

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

Malin Malin Head *Malin Parochial Hall* - 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
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Week Masses:

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

Anniversary Mass: John Mc Gonagle, Dunegard on Saturday 16th September at 8pm in Star of Sea Church.
Month's Mind Mass: Patrick Mc Laughlin, Ubrlereagh on Sunday 17th September at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Bernie Collins, Carrowmore on Saturday 23rd September at 6pm in the Parish Hall, Malin.
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 1st October at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Margaret Kelly, Gortnarrin on Sunday 1st October at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Annie Coffey, Killourt on Saturday 14th October at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
Anniversary Mass: Grace and Charlie McLaughlin, Ballylannon on Sunday 15th October at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Eddie Doherty and Robert McLaughlin, Ross Head on Saturday 28th October at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.
First Anniversary Mass: Frank Doherty (Ban), Shantla, on Sunday 29th October at 10.30am in St. Patrick's Church.
First Anniversary Mass: Neil Francis Doherty, Carndonagh/Glenfin on Saturday 4th November at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
Anniversary Mass: Eddie Kelly, Glentoskert on Sunday 5th November at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.
First Anniversary Mass: Susan Mc Laughlin, Carrowmore on Sunday 26th November at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
First Anniversary Mass: Mark McDaid, Templemoyle on Sunday 26th 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>	485	290	290
<i>Restoration</i>	480	285	290

Parish Fund	€1065
Restoration Fund	€1055

Malin Parish Prayer Day for Marriage and Family Life on Wednesday 20th September is our Prayer Day for the Continuous Prayer for Marriage and Family Life. Our proposed theme: Married people who are separated or divorced. When decisions have to be made for the sake of the offended spouse and/or the children, the active support of the community of faith is also so necessary.

Prayer for Vocations: We pray as a diocesan family for Stephen Ward who was ordained priest for the diocese in Christ the King Church, Omagh last Sunday. We pray also for our two seminarians who have completed their introductory year and will begin their formal studies in Rome and Maynooth this month and for the four men who are applying to study for the diocese this year.

Upcoming important Dates: **Malin Parish Auction on Friday 10th November** at 7pm in the Parish Hall
Celebration Country and Gospel Concert in Aughaclay Chapel on Wednesday 22nd November. Concert includes Mick Flavin, the Henry Girls, Matthew and Shunie Crampsey. Patsy Cavanagh. Tickets available from Seamus 0877635011, Fr Devlin, 0868914232, Patrick 0861740059, Gerard 0868704255, email pnd7889@gmail.com and on Eventbrite.ie Limited Tickets so book early !!!

The Holy Cross Group from Bethlehem will visit Malin Parish on the weekend of 4/5th November to sell the olive wood crafts to support the Christians in The Holy Land .

An Evening of Songs of Faith, Hope and Love at Knock Basilica on Friday 1st December. An Evening of Songs of Faith, Hope and Love in Knock Basilica at 8pm, featuring Dana, John McNicholl, Margo, Philomena Begley and Marc Roberts with Úna Nolan & Schola Cantorum Basilicae choir. A fundraising concert for Victim Assistance Charity. Tickets from Ticketmaster.ie Tickets also available from head office - for details contact Mary McNicholas 094 9000 251/ 086 3938871. Email: support@victimassistance.ie.

Gambling & Gaming Addiction Awareness Evening on Tuesday 3rd October, 7– 9pm, Jackson's Hotel, Ballybofey. Special Speaker on the night will be Tony O' Reilly, Gambling Addiction Counsellor who has his own

lived experience of a severe gambling addiction and Co-Author of 'Tony10'. All members of the community welcome. For more information, phone: 086 067 5183/074 913 1245 email: gamblingsupport@dpfss.ie
Glengad Community Centre is currently being rejuvenated and we are looking for feedback from the community on what type of classes or activities would you or your children would attend, if we had it available in the Centre this Autumn? We have lots of new things advertised but we want to ensure that we have a good mix with something to suit everyone. For anyone who does not usually attend anything in the centre we want to hear from you too. A suggestion box is available in the centre or you can e-mail it. Where practically possible we will try to arrange any type of class or activity, if we have enough people interested. All classes and activities are open to locals AND people from outside the area are also very welcome to attend. Contact secretary.glengad@outlook.ie or Tel: 0860675914 with any ideas or suggestions or speak to any committee member – Gerard Lafferty, Davie Mc Dermott, Mairéad McLaughlin, Siobhán McColgan, Breda Doherty, Marie McLaughlin, Anne Marie Monagle or Sinéad Douglas. Check out the “Glengad Community Association” Facebook Page for all the information on courses.
Grow: Is now meeting in the Men’s Shed, Carndonagh on Wednesdays at 11am. Call 086 770 2860 for more info.

17 Sept 2023 – 24th Sunday, (A)

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35 *The spirit of the unforgiving debtor rebounds on himself*

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Forgiving is good for us

Hatred and resentment are moral cancers that eat away at our enthusiasm to do good. An appeal to strict justice is not enough to solve the dilemma, since taking out another’s eye does not really cure the loss of one’s own eye, and revenge cannot really settle the account of a grievance. But forgiveness is a hard virtue to gain and to maintain. We can feel the problem in the question Peter asks of Jesus today: “How many times must I forgive?” And although his proposal of “seven times” is used as a round symbolic willingness to forgive “as much as it is humanly possible to forgive,” Jesus suggest we must go further still, since God forgives “seventy seven times” (or seventy times seven times.) Forgiveness is not a question of just how often or how many times, rather it reflects God’s unending willingness to pardon. There are no limits to his forgiveness.

It is so easy to forget God’s goodness, as our first reading illustrates today. (Eccl 27:30-28:7) Even the stark reality of our own death does not keep each of us alert to God’s gracious promise of salvation as the guiding principal of our actions. It is not easy to see the goodness of God in the hurt we inflict on each other in our selfish interactions. Paul tells us today that we do influence each other. We affect each other. But is it for the good (Rom 14:7-9.)

Our parable today shows that we are incapable of forgiving without first appreciating the forgiveness we have received from God. Notice the three scenes:

(1) We are insolvent, indebted, overdrawn in our account with God’s goodness. God has given us freely life, freedom, integrity and hope. We are incapable of achieving anything by our own resources- we have none! “Without me you can do nothing.”

(2) We are puffed-up with our own importance: “Pay me what you owe me!” We can be intolerant, demanding, inexcusable and arrogant. We can be unkind and unforgiving. We can injure our neighbour, and he can hurt us. We can elbow our way roughly through life. We can so easily hold a grudge, and refuse to forgive.

(3) The ultimate reality “God’s goodness” is never simple-minded. God is not blind. The unforgiving cannot be forgiven. Forgiveness only comes from realising that we have been forgiven. In pardoning we are pardoned. Our tenuous hold on others must quickly be consumed not by following our hatred to the hilt, but by pardoning in gentle forgiveness. Only so can we realise the equation: Insolvency cannot make demands!

And so let us forgive from our hearts, for if we leave the court with our own suit dismissed, and fail to forgive, then we find ourselves immediately rearranged and in the dock as the guilty accused!