

Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 30th April 2023
4th Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy (Year A Week 4)

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	



Week Masses:

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

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.
First Anniversary Mass: Jim Kenny, Slievebann on Sunday 30th April at 12pm in Star of the Sea 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.
First Anniversary Mass: Michael Farren on Sunday 7th May at 10:30am 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.
Anniversary Mass: Richard Douglas, Carthage Mountain on Saturday 10th June 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Celia Farren, Glentoskert on Saturday 17th June at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.
First Anniversary Mass: John Byrne, Beagh, on Sunday 9th July 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>	480	185	305
<i>Restoration</i>	475	180	305

Parish Fund	€970
Restoration Fund	€970

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

First Holy Communion on Saturday 13th May at 12noon in Star of the Sea Church.

As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday and the 60th anniversary of the first World Day of Prayer for Vocations, a National Year for Vocations to the diocesan priesthood is being launched this weekend, with the theme: "diocese of Derry, and Take the Risk for Christ." Is it too ambitious to hope that our prayers will encourage at least one man from each parish in the from every parish the Lord as He invites workers into His vineyard?

The Annual Malin Well Turas on Sunday the 7th 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 15th May for 6 weeks. Items for the shop and staff volunteers are needed. Contact Martin on 086 8606 890.

Aughaclay Chapel Repainting Committee: 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.

150th Anniversary of St. Eugene's Cathedral - A Diocesan Mass will be celebrated in St. Eugene's Cathedral, Derry, on Sunday 30th 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 15th 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.

The Malin Development Association are having a Clean-up on Wednesday 3rd May. Everyone welcome. Meet at the Parochial Hall in Malin Town at 7pm.

Lisfannon Rosary on the Coast. The next Rosary on the Coast at Lisfannon will be on Sunday 7th May at 3pm. Everyone is welcome to come along and pray for peace, Ireland and our unborn children. More details on (00 44) 0 7730330028. in the country, to hear and answer

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1st Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41

Paul and Barnabas preach the Gospel first to the Jews, then to pagans, who receive it with joy

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. . . Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.” Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?”

Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.”

And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptised, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Gospel: John 10:1-10 *Christ is the true Shepherd, each one personally; and no one can take away his sheep*

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

Again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

The Good Shepherd

Jesus often illustrated his teaching by referring to shepherds and sheep. He sees himself as the Good Shepherd foretold by the prophets. Today’s gospel considers the relationship between the Good Shepherd and the sheep. The imagery is old. The message is topical. It is relevant to us. By faith we accept Jesus, Our relationship is a deeply personal one. The bond of love uniting us is based on the love that unites the Father and Jesus. Our new existence is founded on God’s unbreakable love and faithfulness.

In order to enter eternal life we must listen to Jesus and obey him. The alternative opening prayer puts this in practical terms. We have to tune our minds to the sound of his voice. Self-centredness can make us deaf to the voice of Jesus. Easy options can draw us into easier paths than the one he has traced. Pressure to abandon Christian principles is inevitable. But God is faithful and will not let us be tempted beyond our strength. No one can drag us away from him, The Father has entrusted us to his Son. The same God who kept faith with Jesus by raising him from the dead will also raise us by his power.

Paul and Barnabas ‘spoke out boldly’, and made an impact. A courageous proclamation of the gospel to our contemporaries can be as fruitful now as it was in apostolic times. All the baptized, particularly those who are confirmed, are bound to spread the faith. Laity as well as priests and religious are in the service of the Risen Lord. Our faith urges us to take personal part in the work of evangelisation. Are we doing so? How many evils persist in our society just because good people say nothing and do nothing? A breviary hymn of Eastertide (no.25) spells out what is expected of us by the Risen Lord: Now he bids us tell abroad/How the lost may be restored/How the penitent forgiven/ How we too may enter heaven.

“Good Shepherd Sunday” is a good occasion for us to think and pray about how the catholic church will fare for priests in the future. In Ireland right now it appears that the average age of ordained priests is about sixty five, a statistic that demands significant change in how to recruit priests for the future, and what is to be expected of them. Padraig McCarthy made this point thus, “there is no such thing as a priestless parish. There may not be an *ordained* priest there, but the parish is a *priestly people*. How will this priesthood of the baptised take flesh in the coming decades? What factors which had value in the past are now hindering the mission of the church? What new model of ministerial priesthood is needed?”

Here are three questions worth pondering by us all, bishops, priests and laity:

- 1) Who will be the true shepherds in the coming years?
- 2) How will those shepherds carry out the mission to those outside the fold?
- 3) What needs to change so that each community can celebrate the Eucharistic every Sunday?