

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  
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**Week Masses:**

*St. Patrick's Church, Aughaclay:* Tuesday at 7.30pm  
*Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head:* Tuesday, Wednesday at 10am and Friday at 7:30pm  
*St. Mary's Church Lagg:* No Mass  
*Connolly Foundation Oratory:* Friday at 10am



**Anniversary Mass:** Maggie Doherty, Culkeeney on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.  
**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.  
**Month's Mind Mass:** Patrick Mc Laughlin, Urbalreagh on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 9am in St. Mary'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.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Annie Coffey, Killourt on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in Star of the Sea 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 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>	570	245	195
<i>Restoration</i>	570	240	195

<b>Parish Fund</b>	<b>€1010</b>
<b>Restoration Fund</b>	<b>€1005</b>

**Prayer for Vocations:** For our seminarians and those considering a vocation to the priesthood, that, like Jeremiah in today's first reading, they will feel a fire burning in their hearts as the Holy Spirit calls them to service in the diocese of Derry.

**Fr Devlin 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination:** Thanks to the organising Committee, to those who presented gifts on behalf of the Parish, all who helped with the celebrations in Aughaclay Chapel, and in the Lodge Hotel, and all Parishioners for their best wishes and generosity..

**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.

**Aughaclay Chapel** will be unavailable for worship from next Sunday 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.

**Malin Head Sports Committee Meeting** on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 8.30 in Star of the Sea meeting room.

**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

**The Malin Development Association** is holding its AGM on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**'Host for Hospice'** - October is Foyle Hospice Coffee Morning Month: Can you 'Host for Hospice' and organise a Coffee Morning in your community, whether it is in your workplace, Community Centre or at home. Host anywhere, any way, all you need is a kettle and some company. We will even provide a 'Free Coffee Morning Pack'. For more information or to sign up to become a host, please call Ailbhe, Community Fundraising Officer, Foyle Hospice, on 028 71359888 or email: [ailbhe@foylehospice.com](mailto:ailbhe@foylehospice.com).

**Radio Maria Ireland** launch in Northern Ireland will be held in its Belfast Studio, located in St. Marys Church, Chapel Lane, BT1 1HH: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September, Vigil of the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Starting with 6pm Mass in St. Mary's Church followed by tea/coffee and an information evening about Radio Maria and its Mission, Vision and how it can help support the faithful in Ireland today. For more information [www.radiomaria.ie](http://www.radiomaria.ie) or call 00353 86 838 9989.

**Rosary on the Coast** All Rosary Coasters and friends are welcome to join together again at 3pm on Lisfannon Beach this Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September to pray the Rosary for peace and our unborn brothers and sisters. See you there.

**Glengad Community Centre Activities:** Check out the “Glengad Community Association” Facebook Page for all the activities in the centre or e-mail [secretary.glengad@outlook.ie](mailto:secretary.glengad@outlook.ie) for info.

**3 Sept 2023 – 22nd Sunday, (A)**

**(1) Jeremiah 20:7-9 Jeremiah complains to God at having to preach such an unwelcome message**

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, “Violence and destruction!” For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. If I say, “I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name,” then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

**Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27 The disciple of Jesus must also follow the way of suffering and self-renunciation**

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? “For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.

**The Cost of Discipleship**

If invited to pick and choose within the Gospels, and form our religion only with what appeals to us, what a cosy, comfortable church we would have! We might keep the stories about Christ’s birth and infancy, his temptation in the desert and his healing miracles. We would include our favourite parables, like the Prodigal son, the Pharisee and the Publican, and of course, the Good Samaritan. But would we leave out that Gospel for today, that hard teaching about renouncing self, taking up the cross, losing our lives for the sake of Jesus? And even if we have not removed those words from our Gospels, do we remain deaf to them in practise, in our lives?

In a way, isn’t following Christ like accepting a friend whom we must accept in full or not at all; welcoming the demands as well as the benefits of friendship? Just as we need to take people as they are, without trying to change them to suit ourselves, so with the Gospel: we accept the whole of Christ’s recorded words, because we trust him and know that his ways are truth.

So what does the Lord want from us? What does he mean by “renounce yourself,” “lose your life for my sake,” “carry your cross,” or (in the epistle) “present your bodies as a holy sacrifice?” Surely these words don’t refer to anything suicidal, to devaluing of this present life, its joys and its achievements? And yet, are these not something more than a pious way of saying: Put up with what cannot be changed? These are questions to revolve in the mind, without expecting any quick or simple solution. If we will allow, God’s Word challenges us out of any complacency with a comfortable, conforming religion. It unmasks our many evasions, our double standards, our desire for “cheap grace” — wanting salvation at cut price, unwilling to involve ourselves in sacrifice.

Perhaps a clue to this demand is in the first reading, in Jeremiah’s extraordinary accusation that he was seduced by God. Letting his prophetic vocation overpower him, Jeremiah was involved in many a thankless task. He had fallen in love with God, so that nothing held him back from doing God’s will, no matter where this might lead. Have we fallen in love with Christ? Are we seduced by him, so as to give to his service all that is ours to give? Wouldn’t that be becoming a living sacrifice?

We might overly focus on the “renunciation” in today’s Gospel so as to miss its positive aspect. All growth, all lasting achievement demands effort and sacrifice. Yet the sacrifice can be a satisfying part of experience, when orientated towards a high and valued goal. (Examples: athletic training; mountain-climbing; studying a language; practising any skill.) So, the self discipline involved in Christian life, and accepting the circumstances in which God places us, contribute to our personal destiny. And we look forward in hope to the great reward of loyal service — when the Son of man, coming in glory, will reward all according to their behaviour.