

Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 20th August 2023
20th 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
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Week Masses:
St. Patrick's Church, Aughaclay: Friday at 6.30pm
Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head: Monday at 7:30pm and Tuesday at 10am
St. Mary's Church Lagg: Thursday at 7pm
Connolly Foundation Oratory: Friday at 10am

No mass in Lagg on Sunday 3rd September.

First Anniversary Mass: Mary Ann Kelly, Ballymena, Glengad on Saturday 19th August at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Ellen Gorman, Carnmalin on Saturday 19th 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.
First Anniversary Mass: Frank Doherty (Ban), Shantla, on Thursday 24th August at 7pm in St. Mary'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: Ann O' Boyle, Ratoath, Meath and Bunn on Sunday 10th September at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
Month's Mind Mass: Patrick Mc Laughlin, Urbalreagh on Sunday 17th September at 9am in St. Mary'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 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.

Parish Collections for the last week: Thank You.

	<i>Aughaclay</i>	<i>Malin Head</i>	<i>Lagg</i>
Parish	485	195	395
Restoration	485	200	395

Parish Fund	€1075
Restoration Fund	€1080

Fr. Devlin Ruby Jubilee Celebration; All Parishioners are welcome to the Mass on Friday at 6.30pm in Aughaclay.

The Parish Committee has organised a celebration for Friday 25th August with Mass followed with celebration dinner dance in the Ballyliffin Lodge Hotel. Last few 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 22nd August at 9pm in Parochial Hall.

St Mary's Church, Lagg will be unavailable for worship on Sunday 3rd September. 9am Mass will be in Malin Head. The usual 12noon Mass will also be in Malin Head on that Sunday.

Fr Devlin will attend the Sick and housebound on Wednesday 23rd August in the afternoon.

Sunday 20th August Parish Prayer Day: Vocation of the Single Person. For us as Christians there is only one vocation, and this comes through Baptism. The vocation of each of us is to be a disciple of Christ. This is then expressed and lived differently because of the different circumstances and commitments of our lives. Single people live as disciples of Christ in the ordinary circumstances of their lives, using their gifts to bring peace and healing and hope to those around them. There are many expressions of the vocation of the single person. The newly baptised baby brings joy and hope to everyone just by being present, Children, especially after they have been anointed with the Sacrament of Confirmation, are called to positively contribute to the joy and well-being of their parents, family, and home so that it becomes truly the Church of the home. They also have so much to bring to their school and their parish community by using their gifts to bring joy and goodness to others.
Malin Head Sports: on today Sunday 20th August: from 2pm . Pet Show at 3pm, Funfair, Football, Music, Raffles, wellington throwing, golf challenge and lots of activities throughout the day. Baking and goodies can be left in the Tea Tent on the day.

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

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 Re-Painting: Thanks to everyone who helped our recent draw such a success, over €10,000 was raised. Great credit to all our ticket sellers who worked so hard and thanks to everyone who bought tickets. Congratulations to the prize winners: €500 Amy Mc Laughlin, Francistown, €300 Brian Gibbons, Carndonagh and €200 Jessica Mc Dermott, Ballymena Cottages. Don't forget to check out our Aughaclay Chapel Re-painting Facebook Page for our on-going online draws.

'Building Parish Life' – Talk by Mr David Wells in St Columb's College, Buncrana Road, Derry: Tuesday 29th August, 7 – 8.30pm. You are invited to a talk on building parish life with catechist, international speaker and author David Wells. David has worked with parishes and dioceses internationally, encouraging and inspiring people to share the Joy of the Gospel, through the lens of building parish life. He invites us to be witnesses to the Gospel and to encourage others on their journey of faith, in the context of taking up opportunities, ministries and responsibilities at local parish level. This is a free event. Booking is not required. We hope this talk, will be an inspiration to renew the work of building parish and help discern the way forward in changing times in our parishes. We hope to see you there.

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.

Malin GAA Annual 5Km Run/Walk: In memory of John Mc Laughlin (Rustard) on Saturday 26th August at 12noon. Adults €20, Children €5 or Families €20.

Prayer for Vocations: That those called to serve the Church as priests will treat everyone with the compassion Jesus shows to the woman in today's gospel because, as St Paul tells us in the second reading, "...God desires to show mercy to all mankind." We pray, during this Year of Prayer for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood, for our own diocese, for our deacon, Stephen Ward, as he prepares for ordination next month, for our seminarians, for those who are hoping to begin their formation this year, and for all those discerning a vocation at this time. Mary, Queen of Priests, pray for them.

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28 *Jesus answers the prayer of a persistent woman and praises her faith*

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Is God's welcome only for the few?

1. **Not a church of pigeonholes:** For office filing purposes pigeonholes are splendid. Bureaucrats love tidy compartments where accounts, applications, drafts etc. can be systematically stored — everything in its proper place. A good office motto might be: No surprises and no disorder! There's a temptation to think of God's grace as parcelled out in a similarly neat, orderly way — as something reserved for the God-fearing elect, the People of God. Historically, many of our Jewish forebears adopted this view, and they (and we!) require the universalist message of Isaiah: God wants a house of prayer open to all the nations. Christians need to remember it too: God wills ALL human beings to be saved; in the Father's house there are many mansions.

2. **Blessings of Loss:** Our heavenly Father draws people towards Himself in strange, unpredictable ways. Just as in a family the misfortune of one member can serve to unite the others in a new, protective loyalty; or as in business the failure of one concern can direct energy into a new, more productive line.. so the rejection of Our Saviour by the Jews resulted in His more rapid acceptance throughout the Gentile world. It's an ill wind blows good to nobody! Even the lapses and sins of mankind can be turned to good account, says Paul in a profound but difficult section of his letter to the Romans: "God has imprisoned all men in disobedience only to show mercy on all." Our own past sins will not bar us from Christ-they only show us how much we need him ("To seek and save what was lost.")

3. **Crumbs in the Kitchen:** Why does Jesus want to limit himself to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel?" Was he not concerned for people of other nations, like that foreign woman with the loud voice, who pleaded for his help? She didn't give up; that's the first thing. Second, she found the perfect answer: "Even the pups get the crumbs that fall from the master's table!" Thirdly, her prayer was answered, and her faith warmly praised. But still, what do we make of the initial remark? A popular idiom in Israel, used by Jesus to convey that his primary mission was the conversion of his own Jewish people? Historically, that was his way; first to revive the Chosen People, so that these in turn would furnish a "house of prayer for all nations." However, even during his lifetime He was willing to receive those pagans who came to him; and he predicted that in future "many will come from East and West, and will sit down at table in the Kingdom of God." Notice too the world-wide mission of the disciples, after the Resurrection (Mat. 28:18.)

4. **Expanding circles:** That's how Christian faith should spread, like the rippling circles expanding on the surface when a stone drops into a still pond. First to the Jews, then to the Gentiles. Always handed on by direct contact, the sharing of trust, the witness of peaceful conviction, the bearing of one another's burdens. But will our path of faith be smooth? Or will there be setbacks and obstacles, objections from people more clever than ourselves, a contrary wind of current opinion hostile to religious belief? In such circumstances, the Canaanite woman offers inspiration, with her iron resolve coupled with good humour and ready wit.