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**Week Masses:***St. Patrick's Church: Aughaclay:* Tuesday at 7pm*Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head:* No Mass*St. Mary's Church Lagg:* Friday, Funeral of Jim McCarter at 12 noon.*Connolly Foundation Oratory:* Friday at 10am**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.**Month's Mind:** Mollie McLaughlin, Ohio, on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7pm in St. Patrick's Church.**Funeral Mass** for Jim McCarter, London and Ballymena, on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 12 noon in St Mary's Lagg.**Anniversary:** Mary Margaret Lafferty, Malin on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.**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.**First Anniversary:** Ellen McLaughlin, Glengad on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 9am in St. Mary's Church.**Month's Mind:** Paddy Mc Laughlin (Davey), Lematudder on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 10:30am in St. Patrick's 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.**Anniversary:** Willie John and Josephine McGonagle, Leiter, Culdaff on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 10:30 in St. Patrick's Church.**Anniversary:** Charlie Monagle, Brookfield Terrace on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 9am in St. Mary's Church.**Anniversary:** Philip Lafferty, Bunn on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 10:30 in St. Patrick's Church.**Anniversary:** Michael McLaughlin on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.**First Anniversary:** Paddy Doherty (Paddy Mor), Middletown on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.**Anniversary:** Rose Kelly, Glentoskert on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December at 9am in St. Mary's Church.**Anniversary:** Mary Ellen Gallagher, Malin Head on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December at 11am in Star of the Sea Church.**Anniversary:** Jim Mullen, Bree on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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> |
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| <i>Parish</i>      | 535              | 255               | 215         |
| <i>Restoration</i> | 535              | 255               | 220         |

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

**Continuous Prayer Day for Marriage & Family Life:** Tomorrow Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November. Our Theme for our Continuous Prayer Day for Marriage & Family Life for the month of November is our loved ones who have died recently and in the past. Remembering our dead is one of the beautiful parts of our Catholic tradition. There is a warmth of love around it as well as a sense of grieving, especially when the death is recent. This is also a very important element of our faith in Jesus Christ who died, was buried, and who was raised from the death for the salvation of the world. Our faith teaches us that in death life is changed, not ended. We are still united with those who have gone before us. And they are for us a constant reminder that life is eternal not just for them but for all of us.

**Visitation of the Sick:** Fr Devlin will attend the sick on Tuesday afternoon, 19<sup>th</sup> November.

**Parish Census will be conducted next weekend 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> November at all Masses.**

**Vocation:** Lord, bless all those who are currently discerning a vocation to serve as priests of the diocese of Derry. Fill them with the Wisdom that comes from You. That our present seminarians and those discerning their vocation will use wisely the gifts and talents with which the Lord has blessed them.

**Confirmation Preparation Programme:** Meeting for the Parents of Confirmation candidates on tomorrow Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November in the Parish Hall at 8pm.

**A meeting for Confirmation Candidates and their parents** will take place on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November in Malin Parochial Hall at 7pm where Donegal Youth Service will give a talk on Internet Safety and Substance Awareness

**Holy Hour For Peace** – Bishop McKeown will lead a Holy Hour for Peace in the World from 8 to 9pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November in Saint Eugene's Cathedral, Derry. Everyone is welcome to attend. You can also join in this time prayer for peace via the St Eugene's Cathedral webcam.

**Parish Auction: Thanks to the organising Committee, those who donated and purchased items, all who sponsored and gave donations. €6,500 was raised for parish funds.**

**Celebration Country and Gospel Concert in Aughaclay Chapel** on this Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:pnd7889@gmail.com) and on Eventbrite.ie.

**Accord Inishowen Face to Face Pre - Marriage Course for 2024:** January 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, February 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> or March 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. Friday 7 - 10pm and Saturday 10am - 4pm. Book online, contact Accord on [accordinishowen@gmail.com](mailto:accordinishowen@gmail.com) or leave your name and number on 074 93 74103.

**Car Boot Sale** in Malin Parochial Hall on Sat 16<sup>th</sup> December from 10am-2pm, Crafts, Jewellery, Homebaking, Brick-a-brack etc. To book a table phone 0861683842 or 0868700861. Tables €10.

**Christmas Craft Fair** in Glengad Community Centre on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2-5:30pm.

### **Use of the Funeral Pall at Funerals.**

As part of the liturgical renewal that has followed the Church Council, Vatican II, the primary emphasis in Catholic funerals has moved from mourning the death to expressing hope in the resurrection.

When a Catholic family brings their loved one into the church to celebrate the Mass of Christian burial, the priest meets them at the door of the church to welcome their loved one, one last time, into the fellowship of believers. The priest says a blessing over the coffin: "In the waters of baptism N. died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May he/she now share with him eternal glory." Upon completion of the blessing, the pall is placed upon the coffin, symbolizing the white garments the individual would have worn at the time of his or her baptism.

This pall is a reminder of the white baptismal garment, a sign of the Christian dignity of the person. Just as the new Christian was clothed in the white garment when he or she became a member of the Church, the coffin is covered with a white cloth as the person enters into a new life in the resurrection of Jesus. Covering the coffin is a way to make a statement about the identity of the deceased; it proclaims that the greatest thing that can be said about the deceased person is that he or she is a sister or brother of Christ, a member of the Church. The pall is also a sign of hope, of the resurrection, of new life beyond this life, a banner that points to a continued relationship to the deceased person in the time to come. The pall helps the congregation focus on the worship of God and the hope of the resurrection.

### **Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30 The parable of the Talents is a challenge to use our gifts to achieve what God expects from us**

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who, before going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'

But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

### **Reflection: Use them or lose them**

At first sight, today's parable seems to suggest that the third servant took a prudent course of action—"I heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown." The scribes and Pharisees, towards whom it was directed, would argue: God demands perfection; the Law expresses his will; only a scrupulous observance of the Law can give us security. But God's way is different: He wants an abundant harvest. Jesus wants us to know that salvation comes to those who are prepared to risk their all for him. A talent is given to bear fruit, not to lie there unused. It may seem prudent not to risk, but in the end it is not what God expects of us.