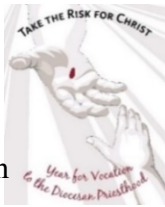


**Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023**  
**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**



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**St. Patrick's** - Saturday 6pm Sunday 10:30am  
**Star of the Sea Church** - Saturday 8pm Sunday 12 noon  
**St. Mary's Church** - Sunday 9am

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**Week Masses:**

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

**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:** Eugene, Annie Doherty and family, Leiter on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 10:30 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>
<b>Parish</b>	630	205	265
<b>Restoration</b>	625	205	260

<b>Parish Fund</b>	<b>€1100</b>
<b>Restoration Fund</b>	<b>€1090</b>

**Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood:** As we pray this weekend for all those spreading the gospel in "the foreign missions" we continue to pray for those called to serve as priests here in our own diocese, and particularly for anyone from our own parish who may be considering a vocation to the priesthood.

**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:** Meeting in the Parish Hall Wed 25<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. All welcome. 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 be visiting Malin Parish on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of November to sell religious articles (Crucifixes, Nativity Cribs and Plaques) made out of olive wood in Bethlehem to help and support the poor Christians families , any help you could give them will be highly appreciated .

**GROW Mental Health:** Are you finding things tough at the moment Do you suffer from anxiety Depression Stress? Our Grow Group can help you. Our Grow groups are supportive, encouraging and confidential and much more. Never feel alone. Our Grow support meetings are held now each Wednesday at 11 am in the Men's Shed in the Old CO OP on Merville Road. For more information call Paul at 086 7702 860.

**Annual Solemn Novena** in honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help takes place in St. Columba's, Long Tower, Derry for the nine Sundays before Christmas beginning Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 6pm. This year's theme: 'Year of Vocations to Diocesan Priesthood'. Each night will comprise of the Rosary, talk given by various speakers, Novena prayer and petitions, Eucharistic Healing Service and Benediction. Guest speaker on the opening night on Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup> will be Bishop Phonsie Cullinan, Chair of the Irish Bishops' Council for Year of Diocesan Priesthood. All welcome.

### **22 Oct 2023 – 29th Sunday, (A)**

Today's Christians are called to live in a very pluralist world, that presents us with huge challenges. Only the grace of God and the depth of our convictions will enable our faith to survive and to thrive in a secular society. But then, throughout history the life of faith has often thrived in spite of unpromising circumstances, whether it was the Jews under the Persian king Cyrus or the early Christians under the harsh rule of imperial Rome

**Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21** *Jesus refused to be drawn into a sterile argument, about paying taxes to Caesar*

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?"

But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that belong to him, and to God what belongs to God."

### **Rendering to Caesar**

No sooner had the Berlin Wall fallen, marking the end of the Cold War, than another ominous divide in our world made its appearance. This new division is between the Muslim world and what was once the Christian West. The Muslim world has experienced an extraordinary growth in fundamentalism. Many countries there have imposed or are seeking to impose the law of the Koran as the law of the state. Algeria in North Africa, just off the southern tip of Europe, is presently the scene of a murderous East-West conflict. Some European countries feel threatened, particularly France, with its large Muslim population and close historical ties with Algeria. Muslims demands that their schoolgirls be allowed to wear the veil in French public schools. Strange how people so often adopt the attitudes and strategies of their adversaries. Muslim fundamentalism in Arab countries has been matched by a noticeable "move to the right" in western countries. Now even the more moderate mainstream parties are calling for tighter immigration laws. The signs for the future are ominous, to say the least.

The clash between religion and the secular state is not new. The story of the Christian West is largely a history of this conflict. For the first few centuries of its existence, Christianity was fiercely persecuted by the state, leaving in its wake, a bloody trail of martyrs. All that changed with the conversion of the emperor Constantine. Soon Christianity became the state religion. Now the boot was on the other foot. The high point of the power of religion came at Canossa in the high Middle Ages when an excommunicated emperor knelt in the snow and humbly submitted to a pope to regain his imperial crown. In the Caesar-God contest, that round went decidedly to God. All throughout the Middle Ages the church extended its sphere of influence into the secular domain. With the break-up of Christianity in the sixteenth century the process began to reverse. The French Revolution marked a decisive turning point in favour of the state. Napoleon made the point dramatically, when he took the imperial crown from the pope and placed it himself on his own head. Ever since the state has been clawing back the ground once claimed by the church. And the church has ceded its former influence reluctantly. The boot has changed feet once more.

Today's gospel, with its famous "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's" has a particular topicality in our world. While the principle is clear and unambiguous, its application in particular circumstances is quite another matter. The Catholic Church Catechism points out three circumstances where citizens are obliged in conscience to refuse obedience to the civil authorities. They are when the laws are "contrary to the moral order, to the fundamental rights of persons and to the teachings of the gospel." The principle is clear. However, its application may not be so simple when there is an apparent clash of rights.

The complexity of these issues may render them unsuitable topics for the pulpit. What the preacher can and must do, is advise believers on the obligation of Christian behaviour in all circumstances. No matter how deeply they hold their convictions or how warmly they espouse their causes, they must never resort to violence. And that includes intimidation in all its forms. Muscular crusades, whether modern or medieval, cause irreparable harm. The end never justifies the means. We live, even in Ireland, in a world of pluralism. There are others whose principles and beliefs differ radically from ours. The state must also take cognisance of them. Our only resort is persuasion. Persuasion is always a gentle art. We best persuade by living our Christian lives to the full, remembering always that "the anger of man works not the justice of God."