrated in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm. All are very welcome.

**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 now be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:tferry@derrydiocese.org).

**Glengad Community Association** is delighted to announce that it has been successful in securing government funding under The Community Centres Investment Fund. €100,000 funding has been granted by Pobal for Glengad Community Centre. This grant will go towards funding improvements to the energy efficiency and improvement of heating and lighting systems in the centre. The Centre needs to fundraise to raise an additional contribution to this. Over the next couple of months we will be initiating a fundraising campaign to raise the funds that are needed to bring this project to completion. If anyone would like to get involved feel free to contact the Centre via Facebook or any committee member. Thank you to everyone who donated to our recent charity shop in aid of Glengad Community Centre. The total raised was €4450. Thank you to everyone who donated to the shop or helped out in any way. It is much appreciated and will be used towards the running costs of the centre.

## **Gospel: Luke 24:13-35**

### **Two disciples come to recognise our risen Lord in the breaking of the bread, as he opened the Scriptures to them**

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?"

He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early that morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him."

Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognised him; and he vanished from their sight.

They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

### **A Gospel within the Gospel**

The Emmaus story is like a gospel within the gospel. It is so rich a lesson that it serves as a summary of our own bonding with Jesus Christ. For these disciples on the road to Emmaus, the future looked grim indeed. For the previous few years, life had been exciting and they were captivated by the Gospel message of Jesus. But it emerges that they hadn't grasped some vital parts of what he had said. We can empathise with them, because mostly we too tend to pick and choose the parts of his message that please us, and fail to take seriously other words of the Lord.

After his death on the cross, they felt all was lost. But Jesus used the Jewish scriptures to enlighten them. The prophecies declare the divine promises and reveal the saving plan of God. The Scriptures have power like an electric current, and are inspired by the Spirit of God. When he opened the meaning of God's Word to them, they began to understand his cross in a totally new light. They saw it not as a total disaster but as the start of a new age of grace.

Once arrived in Emmaus, they recognised him also in the breaking of bread. The prayerful sharing of a meal among friends was a living symbol of friendship and trust. What was special about the way Jesus broke the bread is an intriguing question. Perhaps it was the spirit of self-giving that he invested in the act that showed them who he really was. There was a level of focus, of sharing and of sacredness unique to Jesus, something they had experienced previously, before his passion. His presence touched their deepest hungers, and the bread he broke was not just physical. It was food that they opened their hearts as well as their mouths to receive.

The Emmaus story speaks to people of all ages. We can see ourselves in these two weary travellers on their journey, the faith and hope they have lost, the future they have hoped for fallen apart. And yet they met an unknown friend walking the road with them, who gave them a fresh insight, and connected the new world with the world they knew. And, of course, he is present in a particular way in the Eucharist, in the breaking of bread, full of the many meanings that breaking bread had for Jesus himself, during his life and after the resurrection.