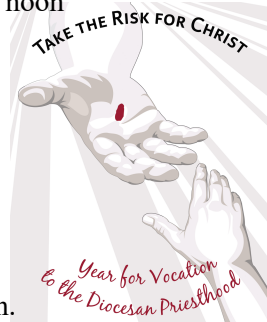


Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 21st May 2023
The Ascension of the Lord

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

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.
Months Mind Mass: Neil Mc Laughlin, Kilourt/Wales on Saturday 3rd June at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
Anniversary Mass: Eileen McCarron, Templemoyle on Sunday 4th June at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Richard Douglas, Carthage Mountain on Saturday 10th June 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.
Months Mind Mass: Gerard Glackin, Bree on Saturday 10th June at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
Anniversary Mass: Celia Farren, Glentoscirt 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: Tony Mc Laughlin, Ballyhillion on Sunday 25th June at 12noon in Star of the Sea Church.
Anniversary Mass: Willie Synott, Croghan, on Sunday 2nd July at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.
Months Mind Mass: Philomena Mc Callion, Francistown on Sunday 9th July at 9am in St. Mary'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>	575	320	300
<i>Restoration</i>	575	320	295

Parish Fund	€1195
Restoration Fund	€1190

Parish Draw: Still time to join the draw. €70 for the year, €35 for 6 months. Name and money to Malin Parochial House. Malin Parish Charity Shop is now open upstairs in G & S Supermarket, Carndonagh for the next 5 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. Ticket Sellers will be calling door-to-door or they can be bought in Bogg's Butchers, Centra Malin, Lafferty's Shop Glengad, Mullin's Shop Malin Head or by contacting John or Patrick by text or WhatsApp on 0868452901 or 0866061557. Also you can check out Aughaclay Chapel Re- Painting Facebook page on how to win a stay at the luxurious Galgorm Resort.

Novena for Life: The Pray for Life Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Tuesday 23rd May to the Feast of the Visitation on Wednesday 31st May. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit www.prayforlife.ie for the daily novena prayers which will also be posted on [facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena](https://www.facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena) and @ChooseLifeIRL on Twitter. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

Laudato Si' Week 2023 will be celebrated globally from 21st – 28th May with the film “‘The Letter’ – A Message for Our Earth”, marking the eighth anniversary of Pope Francis' landmark encyclical, Laudato Si', addressed to all of us, on Care for Creation. This year's theme, “Hope for the Earth. Hope for Humanity,” focuses on the connectedness of all things and the need for a renewed commitment to environmental justice. The film aims to highlight the power of humanity united in action to stop the ecological crisis and its devastating effects on all creation; it shows Laudato Si' in action. A showing of “The Letter” will take place on Tuesday 23rd May, at 7pm, in St. Eugene's Cathedral Hall, Infirmary Road, Derry. Please pre-book by calling the Parish Office on (+4428) 71262894, as spaces are limited. St. Mary's Hall, Buncrana, on Tuesday 23rd May at 12:30pm, and in The Exchange, Buncrana, on Friday 26th May at 7:45pm, as part of the celebration of Laudato Si week. All are welcome

Exam Mass at Knock Shrine: For all students preparing for exams and their families. Take some time out from your studies for a quiet moment to ask for God's strength and guidance as you move through your exam period. Bring your pencil case to have it blessed. June 5th at 7:30pm, Knock Basilica.

The Management & Chaplains of Letterkenny University Hospital invite you to an Ecumenical Prayer Service of Remembrance on Thursday 1st June at 5.30pm in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Letterkenny. During this service we will remember all the staff and former staff of Letterkenny University Hospital who have passed away. We also remember the staff who suffered personal bereavements during the Covid-19 pandemic. All the patients who died in Letterkenny University Hospital during the pandemic will also be remembered in prayer and a warm invitation is extended to their families to attend this service.

During this Year of Prayer for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood we ask for open minds and hearts in those the Lord is inviting to “Go, make disciples of all nations...” and that, despite their doubts, fears or reservations, they will hear the Lord saying to them, “...I am with you always.”

Come to the Water: Derry Diocesan Youth Ministry is hosting a four-week programme in June, for parish volunteers, of all ages. The programme is aimed at building inter-generational collaboration and faith community amongst parish volunteers involved in parish ministry in the parishes of the Diocese of Derry. During three online and one in-person session we will come together in prayer, learning and support, sharing best practice. The programme will explore: Different ways to pray; Themed talks: ‘Where have the young people gone?’; ‘How well do we welcome?’; and practical ideas on what help and programmes are on offer in the diocese, including an in-depth look at best safeguarding practices for both online and in-person gatherings in our parishes. The first three sessions will be via Zoom; for the last session, we will come together in-person for an intergenerational gathering of prayer and food. ***Come to the Water*** will begin on Monday 5th June, 7:30-9pm and continue each Monday over four weeks. It will be delivered via Zoom. The last session will be held in person. To participate, please contact Lizzie Rea at lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org. Closing date for registration is: Thursday 25th May.

The Ascension of the Lord, (A) 1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Ascension concludes Jesus’ ministry on earth and prepares for the gift of the Spirit at Pentecost

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20 *Before he leaves this world, Jesus promises his disciples that he will be with them always*

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Last Will and Testament

In the gospel we have just heard Our Lord’s final instructions, his Last Will and Testament. Just before leaving them, he reminds them of what he expects of them. Earlier he had sent them out to spread the Kingdom of God. Those who go in his name, do so with *his* authority. The authority goes with the mission, so to speak. In Matthew’s version he now adds this great promise, “I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Mark says that the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it”. And Luke emphasises that they will be “clothed with power from on high”, that is, with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus is very definite about what he has to say. Like any gathering of people, the feelings of his disciples were varied. But he sends them out to speak and act in his name.

Their mission was both easy and hard: easy to understand but hard to carry out. It was to teach others all that he had taught them. Just as he asked them to follow his way, they were to ask that others should follow that way too.

Has a doctor ever put you on a course of antibiotics. The most basic guidance about antibiotics is to complete the course. Even if the patient starts to feel well after a few days, to discontinue taking the medicine can let their condition grow worse.

Similarly, the message of salvation must continue to be shared until the end of time. With all the changes in the church and in society, neither Jesus nor his message have changed. His Gospel remains a call to live our lives to the full.

You write a new page of the gospel each day, through all that you do and whatever you say.

Others read what you write, be it faithful or true. So what is the gospel according to you?

He is with us always. This can be a real help against loneliness. Being alone is not the same as being lonely. One can feel lonely in a crowded street; or alternatively, like Cicero, *never less alone than when alone*. This applies especially to those who believe the promise, “I am with you always.” Talking with him doesn’t even need words. If we are open to His presence in our heart, and treasure it, we can experience fully that “Joy of the Gospel” so warmly described for us by our good Pope Francis.