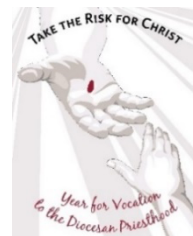


**Parish of Malin (Clonca)      Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023**  
**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**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](mailto:malinparish@hotmail.com)                              **St. Mary's Church** - Sunday 9am  
**Web Site:** [www.malinparish.ie](http://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 7:30pm and Friday at 10am  
**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 6<sup>th</sup> August at 9am in St. Mary's Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Bridget Rose Mc Laughlin, Ubrlereagh on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> at 9am in Star of the Sea Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Bill Coffey on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.  
**Month's Mind Anniversary Mass:** Patrick Mc Daid, Templemoyle, on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm in St Patrick's Church.  
**First Anniversary:** Mary Ann Kelly, Ballymena, Glengad on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.  
**First Anniversary Mass:** Mary Mc Gonagle, Glentoskert on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.  
**First Anniversary Mass:** Frank Doherty, (Ban), Shantla, on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm in St Mary's Church, Lagg.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Edward Mc Cole, Camata on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Maggie Doherty, Culkeeney on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** John Mc Gonagle, Dunegard on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm in Star of Sea Church.  
**First Anniversary Mass:** Colm Curley, Magherard on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Carmel Mc Laughlin, Slieveban on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.  
**First Anniversary Mass:** John O'Neill, Umgall on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 9am in St. Mary's Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Margaret Kelly, Gortnarrin on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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>	570	305	185
<i>Restoration</i>	570	305	185

<b>Parish Fund</b>	<b>€1060</b>
<b>Restoration Fund</b>	<b>€1060</b>

**Parish Draw**

	<b>€200</b>	<b>€100</b>	<b>€50</b>
<b>2/7</b>	<b>347 Jake &amp; Kate Lafferty</b>	<b>322 Kathleen Mc Laughlin</b>	<b>404 Rose Gallagher</b>
<b>9/7</b>	<b>336 Sheila Crua</b>	<b>187 Orla Mc Clean</b>	<b>190 Carol Ann Farren</b>
<b>16/7</b>	<b>326 Jessica Mc Dermott</b>	<b>228 Mary T Cunningham</b>	<b>397 Gertrude Houten</b>
<b>23/7</b>	<b>204 Thomas Mc Geoghegan</b>	<b>308 Joe Mc Dermott</b>	<b>344 Angela Houton</b>
<b>30/7</b>	<b>134 Willie Joe Houton</b>	<b>190 Carol Ann Farren</b>	<b>126 Kieran &amp; Katherine Mc Daid</b>

**Blessing of the Graves: Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August:** Blessing of the Graves in Lagg will be after 12noon Mass in Lagg. 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.

**For those called to proclaim the Transfigured Christ,** the Beloved Son of God, that they will "Listen to Him" as He speaks to their hearts, calling them to serve as priests of the diocese of Derry.

**Malin Head Sports: Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August:** Next Planning Meeting Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August at 7:30pm. All welcome.

**Aughaclay Chapel Repainting Fundraising:** Thanks for donation of £400 stg during the week from visitors to our parish. The total raised so far is €33,000. Leaving €17,000 to be obtained. Donations can be publicly acknowledged or made anonymously.

**Car Boot Sale** last Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July at Malin Parochial Hall. Thank you to all who booked a table, sold and bought tickets, helped in any way and came on the day. €1275 was raised.

**Fr. Devlin Ruby (40<sup>th</sup>) Jubilee Celebration;** The Parish Committee has organised a celebration for Friday 25<sup>th</sup> 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:** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August at 9pm in Parochial Hall.

**Aughaclay Chapel** will be unavailable for worship from 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

**The Net – July/August 2023:** Sharing the fruits of the faith in the Derry Diocese, the combined July/August edition of 'The Net' is available in parishes as well as on the Diocesan website. For coverage of faith related stories just email [editorthenet15@gmail.com](mailto:editorthenet15@gmail.com).

**National Novena at Knock Shrine:** 14<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> August: Over the course of the nine-day Novena, we will hear from guest Homilists and Speakers during daily ceremonies at 3pm and 8pm at Knock Basilica. The theme this year is 'Caring for Creation'. Family Day will take place on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August from 11am-3pm and all are welcome. Find out more and view the full programme at [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)

**"The one who saw it has borne witness" (John 19:35). Johannine characters and their voices in the Fourth Gospel. 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. Please visit our website to find out more and to register [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com).

**Rosary on the Coast** on today Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 3pm on Lisfannon Strand, Buncrana. Everyone invited.

**Malin Presbyterian Church:** Invites everyone to come along to our "Summer Teas" on next Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 RNL 30<sup>th</sup> Year Celebrations:** Thank you to all who attended, took part in all the activities last week and Friday night, as well as all the helpers.

### **The Transfiguration of the Lord :**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus.

'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for You, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son; the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.'

When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

### **Reflection:**

There is always something awe-inspiring about mountains. On the top the air is clean and crisp. The panoramic view of the surrounding country-side lifts us from the hustle and bustle of the rat-race, and raises our mind and heart to God.

The top of a mountain is a natural place for encountering God. It is small wonder then that in the Bible God often chooses a mountain top to reveal Himself and His plans. It was on Mount Sinai that God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses. Jesus gave his first teachings in the Sermon on the Mount. He often retired to the mountain at night to pray. He was crucified on Mount Calvary and ascended to heaven from Mount Olivet.

In today's Gospel Jesus is Transfigured before his apostles on Mount Tabor. Peter, James and John are with him. And they will be with him in the agony of the garden. This will be a preparation for that ordeal. Moses and Elijah are also present speaking with Jesus about his approaching death. Moses is the great law giver and Elijah the great prophet. In the presence of these two, representing the law and the prophets the voice of the Father is heard, "This is my beloved son listen to him." Slowly, the transition from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant is taking place.

Jesus came not to destroy the law and the prophets but to bring them to completion. Christianity is not to be an abstract creed or code but a Person. Jesus Christ, true God and true man is to be "the way, the truth and the life." We are to listen to Him and follow Him. The Epistle to the Hebrews tells us that "In times past God spoke to us through the prophets...but in these last days through his Son."

For Jesus the Transfiguration was the turning point in his life. Until now all was onward and upward. He was captivating the people with his preaching and miracles. Now he must descend to the valley, to the road to Gethsemane and Calvary. The Transfiguration gave Jesus a foretaste of his glory, and in the strength of that joy he could endure the cross and despise the shame. But most of all the Transfiguration gave Jesus another affirmation of his Father's love. At His baptism in the Jordan his Father had affirmed him, "This is my beloved Son on whom my favor rests." Now he says, "This is my beloved son, listen to him."

For the apostles it was an awe-inspiring experience. They had never seen their master like this before. Peter, filled with consolation says, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. Let us erect three booths here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But it is not to be. This is only a preparation for things to come. With Jesus they must descend the mountain to the valley below and on to the garden of Gethsemane and Calvary. On Mount Tabor they didn't want to leave. In the Garden of Gethsemane they didn't want to stay. When Jesus was arrested they all fled.

We can all identify with the apostles because in our mountain-top experiences of joy and consolation we also want to stay. We want them to go on forever. And then in the moments of trial we want to flee. We forget that our Lord did not promise us a rose garden, but a garden of olives and a crown of thorns. "If anyone will come after me let him pick up his cross daily and follow me."

The Transfiguration was the mountain-top experience of the apostles which prepared them for their future trials. The Mass is our mountain-top experience which prepares us for the trials of our day. The Mass is not a transfiguration but a transubstantiation, in which bread and wine are transformed into the glorious Risen Jesus. And in the joy and consolation of Communion we say with Peter, "Lord, it is good for us to be here." And we do not want to leave. But it is not to be. Soon we will hear the words, "The Mass is ended. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord." So we pick up our cross and leave to face the trials of the day. But having been to the top of the mountain we know that "nothing can separate us from the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord."