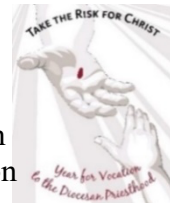


Fr. Peter Devlin P.P. Fr. Charley Logue C.C. Mass Times

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:

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

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.
First Anniversary Mass: Paddy Doherty, Paddy (Mor) Middletown, Malin Head on Saturday 23rd 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>
<i>Parish</i>	380	325	205
<i>Restoration</i>	380	325	200

Parish Fund	€910
Restoration Fund	€905

For the three priests ordained for the diocese this year, for our three seminarians, for the four men applying to begin their formal studies this year, for all those currently discerning their vocation, and for those accompanying them, that they will know and preach the message of the response to today's psalm: "The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger, and rich in mercy."

Visitation of the Sick: Fr Devlin will attend the sick and housebound on Tuesday 26th September.

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, Ryan Turner, Matthew and Shunie Crampsey. Patsy Cavanagh. Tickets available from Seamus 0877635011, Fr Devlin, 0868914232, Patrick 0866061557, 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 4th/5th November to sell the olive wood crafts to support the Christians in The Holy Land .

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

HEADLINERS – Malin Heads newly formed Drama Club – Thursday Sept 28th at 8pm Malin Head Community Centre, everyone, every age, welcome to come along and share the craic.

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 2nd October and Monday 9th 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.

SMA Novena 2023, in honour of St. Thérèse Of the Child Jesus, Patroness of the Missions: Saturday 23rd September to Sunday 1st October: Daily Mass & Novena Prayers at 10am & 7:30pm. SMA Chapel, Dromantine. All Welcome. Also, via webcam (www.sma.ie).

24 Sept 2023 – 25th Sunday, (A)

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16 The parable of the workers in the vineyard; God welcomes all into his kingdom

Jesus said to his disciples: “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, “You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.” So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, “Why are you standing here idle all day?” They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You also go into the vineyard.”

When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, “Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.” When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage.

Now when the first came they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?” So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Only God sees the full picture

The core of the Gospel parable is also in the Isaiah passage: “My thoughts are not your thoughts.” Try as we may, it is impossible to justify the payment of the workers in the vineyard in ordinary social terms. It could hardly be said to be fair. Yes, the owner is generous to the last comers, but why is he not generous to the others as well? It is simply that there is no reckoning up deserts when man meets God.

In Our Lord’s time Judaism had reached a legalistic state, and the mentality was prevalent that salvation could and must be earned. There were many commands which must be fulfilled, and people were divided into two classes, the righteous who were on the road to salvation by fulfilling the commands, and the unrighteous, outcasts despised by those who kept the law. It was this slot-machine conception of God that Jesus opposed by his emphasis on love, for in love there is no calculation of duties, rights and obligations; there is only an open-handed giving without counting the cost, and a grateful receiving. We can never say that we have earned our salvation, or anything from God, but can only stand suppliant before him. The latest workers in the vine-yard have not earned what the owner gives them, and the mistake of their envious colleagues is to think that they can deserve well of the owner.

Devout Christians may find it hard to stomach that someone who repents on his deathbed is admitted to the kingdom no less than those who have struggled and suffered all their lives for what is right. But this would presuppose a commercial attitude of reward and punishments from God, and it neglects the nature of love. The relationship of the believer to God must be personal love, and as such it is its own reward, for it brings its own happiness also in this life. The greater the struggle, the more a Christian turns to God and finds comfort in the security of his love. Also, fidelity through a long life does bring some advantage over a skimpy final conversion, for it may well be that the relationship of love has so deepened over the years that the Christian, faithfully following Christ, has more capacity for the full enjoyment of God’s company than one who comes to know God only at the last moment. Here it is not a matter of God giving a greater reward, but of the person being more capable of receiving it.

Of this deep and rewarding relationship with God and with Christ Paul shows himself in the second reading to be a shining example. Writing as he does under persecution he is yet filled with the joy of Christ. His life is already united with Christ’s life, and he longs for the fulfilment of final union.

The parable of the vineyard-workers is no blueprint for labour relations, but it illustrates very well Jesus’ teaching about grace and mercy. There are consequences to be drawn, and, in *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis wrote: “The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel.” (§114)