

Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 2nd April 2023
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (Year A Week 2)



Fr. Peter Devlin P.P.	Fr. Charley Logue C.C.	Mass Times
Malin	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	

Holly Week Masses:

St. Patrick's Church, Aughaclay: Tuesday at 7.30pm
Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head: Tuesday at 7:30pm.
St. Mary's Church Lagg: Wednesday at 9:30am

Parish Reconciliation Service (+Confession) for Easter will be on today Sunday 2nd April at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.

Holy Thursday: Mass of The Lord's Supper: *St. Patrick's Church* at 7:30pm with Adoration until 9pm.
Star of the Sea Church at 7:30pm followed by Adoration until 9:15pm.

Good Friday: Morning Prayer of the Church and Rosary in *Star of the Sea Church* at 10am.
 Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm in both *St. Patrick's Church* and in *Star of the Sea Church*.

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil at 7pm in *St. Patrick's Church* and at 8pm in *Star of the Sea Church*. Please bring candles.

Easter Sunday: Masses as Usual.

Confessions: Monday in *St. Patrick's Church* at 7 30pm and Tuesday at 8pm. and Friday after 3pm Ceremony.

Star of the Sea Church: Tuesday and Thursday 6:30 – 7:25pm, Friday after the Ceremony and Saturday 7:15 – 7:45.

Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday and ends on Sunday 16th.

Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (40hrs) on Sunday 16th to Monday 17th.

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.

Anniversary Mass: Kathleen Kelly, Druncarbit, on Saturday 22nd April at 6pm in St Patrick's Church.

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.

Anniversary Mass: Isabella Mc Laughlin, Lower Braghey on Sunday 14th May at 9am in St. Mary's Church.

Anniversary Mass: Rose Gallagher, Francistown on Sunday 30th April at 10:30am 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>	450	260	130
<i>Restoration</i>	445	255	130

Parish Fund	€840
Restoration Fund	€830

Parish Draw

	€200	€100	€50
5/3	336 Oran Harkin	200 Ellen Doherty	407 Margaret & David Farren
12/3	326 Eugene Mc Laughlin	299 Mary Mc Gonagle	161 Deirdre Mc Daid
19/3	217 Brendan Mc Kinley	363 Margaret Mc Geoghegan	142 Thomas Mc Dermott
26/3	209 Vincent Mc Laughlin	343 Aidan Mc Laughlin	363 Angela & Seamus Kelly

Fr Devlin and Fr. Logue: Visitation of sick on Wednesday 5th April

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.

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

Aughaclay Chapel Re-painting Committee: Fundraising Coffee morning on Holy Saturday, 8th April, 11am -4pm in the Parish Hall Malin Town. All donations of Home Baking and Shop Bought Food is accepted from 9am on Saturday 8th April. Raffle on the day for great prizes. School Art Competition with all entries on Display and Prizes will be awarded to the Winners. Check out "Aughaclay Chapel Re-painting" Facebook Page for more information.

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.

Donations from Glengad Sea Angling Committee: The Board of Management of Scoil Cholmcille, Glengad would like to acknowledge a very generous donation of €2671.62 from the Glengad Sea Angling Group. The Donation is very much appreciated.

Rosary on the Coast: 3pm on Sunday 2nd April at Lisfannon Strand, Buncrana. We will pray for Ireland, world peace and the lives of our unborn children, amongst others. Bring along family and friends and make this something special for Our Lady. For details, ring 00 44 77 303 30028.

In life, many hear God's call to priesthood. Is your heart open to the Lord? Have you ever considered taking the risk to follow in the footsteps of Jesus? If so, you are invited to the national seminary of Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth, on 25

April, to attend a special conference on evangelisation and vocations in Ireland today. Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pro Prefect of, the Vatican's Dicastery for Evangelisation will be the keynote speaker. Please register directly on www.vocations.ie, or contact the National Vocations director Father Willie Purcell at willie.purcell@iecon.ie or Rev Eric Cooney secretary of the National Vocations Office at eric.cooney@iecon.ie.

Entering into Palm Sunday

The account of the Passion is a vivid story with a variety of characters and much action. To enter into the passage we can read the story slowly and see if we can identify with different characters in the story. Also any one scene within the story can provide us with much food for reflection and prayer. Keep in mind that one of the aims in reflecting on the passage is to discover the GOOD NEWS the story has for us. Here are just a few general pointers for prayer.

1. The identity of Jesus is revealed as the Messiah and the Son of God, not with a display of human power, but as one who was prepared to suffer unto death to show us how our God loves us. How does the Passion story speak to you as a revelation of how God loves you?
2. Jesus gives us an example of patient endurance and faithfulness in suffering. Suffering is something we all encounter. It is not something that anyone likes but sometimes we cope with it better than others. What have you found helps you to cope better with suffering?
3. As you read through the narrative of the Passion where do you find yourself resonating with a character in the action? Is there any message there for you that is lifegiving?

Success, after apparent disaster

The martyrdom of archbishop Oscar Romero (on March 24, 1980) reminds us that our Lord Jesus was not the only one to die for a cause, nor the last. He was not the first or the last innocent man to be put to death. He was not the only one ever crucified. There were on that same day two others. Even as regards physical pain it is at least possible that others have suffered as much. What then makes the passion so different? And it is undeniably different. The gospel account is roughly about two newspaper columns long, and even though I've read it, or heard it read hundreds of times, it still affects me. I wonder why? I think the answer lies in the details "the completely human and utterly shabby circumstances in which Christ died.

Take for example the behaviour of his friends. Was there ever such a complete let-down? Judas, one of the specially chosen twelve. One can feel the hurt, almost the unbelief in Christ's gentle words, "Friend, why are you here? Judas would you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?" One could almost stomach the betrayal of Judas had the other eleven remained faithful. But one short line tells their story "And they all forsook him and fled." And Peter "surely not Peter. Think of all those miracles Christ worked while Peter was by his side. He raised the dead child to life, set him walking on water, was transfigured before him. Only a few short hours before, Peter had boasted, "Even though all abandon you, I will follow you to prison and to death." " but at a distance, a safe distance. And when he was cornered a jibe or two from a servant girl looking for notice, Peter the Rock disintegrated. "He began to curse and to swear that he knew not the man." That must really have hurt Jesus. "And Jesus turning looked at Peter and Peter went out and wept bitterly." And these were his friends, his only friends. The people he lived with and loved. The people he showered his miracles on and shared his secrets with. And not one of them lifted a finger for him. How does the Passion story relate to us? The Passion is the means of our salvation. But it is more, it is the story of our lives. There isn't a part in the whole sordid script that we have not played to perfection. Peter in his pride and Peter in his fall and, hopefully, Peter in his repentance too. We'd mirror the disciples who fled at the first sign of danger, or the scornful spirit of Caiaphas and the high priests, eager to reform others while ignoring themselves. And Judas? Let's face it, there's a Judas element in all of us. There are times and situations in all our lives when Jesus could as easily say to us as he said to Judas, "Friend, why are you here?"

Our great week

We begin the most solemn week of the liturgical year. Once called the 'Great Week', nowadays we know it as 'Holy Week'. In it we witness the total self-giving of Jesus. St Paul describes it as his "kenosis" (Greek: κένωσις is the act of emptying) or 'self-emptying' by which Jesus made himself entirely receptive to the divine will. See Philippians 2:7 "He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave." Paul goes on to affirm to total vindication of Jesus: "God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name." Our liturgy this week invites us to follow Jesus every step of the way, beginning with his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. There he was welcomed, applauded and acclaimed by a crowd of well-wishers. On Thursday we will join him at table, to receive his gift of himself in the eucharistic bread and wine. After dining with him we will, in our reflections, go with him along the trail from the Upper Room to the Garden of Olives. There we will see him struggling with fear and anxiety about the cruel death that awaits him. On Good Friday we will be standing in spirit beside his mother at the foot of the cross, while he hands his spirit back to the Father who sent him.

On Saturday we will be quiet and silent around his tomb, as we remember the injustice and cruelty of humanity, for which he died. Then, late on Saturday, we will move from the darkness of our Passion journey to the place of the bright Easter fire. There we will join the procession of the great Paschal Candle, representing the risen Christ, as he lights up the darkness of our church and lives. The pain of our compassion with Jesus to Calvary will give way to the hope and joy of Easter. Jesus Christ is not dead and gone. No, he is risen, strong and powerful, alive in himself, and alive in us. Then we can hold in our hearts those assuring words that Juliana of Norwich in her vision of Christ Crucified. From his own lips she heard this promise: 'All will be well, all be well, all manner of things will be well.'
