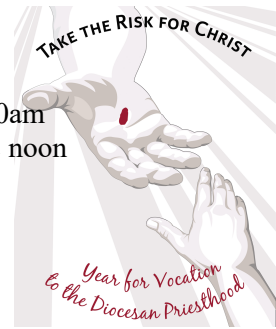


Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 7th May 2023
5th Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy (Year A Week 1)

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
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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 and Friday at 7:30pm
St. Mary's Church Lagg: Wednesday at 9:30am
Connolly Foundation Oratory: Friday at 10am

Month's Mind Anniversaray: 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.
Month's Mind Mass: Gerry Doherty, Middletown on Saturday 20th May at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
First Anniversary Mass: Anthony Doherty, Umgal, on Sunday 21st 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.
Anniversary Mass: Maire Doherty, Umgal, on Sunday 18th June at 9am in St Mary's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Willie Sinnott, Croghan, on Sunday 2nd July at 10:30am 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>	525	355	295
<i>Restoration</i>	525	355	295

Parish Fund	€1175
Restoration Fund	€1175

Parish Draw

	€200	€100	€50
2/4	433 Patrick & Diane Doherty	177 Mary Mc Daid (Templemoyle)	233 Laura Houten
9/4	295 Bernie Mc Laughlin	387 Eddie Kelly	224 The Lockharts
16/4	312 Celine Mc Dermott	221 Jessie & Molly Farren	180 Tracey Mc Laughlin
23/4	245 John Mc Colgan	245 John & Bridget Doherty	271 Ann Quigley
30/4	400 Pat Mc Laughlin	283 Willie Doherty	242 Eimear & Kieran Mc Colgan

Parish Draw: Still time to join the draw. 70 euros for the year, 35 for 6 months. Name and money to Malin Parochial House.

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

The Annual Malin Well Turas on today 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.'

Church Gate collection for Glengad Youth Club will take place next weekend, the 13th/14th May, at Aughaclay Chapel. All support greatly appreciated.

Malin Parish Charity Shop will be upstairs in G & S Supermarket, Carndonagh from Next 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 now running. Tickets are €10 each , 3 for €25, or 6 for 50 euros. sellers will be calling door-to-door in the next few weeks. Check out Aughaclay Chapel Re-painting Facebook page.

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

The Little Way Novena in honour of St. Thérèse of Lisieux will be take place in St. Eugene's Cathedral from Saturday 6th May until Sunday 14th May. The Opening ceremony will take place at 6pm on Sunday 7th with Bishop Donal Mc Keown. On Monday night at 7.30pm Marion Carroll who was cured from Multiple Sclerosis in Knock in 1989 will speak at the evening devotions. The speaker on Tuesday evening will be Tim Shriver. Tim is the chairman of the Special Olympics since 1996 and the founder of Unite. On Wednesday evening the speaker is Eunan Mc Mullan who was a barrister in Belfast and is now a Friar in Assisi. On Thursday evening the speaker will be Alexander Mc Lean who is the founder of Justice Defenders which is based

in Uganda and seeks to improve the lives of people imprisoned in Africa. On Friday evening the speaker will be Brendan Mc Ginn, who is the Principal of St. Mary's College in Derry. Mass will be celebrated each morning Monday – Friday at 6.30am and 10am. Mass for the dead will be celebrated on Saturday 13th May at 10am. The Novena will close with Devotions and Blessing of Roses at 3pm on Sunday 14th May. Everyone is 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.

1st Reading: Acts 6:1-7 *Under pressure, a solution is found to deal with new needs of the community*

Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food.

And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word."

What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9 *Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house*

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, so that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Building up the house of God

Acts 6 shows how differences and disputes were resolved in the church's early days. The Hellenist (converts whose language was Greek), complained that their widows were not getting a fair share of the church's social services. The apostles' solution to the problem shows how changes of practice are not only possible but necessary for the health of the church.

The solution shows two important dimensions of church life: prayer and service; and that living our Christian vocation requires a balance between the two. Each of us is personally called to prayer, to a dialogue of worship with God; and we are also called to service. No matter what we do in life, our work affects others in some way. We should be of service to our neighbours; and provided we have an attitude of respect, no task we do is a menial task. Prayer and preaching the word was of primary importance to the apostles; but service to the widows and the needy in the community was also vital, so they appointed seven trusted men to attend to it, and initiated them by an evocative ceremony.

As a result, the disciples in Jerusalem increased in numbers.. We may wonder how this kind of growth in the church could be revived in our day. Is the word of the Lord still spreading or the number of disciples increasing? In St Peter's letter, the church is imagined as a spiritual temple, with ourselves as living stones making up a living house of God. Every time we say the Lord's Prayer we say 'thy kingdom come.' This implies taking some responsibility for spreading the word and doing something to build up the church? We can work for God's kingdom by our daily conduct and attitudes.

The cornerstone of the church is Christ himself, and he offers us encouragement even today. If he is going away, it is to prepare a place for us in his Father's house, which has many rooms. So there is a place for us all in the kingdom. Each person has gifts of nature and grace, each should have a say in church life, as exemplified by the apostles in the first reading.

Many people today regard faith as irrelevant because their notion of God is faulty or distorted. For an authentic picture of what God is like, we should look to Jesus who said "I am in the Father and the Father is in me." He shows what the invisible Father is like: concerned for all, interested in all, respecting everyone, calling sinners back home. This welcoming God is the one that our church worships, and we renew our trust in Him.