

**Parish of Malin (Clonca)      Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2023**  
**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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

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

**Anniversary:** Annie Coffey, Killourt on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.  
**Anniversary:** Grace & Charlie McLaughlin, Ballylannon on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.  
**Anniversary:** Eugene McGeoghegan, Muff, and Crackna, on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 6 pm in St. Patrick's Church.  
**Anniversary:** Eddie Doherty and Robert McLaughlin, Ross Head on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm in St. Patrick's.  
**Anniversary:** Nora Doherty, (Sams) Carty, Ballygorman on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church  
**First Anniversary:** Frank Doherty (Ban), Shantla, on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.  
**Anniversary:** Liam Doherty, Killourt, Malin Head on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October at 12noon in Star of the Sea Church.  
**First Anniversary:** Neil Francis Doherty, Carndonagh/Glenfin on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm in Star of the Sea.  
**Anniversary:** Eddie Kelly, Glentoskert on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.  
**Anniversary:** Willie Glackin, Ballygorman on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 9am in St. Mary's Church.  
**Anniversary:** John E and Mary Rose Doherty, Ballygorman on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 12noon in Star of the Sea.  
**First Anniversary:** Susan Mc Laughlin, Carrowmore on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 9am in St. Mary's Church.  
**First Anniversary:** Mark McDaid, Templemoyle on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.  
**Anniversary:** Rosemary Doherty, Ballyhillion on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.  
**Anniversary:** Maureen Doherty, Ballygorman/Carndonagh on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 12pm in Star of the Sea.  
**Anniversary:** Jim Rudden, Tully, on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 9am in St. Mary's Church.  
**First Anniversary:** 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>
<i>Parish</i>	445	225	200
<i>Restoration</i>	440	225	200

<b>Parish Fund</b>	<b>€870</b>
<b>Restoration Fund</b>	<b>€865</b>

**Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood** We pray that those studying for the priesthood, and those currently discerning their vocation may know, as St. Paul tells us in our second reading, that "...there is nothing I cannot master with the help of the one who gives me strength."

**Parish Prayer Date Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October Pope Francis:                              'Patch up family feuds'**

**Proposed Theme:      Mercy and Forgiveness - Family Reconciliation**

In our Prayers this month we may want to pray for those families where members do not speak to each other and where they are estranged from each other, that they may reach out, love and forgive each other. May all families within our community grow in love and respect for each other.

**Parish Mass for the Dead** on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 7pm in St Mary's Church Lagg.

**Malin Parish Confirmation** will be on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 12noon in St Patrick's Aughaclay.

**First Communions in Star of the Sea**, Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May and in **St. Patrick's Church**, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 12noon

**Blessing of the Graves:** Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2024 in St. Patrick's Church at 2pm and St. Mary's Church at 4pm.

**Mass for Deceased Young People and Children**, in St. Eugene's Cathedral, is on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November, at 7pm.

**Confirmation Preparation Programme:** Meeting with Confirmation candidates in the Parish Hall on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 7.30-9pm . Full details will follow from the schools.

**Meeting with the Parents of Confirmation Candidates on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm in the Parish Hall.**

**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 !!!**

**The Holy Cross Group from Bethlehem** will visit Malin Parish on the weekend of 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> November to sell the olive wood crafts to support the Christians in The Holy Land.

**Music Bingo Fundraiser:** Thanks to the organisers and the Fisherman's Inn Glengad, for hosting this event. It raised €800. Thanks also for donation of €1000 for parish funds.

**Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14** *God is like a king who invites us to a banquet. Many refuse their invitation*

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them.

The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

### **Tomorrow's World**

What does tomorrow hold for us? What is there to hope for? Often our imagination projects into the future. As children, we wondered "What will it be when like when we grow up?" Parents promised new freedoms and new possibilities "When you are older." Human nature lives in vital tension between the Already and the Not Yet.

As adults we may indeed have to trim down and focus our hopes and fantasies into more precise channels, with the passing years. But we are still gripped with interest in what lies ahead—not just for oneself and family, but for the wider society and world. What steps in science and technology lie just around the corner? How will society develop, between now and the year 2050? The changing balance between richer and poorer countries; the unstable marital climate of our own nation; proposed educational changes and law reforms; new employment initiatives; the provision of better medical and recreational facilities—all are subject to our keen analysis and hopeful projections.

Elderly people may ponder more on the past than the future and to dwell on bygone events and treasured relationships. Their looking forward is more often marked with resignation or anxiety than with hope. In the dignity of their mature years, they accept that "Che sera, sera; whatever will be, will be". And, if they have learned the habit of prayer, they peace-fully leave their future in God's hands.

Today's Scriptures invite us all to raise our sights, and our hearts, when thinking of the future. Beyond this present life, God has planned a great future for all of us. Isaiah's prophecy of the heavenly banquet is an invitation to think of our eternal destiny. There is more to live for than what we see in this present world, interesting and challenging though it is. What really counts, indeed, is whether we succeed in reaching our eternal happiness with God.

Perhaps our predecessors in the faith had a stronger sense of the afterlife than we have today. Like Saint Paul, they believed that history is in God's hands and that divine justice will have the last say. Difficulties in one's present life could then be seen as growth-pains, or as a means of purifying the spirit from selfishness and sin. Under it all, the world was "in travail," in process of bringing a new era into existence. So it was that Paul—and many other men and women of faith—could be inwardly at peace, no matter how hard the circumstances in which they found them-selves. We can "do all things in Him who strengthens us," if we hold on to the hope of everlasting life.

The eternal banquet must not be abandoned as so much "pie in the sky"! Christians don't literally expect to sit down to an everlasting meal, an eternal eating and drinking festival somewhere in the stratosphere. While heaven is described in vivid anthropomorphic images, we realize that "eye has not seen.. nor can the human heart imagine, what God has prepared for those who love Him" (1 Cor 2:9.) Still, the banqueting atmosphere of friendly conviviality is a good image for that perfect loving communion with God and with others towards which our lives are destined. Jesus emphasises that this wedding-banquet is open to all people indeed, that God sends his messengers out to scour the highways and byways in order to fill his house with guests. It is a comforting thought that God wants us to be saved, even more than we do ourselves.

On the other hand, there is a special regalia or wedding-garment that must be worn. This is the level of personal commitment required, in order to accept our place at the wedding feast. I like to think that this refers primarily to community spirit, an ability to share our well-being with other people, in the presence of God. Though founded on faith in God's creative love, Christian hope retains a strong ethical dimension. Our wedding-garment is therefore being woven daily, by the quality of our interaction with others. In this sense, we hold tomorrow in our own hands, as with the help of God's grace we build our own eternal future.