

Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 30th July 2023
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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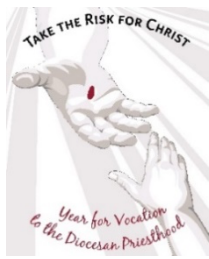
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St. Patrick's Church - Saturday 6pm Sunday 10:30am
Star of the Sea Church - Saturday 8pm Sunday 12 noon
St. Mary's Church - Sunday 9am



Week Masses:

St. Patrick's Church, Aughaclay: Tuesday at 7:30pm
Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head: Tuesday and Friday at 7:30pm
St. Mary's Church Lagg: Wednesday at 9:30am
Connolly Foundation Oratory: Friday at 10am

Anniversary Mass: Molly O'Connor, Maurice O'Connor and Packie Toner on Sunday 6th August at 9am 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: Bill Coffey on Saturday 14th August at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
First Anniversary Mass: Mary Mc Gonagle, Glentoskert on Sunday 20th August at 10:30am 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.
First Anniversary Mass: John O'Neill, Umgall on Sunday at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
Anniversary 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>	455	340	195
<i>Restoration</i>	455	340	195

Parish Fund	€990
Restoration Fund	€990

Malin Head Sports next planning meeting Monday at 9.30pm. All welcome.

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

Blessing of the Graves in Lagg will be after 12noon Mass in Lagg on 13th August.

Mass in Malin Head on that day will be at 9am.

Aughaclay Chapel Blessing of Graves: 3pm: A Collection will be taken up for ongoing maintenance of the graveyard.

Car Boot Sale on Saturday 29th July at Malin Parochial Hall, 11am to 4pm. All welcome.

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.

Aughaclay Chapel Repainting Committee: Mega Draw will take place today Sunday the 30th July. Thanks to all Ticket Sellers and Buyers. See Facebook page for the winners and next draw.

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.

Missing Grave Ornament: A jack russell dog ornament is missing from a grave in Lagg. Anyone with information contact Fr Devlin.

Malin Presbyterian Church: Invites everyone to come along to our "Summer Teas". These will be held on 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.

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 today 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. ‘

The Malin Development Association is holding its AGM on Tuesday, 5th September at 7:30pm upstairs in the old National School, Malin (access is via the side, fire escape entrance). Please come along and join us. We are looking for new members so if you would like to help in progressing and maintaining Malin, you would be very welcome.

Glengad Community Association: AGM was on Monday 24th July. Thank you to all the outgoing committee who have worked very hard in their voluntary capacity for many years to develop the Community Centre and surrounding area to what it is today. A new committee was elected and will continue these developments. Check out the Facebook page “Glengad Community Association” for more information:

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52 *Three parables: the treasure, the pearl and the net. The kingdom to be prized beyond everything else*

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great price, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom new things as well as old.”

The Priceless Pearl

Those of us reared in the country are familiar with how fiercely an old farmer can cling on to his land. Even a miserable patch of grassy bog feels like an insurance against abandonment. But hanging on is not the answer. It only sows bitterness and frustration in sons whose best years are squandered in waiting. Sons who in turn never learn themselves from the mistakes of their fathers. Love alone can guarantee security and care in one’s declining years. Possessions provide only the illusion of security.

Elderly farmers are not the only ones who hold on to things for security. Others have their own holdings from which only death can separate them. It may be property and wealth, status and prestige or power and influence. It may even be an awful lot less, trivial comforts and an easy life. It may be a sixteen-hour day or the thankless responsibility of high office. Or a reputation we can no longer live up to. There is nothing more pathetic than an ageing beauty queen who refuses to accept the ravages of time.

“Ask what you would like me to give you,” God said to Solomon. “Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil,” he replied. It is the kind of gift we all need. Possessions come in many forms. It is not so much these possessions that we should rid ourselves of, as the demon of possession itself that should be exorcised. Poverty has become a dirty word in the world we live in. We should not let an Ethiopian famine or a Rwanda disaster make us forget that poverty is also a Christian virtue. It is no accident that Christ began his Sermon on the Mount with “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Or that the only condition for his followers is that “they leave all things.” Or that the rich young man should have failed all because he failed this one test, “for he had great possessions.” Or that the pearl in today’s parable could only be bought by “selling everything he owns.”

The trouble with most people is that they want it both ways. All this and the good life too. But they can’t have it both ways.

There is a pearl for everyone. And there is a price for everyone to pay. A price tailored to each individual circumstances. Detachment is that price. To be able to walk away from what we cherish most without so much as looking back with regret. Our tragedy is not that we cannot find the pearl but that we are unwilling to pay the price.