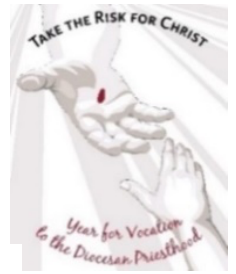


32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Malin Malin Head *St. Patrick's* - Saturday 6pm Sunday 10:30am074 93 70615 074 93 70134 *Star of the Sea Church* - Saturday 8pm Sunday 12 noonE-Mail: malinparish@hotmail.com *St. Mary's Church* - Sunday 9amWeb Site: www.malinparish.ie Facebook: Malin Parish

Week Masses:

St. Patrick's Church: Aughaclay: Wednesday at 7.30pm*Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head:* Monday at 10am and Friday at 7.30pm*St. Mary's Church Lagg:* Wednesday at 9.30am*Connolly Foundation Oratory:* Friday at 10am**Anniversary:** Eugene, Annie Doherty and family, Leiter on Sunday 12th November at 10:30 in St. Patrick's Church.**Anniversary:** Willie Glackin, Ballygorman on Sunday 19th November at 9am in St. Mary's Church.**Anniversary:** John E and Mary Rose Doherty, Ballygorman on Sunday 19th November at 12noon in Star of the Sea.**Month's Mind:** Mollie McLaughlin, Ohio, on Tuesday 21st November at 7pm in St Patrick's Church.**Anniversary:** Mary Margaret Lafferty, Malin on Saturday 25th November at 6pm in St Patrick's Church.**First Anniversary:** Susan Mc Laughlin, Carrowmore on Sunday 26th November at 9am in St. Mary's Church.**First Anniversary:** Mark McDaid, Templemoyle on Sunday 26th November at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.**Anniversary:** Rosemary Doherty, Ballyhillion on Saturday 2nd December at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.**First Anniversary:** Ellen McLaughlin, Glengad on Sunday 3rd December at 9am in St. Mary's Church.**Month's Mind:** Paddy Mc Laughlin (Davey), Lematudder on Sunday 3rd December at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.**Anniversary:** Maureen Doherty, Ballygorman/Carndonagh on Sunday 3rd December at 12pm in Star of the Sea.**Anniversary:** Jim Rudden, Tully on Sunday 10th December at 9am in St. Mary's Church.**Anniversary:** Willie John and Josephine McGonagle, Leiter, Culdaff on Sunday 10th December at 10.30 in St Patrick's**Anniversary:** Charlie Monagle, Brookfield Terrace on Sunday 17th December at 9am in St. Mary's Church.**Anniversary:** Philip Lafferty, Bunn on Sunday 17th December at 10.30 in St Patrick's Church.**Anniversary:** Michael McLaughlin on Saturday 23rd December at 6pm in St Patrick's Church.**First Anniversary:** Paddy Doherty (Paddy Mor), Middletown on Saturday 23rd December at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.**Anniversary:** Rose Kelly, Glentoskert on Monday 25th December at 9am in St. Mary's Church.**Anniversary:** Mary Ellen Gallagher, Malin Head on Monday 25th December at 11am in Star of the Sea Church.**Anniversary:** Jim Mullen, Bree on Friday 5th January 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>	550	260	160
<i>Restoration</i>	555	260	155

Parish Fund	€970
Restoration Fund	€970

Parish Census will be conducted on the weekend 25th/26th November at all Masses.

Confirmation Preparation Programme:

Meeting for candidates for Confirmation on Monday 20th November in the Parish Hall at 8pm**A meeting for Confirmation Candidates** on and their parents will take place on Monday 27th November in Malin Parochial Hall at 7pm where Donegal Youth Service will give a talk on Internet Safety and Substance Awareness**Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood:** For those discerning their vocation at this time, and particularly for those who hope to begin seminary training in the next few months, that they will take to heart the Lord's words in this weekend's gospel, and hear Him calling them to serve their brothers and sisters in Christ in a spirit of humility.**Mass for Deceased Young People and Children**, in St. Eugene's Cathedral, is on today Sunday 12th November, at 7pm.**Celebration Country and Gospel Concert in Aughaclay Chapel** on Wednesday 22nd November. Concert includes Mick Flavin, 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!!!****Accord Inishowen Face to Face Pre - Marriage Course for 2024:** January 19th & 20th, February 16th & 17th or March 8th & 9th. Friday 7 - 10pm and Saturday 10am - 4pm. Book online, contact Accord on accordinishowen@gmail.com or leave your name and number on 074 93 74103.32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (2) 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 We should not grieve as others do who have no hope

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died.

For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13 We must be ready to meet the Lord when he comes

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Responsible for our own destiny

The refusal of the wise virgins to share may appear selfish. But here we are not talking really about lamps and oil but about people and life. There are certain things you cannot borrow or inherit. Your parents or my parents may have been the best people in the world. If so, that is a blessing beyond measure. But for all that it cannot be taken for granted that we will automatically become decent caring men and women. We can learn from one another, be inspired by one another, but in the last analysis we shape our own destiny. Character cannot be transferred or borrowed. We must build it for ourselves.

The same is true of the faith. Parents and other people are reminded that it is their responsibility to hand on the faith to the younger generation. But again faith is not like a farm of land or a legacy. It cannot be given by a parent to a child. Yes, all kinds of encouragement and good example can help enormously, but in the end, the young person as they grow up to maturity must accept or reject the invitation in his or her own heart.

The arrival of children of their own can often be a decisive moment for young parents as regards the faith. Some never seem to come back, but always remember God has his own way of welcoming people home even if along unexpected routes.

Life after Death?

Our present-day western civilisation derives, in great part, from Greek, Roman and Jewish cultures. But in attitudes, in ancient times, towards life after death, there could be no greater gap between, on the one hand, the Graeco-Roman tradition, and on the other, the Jewish tradition. In particular, when confronted with the inevitability of death, the response of the person without faith was, and today is, one of despair. On a pagan tombstone from the classical period can be read the grim inscription, "I was not, I became; I am not, I care not." Essentially it means: "When you're dead, you're dead!" In similar vein, the Roman lyric poet, Horace, who died the year Christ was born, had this advice for the reader: "Enjoy the present day, and trust in tomorrow as little as you can." (*Carpe diem, quam minimum credula postero*). No wonder then that he motto of the time was, "Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die.")

In the Jewish tradition, belief in resurrection after death did not gain acceptance until the first century before Christ. But there was belief in a shadowy existence of the departed in a place called Sheol, where they could neither know God nor praise him. If we take the Book of Ecclesiastes, for example, written about 300 B.C., we find its author agreeing, yes, there can be a certain happiness in eating, drinking and being content with one's work while on earth, but because of the futility of earthly pursuits and possessions, there is in human beings a God-given yearning for something deeper, especially for the meaning of all experience and all time. And God is the only one who is wise, the only one who knows.

In a chapter full of vivid imagery, the author of Ecclesiastes describes how, without being touched in the least by the passing of man to his eternal abode, the things of nature carry on with their own pursuits. Even those who mourn the passing from this life of one of their own are already walking to and fro in the street before, as the writer says, "the silver cord is snapped, or the golden lamp (of life) is broken, or before the dust returns to the earth from whence it came, and the spirit to God who gave it." There is some element in each person which this world is not worthy to retain; it is of God, and after its sojourn here it returns to God.

The greatest change in attitude to life hereafter came about with belief in the resurrection of Christ. "For us," St Paul wrote to the Philippians 3:20), "our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the Saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these lowly bodies of ours into copies of his own glorious body." We should not therefore, he tells us in the liturgy today, remain without understanding concerning those close to us who have passed away.

We should not grieve as others do, who have no concept of eternal life. Note, he does not tell us to avoid all sorrow, for sorrow over the death of a loved one is a natural reaction, but rather not to be like others, who have no hope. The necessity of losing somebody in death causes us anguish, but hope consoles us. Our human frailty is tried by the one, but our faith is strengthened by the other. The liturgy this month asks us to respond in two practical ways. Firstly, it tells us to be prepared, not to let things go too late. No tolling funeral bell can cause greater anguish than the words "too late." Those who live all their lives close to Christ will never be unprepared to enter his presence, will be with Christ even in death, and will finally share in his glorious resurrection. Secondly, it invites us to assist with our prayers those who have gone before us.