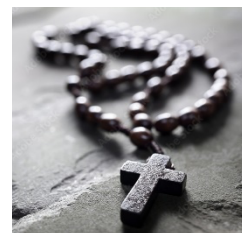
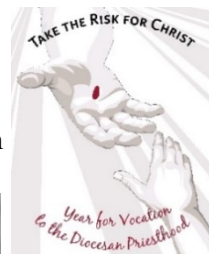


Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 23rd July 2023
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Funeral Mass and Burial of Ashes: of Alexander and Patricia Black, (Mc Laughlin), Drumnaskea and USA on Saturday 22nd July at 11am in St. Mary's Church.

First Anniversary: Mary Ann Kelly, Ballymena, Glengad on Saturday 19th August at 6pm in St Patrick's Church.

Anniversary Mass: Edward Mc Cole, Camata on Saturday 26th August at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.

Anniversary Mass: Maggie Doherty, Culkeeney on Saturday 2nd September at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.

Anniversary Mass: John Mc Gonagle, Dunegard on Saturday 16th September at 8pm in Star of Sea Church.

First Anniversary Mass: Colm Curley, Magherard on Saturday 30th September at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.

Anniversary Mass: Carmel Mc Laughlin, Slieveban on Saturday 30th September at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.

Anniverssary Mass: Margaret Kelly, Gortnarrin, on Sunday 1st October 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	195
<i>Restoration</i>	445	255	195

Parish Fund	€905
Restoration Fund	€895

Summer Dates: Blessing of the Graves: Sunday 13th August. Malin Head Sports: Sunday 20th August

Malin Head Sports next planning meeting Monday 24th July at 8.30pm. All welcome.

During this Year of Prayer for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood We pray that a New Generation of Men will be inspired, willing, and well-prepared to spend their lives for the sake of the Lord's flock, joyfully preaching the Word of God, faithfully celebrating the sacraments, and humbly serving those in need. (From the Prayer for the Year for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood).

Parish Envelopes: Envelopes for July to December are now available in all churches. Envelopes are the preferred way to contribute to our parish. All adults are invited to help support your parish.

Fr. Devlin Ruby (40th) Jubilee Celebration; The Parish Committee has organised a celebration for Friday 25th August with Mass followed with celebration dinner dance in the Ballyliffin Lodge Hotel. Tickets are now available for the Dinner Dance in the Ballyliffin Lodge Hotel from Martin 0868606890, Teish 0861683842, Davie 0863861188, Patrick 0868787609 Cost: €30.
Next Planning Meeting: Tuesday 1st August at 9pm in Parochial Hall.

Aughaclay Chapel will be unavailable for worship from 10th September for several weeks. Weekend Masses will be held in the Parochial Hall, Malin Town, funerals (if required) will be held in St Mary's Lagg.

Sincere Thanks for the Donations of €1,000 received this week for the repainting of Aughaclay Chapel. The Target for fundraising is €50, 000. Donors can be acknowledged publicly or given anonymously. 29,000 euros raised so far.

Car Boot Sale: Malin Parish Hall on Saturday 29th July. 11am – 4pm Tables €10. To book a table contact: 086 168 3842

Aughaclay Chapel Repainting Committee: Last Remaining Mega Draw Tickets are selling fast. Tickets are €10 each, 3 for €25. Ticket 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. Draw will take place on Sunday the 30th July.

Light the Fire: On August 6th Archbishop Eamon Martin will relight the fire on the hill of Slane that was lit by St. Patrick many years ago. He will be joined by Sr. Briege Mc Kenna, Dana and Fr. Pablo. There will be Mass, Rosary and a Eucharistic Healing Service on the day. This is a unique and monumental event. It is an opportunity for each of us to shine our light and witness to our faith in a joyful and spiritually uplifting celebration. If you would like details of a bus from your area please contact hillofslaneaugust6@gmail.com.

Malin Presbyterian Church: Invites everyone to come along to our "Summer Teas". These will be held on the 22nd, 29th July, 5th and 12th August from 2 - 5 pm. We really look forward to seeing everyone again from previous years and new friends too. Funds raised to a local charity as is done every year and to Church Funds.

Glengad Community Association AGM will take place on Monday 24th July at 9pm in Community Centre. Everyone welcome to attend.

Malin Head Traditional Cottage Ballyhillion We need photos of the Malin Head Traditional Cottage in Ballyhillion from the opening in July 1988 and onwards - especially the official opening, the cafe, craft shop and Ceili nights. Please send photos to Teresa at candtdoherty1@gmail.com or office@malinheadcommunity.ie. You can also contact Teresa in Mullin's Shop, Mullin's Shop Facebook or on 0872674857.

Malin RNLI 30th Year Celebrations: Annual Malin RNLI Fundraising day will take place on Sunday 30th July. Morning events – Tower to Town Road Race at 11am, 5K from Lagg at 12noon, Raft Race at 5pm and special display from Coastguard Rescue 118 Helicopter at 7pm. Entertainment ‘On The Green’ provided by The Typhoons Generals with Local Dance and Music Groups as well as Fun Activities. “Help Required” on the day – contact any committee member. ‘

Give Blood - Save A Life. Blood Donation Clinic in Carndonagh Community School on Wednesday 26th July, 2:30 - 5pm & 7 – 9:30pm. Thursday 27th July, 2.30 - 6.30pm. Call 1800 731 137 to make an appointment.

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43 *God will judge all justly at the end of time*

Jesus put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.” Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing. This was to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet: “I will open my mouth to speak in parables; I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world.” Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Giving Us Time to Grow

There were people in Our Lord’s time who wanted him to separate the bad from the good as well. Among them were people who claimed the moral high ground, the Pharisees whose name means “the separated ones.” Even John the Baptist expected Jesus to separate the cream from the skim, to have only holy people around him. John foretold that Our Lord would separate the chaff from the wheat. He said (Mt 3:12) “He will gather his wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.” That’s precisely what Our Lord didn’t do. He had all sorts of people around him, a rainbow coalition of people, the learned, the ignorant, the good-living, the bad-living, tax-collectors, prostitutes, the lot. What in God’s name is he doing, they said. Why doesn’t he get down to business? Why doesn’t he weed them out?

As any gardener knows, weeding can be the greatest threat of all to the life of the young seedling. At first, the problem is one of identifying which is which. The weeds must be left until the seedling can be clearly recognised. Even then, removing the weeds may pose an even greater threat. It might sever the seedling’s root system. Often the weed brings the seedling away with it. In the case of human beings it is an even more risky business. “Weeding-out” has no history of success which doesn’t seem to curb people’s passion for it. Seventy years after Hitler’s final solution, the horrendous weeding out of six million Jews in concentration camps, the Bosnian Serbs are attempting the brutal policy of “ethnic cleansing.” Race, religion, colour, sex, politics are still considered ready-reckoners for identifying society’s weeds. Increasing power over nature provides new and sinister instruments for weeding out. The unborn child, the seed of life is threatened with abortion. At the other end of life, euthanasia is proposed as the final solution for the new Jews, the old, the maimed, the incurables and the burdensome. Right through life, the weeding-out continues remorselessly. The handicapped are institutionalised, the delinquent are penalised, the deviant are ostracised and the poor are patronised.

Weeding out is not confined to faceless bureaucracy. We’re all tempted to try our hand at it. We are sharp at spotting the undesirables, the troublemakers, the misfits. One shudders to think of the people who might have been weeded out if God had not chosen to intervene. Probably most of the saints in the calendar. Peter, after his triple denial in the crucifixion crisis should have been weeded out for failing the leadership test. Strange isn’t it, that Christ never weeded out Judas? The church did not always show her master’s tolerance. Galileo could testify to that. The spirit of the Inquisition lives on. Excommunications and anathemas may be out of fashion but old habits die hard.

The parable of the weeds is starkly simple and yet widely ignored. To the question “Do you want us to go and weed it out?” the answer of Jesus is a categorical “No.” And the reason is self-evident. Only God has eyes sufficiently discerning and fingers sufficiently gentle for this job. Weeding out is God’s prerogative. Life would be so much better for everybody, if only we would leave it to him.