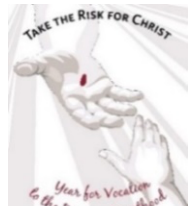


Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 26th November 2023
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Fr. Peter Devlin P.P.	Fr. Charley Logue C.C.	Mass Times
Malin	Malin Head	<i>St. Patrick's</i> - Saturday 6pm Sunday 10:30am
074 93 70615	074 93 70134	<i>Star of the Sea Church</i> - Saturday 8pm Sunday 12 noon
E-Mail: malinparish@hotmail.com		<i>St. Mary's Church</i> - Sunday 9am
Web Site: www.malinparish.ie	Facebook: Malin Parish	



Weekday Masses:

Connolly Foundation Oratory: Tuesday at 10am



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 Church.
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.

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Parish	485	265	210
Restoration	490	260	215

Parish Fund	€960
Restoration Fund	€965

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

Vocation: We pray for those who hope to serve as priests of the diocese of Derry, that they will play their part in building up the Kingdom of Christ from Aghyaran to Coleraine, from Malin to Bellaghy. Bishop McKeown has said, "We will be more like the Holy Spirit-filled Body of Christ when our diocese is blessed with many families of faith, people of all ages exploring and developing their faith, official ministries of Lector, Acolyte, and Catechist, the presence of consecrated virgins, female and male religious, permanent deacons, and ordained priests"

Confirmation Preparation Programme: *A meeting for Confirmation Candidates and their parents* will take place on tomorrow Monday 27th November in Malin Parochial Hall at 7pm where Donegal Youth Service will give a talk on Internet Safety and Substance Awareness.

Thank you to all who attended the St. Patrick's Church Country and Gospel Concert on Wednesday. Thank you to all who sang and played musical instruments, to all who sold tickets and everyone who helped in any ways to make it a successful night.

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.

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

The 2024 Pioneer Calendar is available from Pioneer centres and from Central Office (01 805 4226). The calendar is designed to offer spiritual support to families which are being impacted by alcohol and addiction. The calendar is priced at €5. Further information from www.pioneerassociation.org/calendar.

Youth 2000 Ireland is having its annual Christmas retreat in Dominican College, Newbridge, Co Kildare on the 8th -10th December for ages 16-35. This promises to be a special retreat!! Excellent Speakers, Inspiring Talks & Workshops, Fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, prayer, Drama, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!! There are free buses leaving from all over the country to the retreat. Donation only. Find out more and register now on www.youth2000.ie"

Online Advent Retreat. The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a FREE OF CHARGE online retreat 'Reflecting on the Sunday Gospels of Advent'. Visit our website prioryinstitute.com.

Shepherding Talent Programme, *Aspire to Serve, Inspire to Lead*

In partnership with Saint Mary's University Twickenham, the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre is hosting an information session on the **Shepherding Talent Programme, *Aspire to Serve, Inspire to Lead*** on **4 December at 3.30pm via ZOOM**. 'Shepherding Talent' is a pioneering programme in which teaching professionals with leadership potential are challenged to explore their vocation to lead. Aimed at all teaching professionals in Catholic schools, this programme is delivered in the context of Catholic school education. It will be delivered over five weeks, with each session taking 2 hours and

the total cost is £250. If you would like to register for the Information Session, please email: tferry@derrydiocese.org or Tel: 00442871264087

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46 We will be judged by the standard of visible, tangible love

Jesus said to them, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'

Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

A Kingdom of Justice, Love and Peace

Paul visualises Jesus Christ handing over the kingdom to God the Father at the end of time. This ideal kingdom is not something merely hoped for as a future gift, but something being worked for by Christians in the present time. The kingdom is indeed to be hoped for, but somehow it is also *in our midst*, in the process of becoming. Today's gospel shows how we are to promote the fuller coming of God's kingdom in our world. It comes whenever justice is done for the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, and the oppressed. To behave in this way is to imitate the Shepherd-King himself who is presented in our Gospels as one who eases alienation, who feeds, gives rest, heals and makes strong. Among his final words was a promise to the thief being crucified at his side, that he would be enfolded by the eternal love of God, in paradise.

The best way to honour Christ our King is to work for the unfolding and promoting of his kingdom. In working for the relief of deprived, oppressed or marginalised people, we are serving Christ in person, because he fully identified with people in need, right up to his final moment in this life. The disciple of Christ the King cannot afford the luxury of living in a gated community, resolutely secure in a fortress, comfortably "keeping myself to myself" with the lame claim that "I do nobody any harm." To be deaf to the cries of my neighbour in need is to be deaf to Christ. To be blind to the anguish of the dying is to be blind to Christ. To recognise Jesus Christ as our Shepherd-king involves being carers or shepherds in some way ourselves; for the work of the Kingdom goes on until he comes again.

More Than They Knew

You might have had the experience of doing something for somebody and only subsequently discovering that it meant far more to that person than you realized at the time you did it? We are not always aware of the good we might be doing. We don't always appreciate how significant our actions are for others or how much our presence means to them. In some ways that can be a good thing, because it can prevent us from becoming too proud, or taking ourselves too seriously. In other ways it may not be a good thing because we can fail to value something in ourselves that others value much. We may be tempted to give up doing something that people really value because we are unaware of how significant it is. We may think we are doing nothing particularly worthwhile, when in fact we may be doing something of real value.

The thought came to me from the two groups of people in this gospel parable. The first group were amazed to discover that what they had done in life was far more significant than they had realized. Only at the end of their lives did they realize that their ordinary simple acts of kindness and consideration were in fact serving the Lord of Lords and King of Kings. To their amazement, they discovered that there was a much deeper dimension to what they were doing than they had ever suspected. In attending to the ordinary, they were, in reality engaging with the eternal. "When did we see you?... " they asked the Son of Man. His reply was, "In so far as you did this to one of the least, you did it to me." What they did in a matter-of-fact way turned out to have eternal significance. In dealing with their broken and troublesome and unfortunate neighbours, they were, in reality, dealing with the Lord of the Universe. What they had been doing was far more significant than they could ever have dreamt, and had consequences far beyond what they realized at the time.

It can be difficult for us to realize that in our ordinary dealings with each other we are in a real sense dealing with the Lord, and that is especially true when we are confronted with others in all their brokenness and need. It is in the ordinary, every day affairs of life that we are responding to the Lord. The care that someone gives to a sick relative is care given to the Lord, whether that is realized or not. The welcome we give to a stranger who feels vulnerable in a foreign environment is a welcome given to the Lord. The way we relate to prisoners or ex-prisoners reveals how we relate to the Lord.

In the parable, Jesus doesn't say "I was imprisoned for no good reason and you visited me," or he doesn't say, "I was imprisoned because of my witness to the gospel and you visited me." No, it is much simpler than that, "I was in prison," full stop. No attempt is made to distinguish one prisoner from another or one crime from another. How we treat our prisoners, regardless of what they have done, is a commentary on how we treat the Lord himself. This gospel reading gives no encouragement to the attitude of lock them up and throw away the key. How we try to integrate ex-prisoners into our community, our society, is also making a statement about how we are receiving the Lord's coming to us. As a society how many resources are we putting into the important work of helping ex-prisoners to find a meaningful role in our society, so that they can build a new life for themselves that is crime-free?