



## 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**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](mailto:malinparish@hotmail.com) *St. Mary's Church* - Sunday 9am  
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### Week Masses:

*Connolly Foundation Oratory:* Tuesday at 7:30pm and Friday at 10am  
*Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head:* Monday at 10am and Friday at 7:30pm  
*St. Mary's Church Lagg:* Wednesday at 9:30am

**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:** Grace & Charlie McLaughlin, Ballylannon on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 10:30am in St. Patrick's

**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.

**Anniversary Mass:** Eddie Kelly, Glentoskert on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.

**Anniversary Mass:** John E and Mary Rose Doherty, Ballygorman on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 12noon 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.

**Anniversary Mass:** Jim Rudden, Tully, on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 12noon in Star of the Sea Church.

**First Anniversary Mass:** Paddy Doherty, Paddy ( Mor) Middletown, Malin Head on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.

### Parish Collections for the last week: Thank You.

	<i>Aughaclay</i>	<i>Malin Head</i>	<i>Lagg</i>
<b>Parish</b>	415	220	190
<b>Restoration</b>	415	215	195

<b>Parish Fund</b>	<b>€825</b>
<b>Restoration Fund</b>	<b>€825</b>

**During National Year of Prayer for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood** and as the Church prepares for the Synod due to begin in Rome on 4<sup>th</sup> October we ask our loving, merciful, and generous God to send the Holy Spirit down powerfully on all of us that we will walk together in faith, renewing the Church here in the diocese of Derry, each one fulfilling our baptismal promises as lay, religious, and ordained members of the Body of Christ, and that the Lord will bless our diocese with an abundance of priestly vocations.

**Parish Draw Renewal of Subscription:** Subscription is for the next six month period is €35. Contact any promoter. New members can join. The Parish Draw is an essential part of Parish Fundraising. We would hope that someone in every family would support the Draw. Draw promoters need to make returns to the Parochial House, Drumcarbit on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm. New promoters are very welcome to help support our Parish.

**Malin Parish Auction** on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

**Celebration Country and Gospel Concert in Aughaclay Chapel on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.** Concert includes Mick Flavin, the Henry Girls, Ryan Turner, Matthew and Shunie Crampsey. Patsy Cavanagh. Tickets available from Seamus 0877635011, Fr Devlin, 0868914232, Patrick 086061557, Gerard 0868704255, email [pnd7889@gmail.com](mailto:pnd7889@gmail.com) and on Eventbrite.ie **Limited Tickets so book early !!!**

**Masters in Catholic School Leadership:** The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre, working in Partnership with Saint Mary's University, Twickenham, offers the Masters in Catholic School Leadership. This is a post graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those currently in leadership roles and those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system. There is still time to sign up for the Academic Year 2023/2024. If you require any further information, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 71264087 or email [tferry@derrydiocese.org](mailto:tferry@derrydiocese.org)

**Grow:** Is now meeting in the Men's Shed, Carndonagh on Wednesdays at 11am. Call 086 770 2860 for more info.  
**Flu Vaccine Clinics** will be held for patients at Brook Medical in Malin on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October and Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October between 2pm-4pm. No appointment is necessary but please wear a short sleeved top to the clinic. Covid vaccine boosters will also be available should you wish to have one.

**Adult Faith Development Programmes** commencing at Drumalis in Autumn 2023: *Pathways – Adult Faith Development Programme: Now in our 18<sup>th</sup> Year...* Have you ever thought of taking time out, to reflect, to better understand your faith in all its richness, to explore how it might be integrated with your busy, daily life and to nurture in a focussed way your relationship with God? If the answer is “yes”, then Pathways may be for you. The Certificate in Christian Thought aims to offer a space where adults can explore, reflect upon, discuss and study faith and how it relates to life in today's world, both at a personal and community level. The course is offered either in-house at Drumalis, Larne or online via Zoom over seven Saturdays from September to May. For further information or to register on either of these courses, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9am – 5 pm) – 028 28276455/28272196 or email [maura@drumalis.co.uk](mailto:maura@drumalis.co.uk) Further information also available on Drumalis website: <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>.

### **Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32 The parable of the two sons reminds us that good actions speak louder than fine words**

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders: “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, “Son, go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not”; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, “I go, sir”; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

### **The Church: Not a Members-Only Club**

The beginning of the end of the aristocratic world came when the French Revolution abolished hereditary titles and made all citizens equal before the law. The world of the common man was begun and now what titles remain are largely honorary. But old habits die hard, and not only in the church. A new elite has replaced the old. Aristocrats have given way to plutocrats. The exclusive world of privilege never really dies. It only changes hands. The modern rich have all the trappings of the old nobility, save the titles. They live in security-guarded palatial homes and frequent exclusive clubs, to protect them from contamination from the common herd.

The need for exclusivity and superiority seems imbedded in human nature and has invaded even the sanctuary. The Jews were happy with their exclusivity, excluding not only pagans from God's favour, but even the Samaritans who failed their rigid test of orthodoxy. Jesus was indignant when he told the chief priests and elders, “Prostitutes and tax-collectors are making their way into the kingdom of God before you.” From the Jewish elders to Calvin's elect, to our own former mantra “outside the church there is no salvation”, exclusivity is a temptation to religious people. With the diminishing numbers of church-goers and religion no longer a mass phenomenon, we may be more than ever tempted to circle the wagons. So Jesus' warning to the Jews has a special relevance for us today, as a warning against seeing the church as a “Members-Only” Club.

### **Keeping an Open Mind**

A theme common to all three readings is that of changing one's mind. Our capacity to change our minds leaves us open to hazard and to hope; hazard when we choose to “renounce our integrity and to commit sin, hope when we choose to renounce sin to become law-abiding and honest” (Isaiah.)

The Gospel story shows us the nobility of a humble change of mind. The first son “thought the better of it.” He was open to change, to better thoughts. The second son was set and closed. The ability to change one's mind is essential to all healthy relationships. A mind that is closed, whether from pride, stubbornness or stupidity, tends to destroy all relationships—e.g., when we refuse to admit a mistake, when we are unwilling to apologise and change our ways, when we persist in prejudice against a person or group, when we think we know it all.

In the Buddhist tradition, clinging is seen as the root of all suffering. When you are unhappy, it can be enlightening to pursue the question “What am I clinging to?” It might be an idea, a plan, an expectation, power, possessions, reputation, a place, a person, health, even life itself. All wise traditions recommend a light grasp of everything. Anxious clinging leads to misery. As soon as we begin to relax our tight grasp and let go, we begin to be free and happy. (“Letting go” is a useful modern equivalent for “self-emptying.”)

Jesus did not cling. He knew that reality could be trusted, because at the heart of reality is “Abba—dear Father,” and that underneath everything, even death, are the everlasting arms. So he did not cling even to life, “accepting death, death on a cross.” “Into your hands, I commend my spirit.” May this mind be in us which was in Christ Jesus.