

**Parish of Malin (Clonca)      Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023**  
**30<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  
**E-Mail:** [malinparish@hotmail.com](mailto:malinparish@hotmail.com)                              *St. Mary's Church* - Sunday 9am  
**Web Site:** [www.malinparish.ie](http://www.malinparish.ie)                              **Facebook:** Malin Parish



**Wednesday is the Feast of All Saints, A Holyday of Obligation,  
 Thursday is the Celebration of the Faithful Departed, All Souls.**

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

**Week Masses:**

*St. Patrick's Church: Aughaclay:*                              Wednesday at 12 noon and at 7:30pm  
*Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head:*                              Tuesday at 8pm, Wednesday at 12noon, Thursday and Friday at 10am  
*St. Mary's Church Lagg:*                              Wednesday at 9am and Thursday at 7pm  
*Connolly Foundation Oratory:*                              Friday at 10am

**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.  
**Anniversary:** Charlie Monagle, Brookfield Terrace on Sunday 17<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>	505	230	230
<i>Restoration</i>	505	230	225

<b>Parish Fund</b>	<b>€965</b>
<b>Restoration Fund</b>	<b>€960</b>

**Derry Diocesan Paper, The Net , October Issue, is available in all churches. It covers events across our Diocese. This month it contains extensive coverage of Fr Devlin's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations.**

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

**Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood:** The Cistercian monks at Our Lady of Bethlehem Abbey, Portglenone, invite men who are between the ages of 18 and 50 and who may feel a call to the monastic life, to come and share a weekend of prayer and discernment at the Abbey, 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> November. For further details please contact the Vocation Promotor Fr. Aelred OCSO on 02825 821211, or via email [frmagee@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:frmagee@yahoo.co.uk).

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

**Malin Parish Auction:** 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](http://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 .

**29 Oct 2023 – 30th Sunday, (A)**

**(1) Exodus 22:20-26 The Israelites must show fairness in practical matters**

The Lord said to Moses, “Tell the children of Israel this:

You shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt. You shall not abuse any widow or orphan. If you do abuse them, when they cry out to me, I will surely heed their cry; my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children orphans.

If you lend money to my people, to the poor among you, you shall not deal with them as a creditor; you shall not exact interest from them. If you take your neighbour’s cloak in pawn, you shall restore it before the sun goes down; for it may be your neighbour’s only clothing to use as cover; in what else shall that person sleep? And if your neighbour cries out to me, I will listen, for I am compassionate.”

**Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40 Jesus’ summation of morality as the twofold commandment of love**

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?”

He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

**Doing justice in love**

All our texts today suggest one clear and practical principle: loving God involves doing practical justice in our world. But even our superficially Christian society is full of people who show little respect for love or justice. Political and economic life is ruled by values far from those of the Gospel. Greed, and fierce desire for power and profit can be seen in our daily papers. We are closer to the paganism mentioned in Paul’s letter than we may imagine. Today no less than then, the world is hostile to what Jesus represents, and it is hard for us to take a stand even on important issues of justice and compassion. Our Lord shows love of God and genuine love of the other as two basic aspects of the same call. There can never be a contradiction between the two, even though one may sometimes feel trapped in a situation where a particular law of Church or State seems to create a contradiction.

An approach to the second commandment about love could be by reflecting on how we love ourselves. Love of neighbour becomes virtually impossible in the agony of self-hatred in which some fearful, discouraged people can find themselves. Loving the other as oneself only becomes possible if we have, or can grow into, a healthy, sane level of self-appreciation. This is a sound psychological principle, which should be mentioned in our churches even though Christian love transcends all the transient vogues of psychology. Its ideal is the example of Christ himself, with also his commitment to justice for the poor.

Recent years have seen a dramatic increase in the number of immigrants who have come to live among us in Ireland. We have moved from a mono-cultural to a multi-cultural, multi-racial society. Today’s readings invite us to reflect on how well we receive these strangers, make them feel at home in our society and in our church. “I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” They are distinct from us, and, often, different from us. The saying, “Birds of a feather flock together,” expresses the evident truth that like attracts like. It is tempting to frequent the company of people like ourselves. Yet, the Lord gathered about himself a community of great diversity. Even within the twelve there was to be found a tax-collector and a zealot, men from opposite ends of the political spectrum. In a similar way, the Spirit of the Lord at work in our lives prompts us to connect with those who are different from us, as well as those who are like us. The one we find initially strange can reveal the Lord to us in surprising ways. We pray for a greater openness to the many ways the Lord comes to us in life.

**The heart of the matter**

Life is becoming increasingly complex. We value people who have the gift of getting beyond the multiple dimensions of an issue so as to zoom in on the heart of the matter. Such people prevent us from missing the wood for the trees. They are good at separating out what really matters from the things that are less important. They encourage us to invest our energies in what is really worthwhile, rather than allowing them to be dissipated by what is not significant.

Jesus was a person who knew how to go to the heart of the matter. On one occasion someone asked him to intervene in a family dispute about inheritance. In his reply, he ignored the concrete issue and, instead, he called on the person who approached him to “Be on your guard against all kinds of greed” (Lk 12:13-15) . He saw that the real issue was not the details of the particular case but the greed which underlay the dispute.

This capacity of Jesus to get to the heart of the matter is clear from his response to the question put to him by one of the Pharisees in today’s gospel reading, “Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?” In the time of Jesus there were known to be 613 commandments in the Jewish Law. The potential here to miss the wood for the trees was enormous. Preoccupation with the detail of regulations could result in people ignoring what really matters, like straining out a gnat but swallowing a camel (Mt 23:24) . Jesus answered the Pharisee’s question by going straight to the heart of the Jewish law. He was asked if there is one “greatest” commandment, but in reply he named the second greatest commandment as well. For the first commandment, loving the Lord your God with all our heart and soul, is inseparable from the conjoined commandment, of loving my neighbour as myself. For Jesus, what God wants from us above all else is love. There is no genuine love of God unless it finds expression in love of our neighbour. Love of neighbour, in turn, presupposes a healthy self-love, recognising and appreciating myself as fundamentally good, because I am created in the image and likeness of God.