



Fr. Peter Devlin P.P. Fr. Charley Logue C.C. Mass Times

Malin Malin Head *St. Patrick's Church* - Saturday 6pm Sunday 10:30am  
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**Week Masses:**

*Connolly Foundation Oratory:* Tuesday at 7.30pm  
*Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head:* No Mass  
*St. Mary's Church Lagg:* No Mass  
*Connolly Foundation Oratory:* Friday at 10am



**Remembrance Mass:** Ann O' Boyle, Ratoath, Meath and Bunn on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 9am in St. Mary's Church.

**Month's Mind Mass:** John Farren on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 12noon in Star of the Sea Church.

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

**Month's Mind Mass:** Patrick Mc Laughlin, Urbalreagh on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 9am in St. Mary's Church.

**Anniversary Mass:** Bernie Houton, Carrowmore on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 6pm in the Parish Hall, Malin.

**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.

**Anniversary Mass:** Annie Coffey, Killourt on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.

**Anniversary Mass:** Eddie Doherty and Robert McLaughlin, Ross Head on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.

**First Anniversary Mass:** Frank Doherty (Ban) , Shantla, on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am in St Patrick's Church.

**First Anniversary Mass:** Neil Francis Doherty, Carndonagh/Glenfin on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.

**First Anniversary Mass:** Susan Mc Laughlin, Carrowmore on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 9am in St. Mary's Church.

**First Anniversary Mass:** Mark McDaid, Templemoyle on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 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>	515	355	110
<i>Restoration</i>	515	350	115

Parish Fund	€980
Restoration Fund	€980

	€200	€100	€50
6/8	280 Jimmy Doherty	377 Henry Mc Closkey	413 Gráinne & William Doherty
13/8	202 Shaun Mc Laughlin C	210 Serena Deegan	333 Ross Davy
20/8	105 Kay Harkin	180 Tracey Mc Laughlin	391 Shane Mc Colgan
27/8	163 Mary T Doherty	430 Mary & Julie	337 The Crua's

**Prayer for Vocations:** Pray for our seminarians and those considering a vocation to the priesthood.

**Upcoming important Dates:** Celebration Country and Gospel Concert in Aughaclay Chapel on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Concert includes Mick Flavin, the Henry Girls, Matthew and Shunie Crampsey. Full details later.

**Malin Head Sports:** Thanks to the organising Committee for their hard work and commitment. Thanks also to all who supported the event and the many volunteers who planned and helped on the day. The Sports raised €4300 for parish funds. Having carefully reviewed this year's Sports, and noting the increased attendance and the many more volunteers who were able to help on the day, the Committee has decided that future sports will be on a Sunday.

**Next years's Sports will be on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024.**

**Congratulations to the Board of Management of Scoil Treasa Naofa, Malin Town,** which has negotiated a €2.6 million extension for the school. This will include new classrooms, Resource rooms and specialist support rooms.

**Aughaclay Chapel Re-painting Fund:** Thanks for donations of €1000 and \$250.

**Parish Fundraiser:** Musical Bingo on next Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 9pm in the Fisherman's Inn. Music afterwards by Michaela Harkin. Finger food served

**Glengad Community Centre Activities:** Ladies Day Out in Belfast on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, leaving the Fisherman's after a buffet breakfast and returning for a 3 course meal. €60 each. Check out the "Glengad Community Association" Facebook Page for all the information or e-mail [secretary.glengad@outlook.ie](mailto:secretary.glengad@outlook.ie) for info.

**10 Sept 2023 – 23rd Sunday, (A)**

**Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20 Fraternal correction within the Christian family**

Jesus said to his disciples, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

"Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

### **Reflection**

American President Harry Truman had a card on his desk in the White House declaring in bold capitals THE BUCK STOPS HERE!, "The buck stops here." This message would fit in any office where people are "their brother's keepers." But nowhere would it fit better nowadays than on the kitchen mantelpiece, with its four simple words pointing straight at us like an accusing finger. For people with others in their care, the main task is not to be popular but to be of help. And we help most by accepting our responsibility.

### **The watchman should warn**

The homilist might take a leaf from Ezekiel's book. This prophet borrowed an image from war and its threat to national survival. He knows that a people under threat needs its sentries. The real threat that sentry Ezekiel sees, is not an attack from without, but failure of the community from within, a breakdown that leads to death. The danger that he must warn about is the threat of sin. This warning of Ezekiel is not directed to the community as a whole but to the individual within it. Individual responsibility takes on a new force in his message.

Our own era too is preoccupied with problems of national and international peace and security. For us, the watchman on the city wall is no longer a sufficient form of security. Our world leaders feel the need of sophisticated "early-warning" devices, so that our peace hangs upon a balance of terror. The threat of our times is no longer the fall of a city but an international holocaust.

When Ezekiel preached he was a prisoner in enemy territory and he could warn that it was not external force, but the enemy within, that is the real threat to life—that enemy is sin, the abandonment of God. It is the prophetic role of the Church to continue this preaching (even if its voice is treated like something coming from foreign soil.) The gospel of Christ is that life and peace come from faith in God and the doing of his will. This gospel calls us to repentance but is no mere denunciation of sin. Christ brought the gift of reconciliation and life. One might develop this further by reflecting on how we as a community can be a sign of what we preach, a repentant community that has found the life and peace offered by Christ.

**A reconciled community:** Today's readings confront us with two aspects of the question. Firstly the need for a sense of individual responsibility in the way of conversion. Ezekiel certainly made it clear that the individual is addressed by the Word of God calling for repentance. There is no way out of this personal responsibility.

But all of this should not be seen simply in terms of what the individual owes to the community. The whole Church is called to be supportive of each person who seeks reconciliation. This is especially important in a world where so many people feel threatened by the alienating force of impersonal state structures. The Church is not called to be mega-corporation.

Individuals who are perplexed by their own failures or oppressed by the weaknesses of others, need a community that does not drive them further into isolation but one which calls them through forgiveness and love into the life of fellowship. Living in this fellowship does mean that we owe debts to one another, and as Paul reminds us today the only obligation that ultimately counts is the debt of love we owe one another.

This reconciled community will be an effective sign to the world not because it creates a superficial harmony, but because it faces the reality of sin in itself. It finds forgiveness as the solution to this threat. Renewal of the ministry of reconciliation in the Church increasingly takes the form of communal services of penance, linked to the celebration of the sacrament. This is an effective way of bringing home to people that all sin affects the community and reconciliation must include the community.