

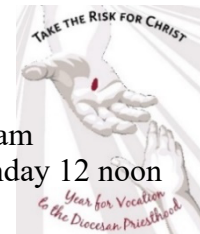
Fr. Peter Devlin P.P. Fr. Charley Logue C.C. Mass Times

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: Thursday at 7.30pm

Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head: Tuesday at 7:30pm, Wednesday at 10am and Friday at 7:30pm

St. Mary's Church Lagg: No Mass

Connolly Foundation Oratory: Friday at 10am



No mass in Lagg on Sunday 3rd September.

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.

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

Month's Mind Mass: John Farren on Sunday 10th September at 12noon in Star of the Sea 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.

First Anniversary Mass: Susan Mc Laughlin, Carrowmore, on Sunday 26th November in St. Mary's Church.

Parish Collections for the last week: Thank You.

	<i>Aughaclay</i>	<i>Malin Head</i>	<i>Lagg</i>
<i>Parish</i>	555	310	225
<i>Restoration</i>	555	310	225

Parish Fund	€1090
Restoration Fund	€1090

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

Malin Head Sports. Thanks to all the many volunteers and helpers, those who donated food, and our many sponsors for helping to make this years's Sports another wonderful success.

Prayer for Vocations: This weekend's readings invite us to pray for those called to positions of service in the Church that, as St. Paul says, they will trust the Lord's wisdom, knowledge, motives, and methods, and strive always to give glory to God.

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.

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

Congratulations and sincere thanks to Mary McLaughlin(Pat Barney) who raised €3405 during her Inishowen 100 walk for the Aughaclay Chapel Repainting Fund.

Aughaclay Church Gate Collection at the Blessing of the graves raised €1375 for the Repainting Fund.

Aughaclay Chapel Re-Painting Fund is now €37, 500. Target is €50,000

Aughaclay Chapel Re-Painting: Congratulations to the Ninja Dual Airfryer prize winner: Marie Doherty Don't forget to check out our Aughaclay -painting Facebook Page for our on-going online draws.

Diocesan Religious Education Conference 30th August 2023 - Boards of Governors and Management

Bishop McKeown extends an invitation to all members of Boards of Governors/Management who serve in Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Derry, to an evening session on the 30th August at 7pm in Saint Columb's College. There will be a presentation by Brendan McGinn, Principal Saint Mary's College, Derry, on 'Building Communities of Dialogue and Forgiveness', a panel session to allow for discussion/questions on the role of Governors in supporting this, finishing with a prayer of dedication for all Board Members. This is, an opportunity also to celebrate and acknowledge the great work done by Board Members in Catholic schools throughout the diocese.

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.

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20 *Peter declares faith in Jesus and is promised the keys of the kingdom*

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Shepherd and Rock

Above the sanctuary of Saint Peter’s basilica in Rome, written in huge lettering of gold mosaic, is this promise of Jesus to his chief apostle: “Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church.. I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.” These words are held by Catholics as the basis for the papacy, applying to the bishop of Rome as the successor to Peter, to be the chief spokesman for the church’s living faith, and wielder of the spiritual power of the keys.

We must not be too simplistic in how we apply those words to the original Peter and even more so to his successors. Non-catholic Christians, our brethren in the Protestant churches, do not accept that there could be any succession, in the full sense, to the position held by Saint Peter. They find any claims to juridical and absolute authority for the papacy, under titles like “apostolic jurisdiction” or “the power of the keys” to be out of harmony with the Gospel message. They interpret differently what today’s Gospel means for leadership in the Church. We need not insist that the Roman way is the only way of taking Christ’s words. Still, this Gospel deserves close attention for what it says about faith, enlightenment and leadership, and guidance for our own lives.

Each must make a personal answer to Our Lord’s question: “Who do you say that I am?” although Peter’s credo is a solid basis from which to begin. Notice the beautiful phrase: “Son of the Living God,” expressing more richly what “Christ” means. Peter’s worshipful faith comes to him as gift from above, not from any mere logic or ingenuity. Why was the blessing given to him in particular? Perhaps because his humble and contrite spirit made him best prepared to receive it? Or because God chooses whom He wills, irrespective of their merits? It is to this Peter that Jesus entrusts whatever is meant by the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Upon his solid, dedicated faith the Church will always rely, for unity and encouragement. Keys are mainly for opening; many doors lock by themselves. We could reflect further on Peter’s task, as seen in other Gospel passages (Mat. 14:28ff; 17:24ff; Lk. 22:32; Jn. 21:15-17) , and in the Acts (1:1 5ff, 2: 14ff; 3:1 2ff) .

While he is appointed to “feed the lambs and sheep” of Christ, to “confirm his brethren,” and welcome the first pagan convert into the Church, Peter is no plaster saint. Weakness of faith (when he began to sink) , rash self-confidence and eventual denial are also portrayed by him. But these serve only to underline the grandeur of his conversion, when with a new clarity of self-knowledge he turns and says to Jesus: “You know that I love you.” The task is not one of stern domination, or merely of the efficient organisation of Christ’s Church. Pastor and penitent at once, convert and the support for other converted sinners, he leads the faithful by witness and example. This pastoral understanding of authority finds a lovely echo in the first epistle of Peter. Elders or leaders are asked to “tend the flock of God, not as domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock” (5:13.) Just so, Peter tended the early church by sharing his deep faith in Christ the Risen Lord. So, he kept them united in a community of mutual love, and in faithful obedience to the Gospel. Such an ideal situation of harmony in the Church is briefly sketched for us in the Acts (2:42ff; 4:32f.)

What of today’s Church, spread in all continents, united under the leadership of pope Francis? How can this work of teaching, encouraging and uniting so many millions of baptised believers be carried on? Jesus remains at the centre, as the Christ, Son of the Living God, and he continues to be the Church’s true Rock. We today, just as much as in the time of St Peter, need the ministry of faithful apostles, entrusted by Christ to build up his people, witness to the faith, and provide leadership in Christian love. Pope, bishops, priests and other ministries exist in order to serve. But in some sense, we get the service that we deserve. It is for us to make known to our pastors both our appreciation and our loyal criticisms; especially to pray for them, for their courage and perseverance. Today we particularly remember the present successor of Peter, our Pope; that God may establish him in faith and wisdom; that being strong in himself, he may confirm the brethren; and that as Chief Shepherd he may help us on our way to the Kingdom.