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11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time							
Fr. Peter Devlin P.P.	Fr. Charley Logue	e C.C. Mass Time	s				
Malin	Malin Head	St. Patrick's	Church - Saturday 6p	om Sunday 10:30am			
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E-Mail: malinparish@hotmail.com		St. Mary's C	hurch - Sunday 9am	TAKE THE RISK FOR CHRIST			
Web Site:         www.malinparish.ie         Facebook:         Malin Parish				TAKE IN CHRIST			
Week Masses:					$\mathbf{v}$		
St. Patrick's Church, Aughaclay:		Wednesday at 7:30pm					
Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head:		Tuesday at 10am and Friday at 7:30pm		122			
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Anniversary Mass: Celia Farren, Glentoskert on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Annie Waddell, Kilourt on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
Months Mind Mass: Bernadette Mc Daid, Seaview Terrace, Glengad on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Maire Doherty, Umgal on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
Months Mind Mass: Francis Mc Colgan, Glentoskert on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Joseph Mc Carron Doon, Culdaff on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Tony Mc Laughlin, Ballyhillion on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 12noon in Star of the Sea Church.
First Anniversary Mass: Kathleen Logan, Urblereagh on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June in St. Mary's Church.
Months Mind Mass: Dan Mc Eleney, Malin Well on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 12noon n Star of the Sea Church,
Anniversary Mass: Willie Synott, Croghan, on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.
Months Mind Mass: Philiomena Mc Callion, Francistown on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
First Anniversary Mass: John Byrne, Beaugh, on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.
First Anniversary Mass: Edward Mc Cole, Camata on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August at 6pm in St Patrick's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Edward Mc Cole, Camata on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 6pm in St Patrick's Church.

Parish Collections for the last week: Thank You.

	Aughaclay	Malin Head	Lagg
Parish	530	365	225
Restoration	535	360	225

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Fr Devlin Ruby Jubilee Celebration; The Parish Committee has organised a celebration for Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August with Mass followed with celebration dinner in the Ballyliffen Lodge Hotel . Full details later.

**Vocations** Today, as we continue our Year of Prayer for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood, we hear Jesus inviting us to pray for this intention: 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest**Parish Prayer Day for Marriage and Family Life.** Theme: All Fathers. Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June our parish of Malin prays for the 24 hours for Marriage & Family Life. This is part of a Movement of Continuous Prayer as with other parishes and groups take on the prayer for the other days of the month. Our theme this month is for all fathers. It is becoming increasingly important to pray for fathers that they will take their full place in the rearing of children in so far as this is at all possible. Everyone is invited to join in this prayer, either by taking on an hour, or by including this intention in your own prayer during the day. **Aughaclay Chapel Repainting Committee:** Mega Draw has started. Tickets are €10 each, 3 for €25. Ticket Sellers will be calling door-to-door in the Auchaclay Chaple catchment area or they can be bought in Bogg's Butchers, Centra Malin, Lafferty's Shop Glengad, Mullin's Shop Malin Head or by contacting John, Patrick or Seamus by text or WhatsApp on 0868452901, 0866061557 or 0877635011. Check out Aughaclay Chapel Re- Painting Facebook page on how to win a stay at the luxurious Galgorm Resort.

**Rosaries on the Coasts** the next Rosaries on the Coast will be on today 18<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm on Benone Strand, Limavady, at 3pm. All Rosary Coasters welcome and remember – invite your families and friends along too. **Gamblers Anonymous:** Is Gambling affecting your life? Perhaps we can help. Tel 028 7135 1329.

A Watercolour Workshop takes place in the Malin Head Community Centre on Sat.1st July. From 10am - 4pm.(All level of artists welcome) The workshop costs €50 which includes a light lunch. Materials will be provided on the day, or you can bring your own. There are a few places remaining, to reserve a place email info@malinheadcommunity.ie

**The Priory Institute** two week online Summer School on the Gospel of John will run from 14<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> August. The course includes eight recorded presentations and two on-line zoom discussions and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online. Find out more: prioryinstitute.com.

**Rally For Life:** Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July. Join thousands of fellow-Catholics & pro-life supporters at the biggest annual pro-life event, now in its 17<sup>th</sup> year. Gather at 1pm at Parnell Square, Dublin 1. www.thelifeinstitute.net, or call 01 (003531) 873 0465. **Day for Life** is celebrated this year on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June. The theme is 'Listen to Her' and focuses on the experience of one Catholic woman in the aftermath of abortion. It tells of her journey towards healing. The hope is that this will help people to listen, to understand and to respond with compassion. You can read the message in full on <u>www.councilforlife.ie</u>

## 18 June 2023 – 11th Sunday, (A) Gospel: Matthew 9:36-10:8 The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few

When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment."

## **Mission and reconciliation**

Mission and reconciliation are prominent topics in the readings. The people of the Old Covenant received their mission through Moses. We, the people of the New Covenant receive our mission through Jesus. What is our mission? We are commissioned and sent to proclaim loud and clear to all and sundry that the kingdom of God has come.

The gospel passage reminds us that Jesus chooses some of his disciples for specific tasks. That is not to say that the others have nothing to do. The whole Church is missionary. Each of the baptised is duty bound to spread the Gospel to the best of his or her ability. There are many ways of doing that. But the basic and most important contribution which we can make is to live a deep Christian life.

Before considering whether or not we are doing anything to spread the Gospel we might consider our attitude towards the project. Do we think about the matter? Jesus sent the apostles because he had compassion on the crowds. There are millions who have never heard of Christ. How does that fact impinge upon us? Do we regard it just as a fact or do we accept it as a challenge? Do we in any way share Christ's compassion and give expression to it? St John Chrysostom wrote: "Nothing is colder than a Christian who does not care for the salvation of others." Today's gospel may well be a call to us to break out of our little ice cubes.

The harvest is the Lord's. God will provide but he must be asked to do so. God sends workers in answer to prayer. That was the first thing Jesus told the disciples. Work without prayer will be fruitless. Paul was aware of that. In his letters he often asks for prayers that God would bless his missionary work. St. Thérèse of Lisieux was an enclosed contemplative nun. Her short religious life was spent in prayer, household chores and penance. She offered her life and prayer for the missions. After her death she was proclaimed Patroness of the Foreign Missions. A strange choice at first sight. Yet a powerful reminder that they also serve who "only" kneel and pray. A reminder too that one way of fulfilling our obligation to spread the Gospel is by remembering the missionary work of the Church in our daily personal prayer. Many generous people are prevented by circumstances from engaging in missionary work. There is nothing to prevent people from praying for the spread of the Gospel. Indifference to the salvation of others is an unacceptable excuse for not doing so.

Jesus gave the apostles power over evil spirits. He gave them power to heal. The exercise of those powers was to be a clear sign that announced the presence of the kingdom. Satan was being challenged and defeated. The apostles worked many miracles. In our day the miracles may not be as frequent or as evident but the power is there in the Church. Every Christian is called upon to be an influence for good in society. The presence of the kingdom is announced, Christ's mission is continued and extended when we bring the compassion of Jesus into the lives of others. Through our ordinary daily contacts with people especially with the lonely and rejects we can and ought to be instruments of acceptance, reconciliation and healing. We don't have to go on the foreign missions in order to do that. For most Christians the home, the parish, the work-place are the mission territories where they have to spread the Gospel message as best they can.

When the human race turned aside from from God, God did an extraordinary thing. On his own initiative, motivated by sheer love, he sent his only Son to die for us. The death of Jesus achieved our reconciliation. We are now friends of God. Paul exults in this. We have proof of God's love for us. He urges us to cast doubts aside. Now we have firm grounds for hoping that God will find us righteous in his sight. Like Paul, we too have a mission. We are to be "ambassadors for Christ." Ambassadors ought to be builders of what they announce. We joyfully announce reconciliation. That involves consistently helping our sisters and brothers by our good example to be reconciled to God and to one another.