

**Parish of Malin (Clonca)      Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023**  
**31<sup>st</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



**Week Masses:**

**St. Patrick's Church: Aghaclay:**                      Tuesday at 7.30pm  
**Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head:**                      Monday at 10am and Friday at 7.30pm  
**St. Mary's Church Lagg:**                              Wednesday at 9.30am  
**Connolly Foundation Oratory:**                              Friday at 10am

**First Anniversary:** Neil Francis Doherty, Carndonagh/Glenfin on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm in Star of the Sea.  
**Anniversary:** Eddie Kelly, Glentoscort 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.  
**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 10:30pm 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:** 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, Glentoscort, 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 Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.

**Parish Collections for the last week: Thank You.**

	<i>Aghaclay</i>	<i>Malin Head</i>	<i>Lagg</i>
<b>Parish</b>	530	200	210
<b>Restoration</b>	535	200	203

<b>Parish Fund</b>	<b>€940</b>
<b>Restoration Fund</b>	<b>€938</b>

**Parish Draw: October Winners:**

	<b>200</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>1/10</b>	390 Seamus Kelly	320 Sharon Mc Callion	160 Catherine Hegarty
<b>8/10</b>	246 Margaret Mc Carter	294 Bernie Mc Laughlin	208 Geraldine Farrren
<b>15/10</b>	187 Orla Mc Clean	391 Shane Mc Colgan	183 EugeneMc Laughlin
<b>22/10</b>	429 Donal Doherty	406 Lizzie Doherty	145 Maura Monagle
<b>29/10</b>	331 Ross, Ollie & Moya	344 Angela Houton	259 Nuala Doherty

**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:** For those discerning their vocation at this time, and particularly for those who hope to begin seminary training in the next few months, that they will take to heart the Lord's words in this weekend's gospel, and hear Him calling them to serve their brothers and sisters in Christ in a spirit of humility.

**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:** In aid of parish funds in St. Patrick's Hall, Malin on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30pm. Items for donation includes furniture and bric a brac. No mattresses, cloth bed frames or clothes thank you. Hall will be open on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> for donations from 11am. Please deliver where possible this would be much appreciated. If collection is required, please call: Martin 0868606890 / Ronald 0861032284 / James 0876206307 / Eugene 0863358105 / John 0877730595 / Nuala 0876901596 / Susanna 0861949719 / Johnny 0872709751.

**Celebration Country and Gospel Concert in Aghaclay Chapel** on 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 and on Eventbrite.ie **Limited Tickets so book early!!!**

**The Holy Cross Group from Bethlehem** will be visiting Malin Parish this weekend 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.

**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.

**Memory's Gifting** - A Morning Retreat led by Fr. Paschal McDonnell - 'In remembering, we touch both gratitude, longing and the acceptance of the unfinished.' Sat 11<sup>th</sup> November, 10 am to 1:30 pm, An Grianan Hotel, Burt, Co Donegal. For details/to register, contact Erin at [thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org](mailto:thornhillministries@derrydiocese.org).

**Pioneer Pledge for the month of the Holy Souls:** A short-term pledge gives spiritual support and encouragement to people and their families who are living under a shadow of addiction. Further information from the Pioneers on 01 80-5 4226 or [www.pioneers.ie/pray](http://www.pioneers.ie/pray)

## **05 Nov 2023 – 31st Sunday, (A)**

Today's Scripture calls us to examine our conscience about the sincerity of our words and of our lives. We should rid ourselves of all hypocrisy and respect the truth about ourselves, in God's sight.

### **(2) 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13 Paul recalls the love and care he has shown to the Thessalonians**

We were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us. You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

### **Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12 Jesus attacks the scribes and Pharisees for their false forms of piety**

Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honour at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi.

"But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father-the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted."

### **Jesus and the Pharisees**

Pharisaism can be seen from several angles. It is the belief that one can save oneself through the observance of law, through the performance of works of piety, fasting, prayer and almsgiving with an eye on the praise of men. The Pharisees tended to put stress on little things ("Tithe of mint, dill and cummin') while neglecting the much more important matters of faith, justice and mercy. They were noted for their zeal in making converts who in due time became twice as bad as their converters. The outcome was that the Pharisees tended to be hypocrites, a title which Jesus bestowed on them with great liberality.

The "Woes" in Matthew against the Pharisees end with Christ denouncing them for violence, especially against the prophets whose blood they shed and whose tombs they later adorned. "You are the sons of those who murdered the prophets! Very well then, finish off the work that your fathers began." Mat. 23:32. The finishing off of the work was the death of Christ for which the Pharisees were largely responsible. The works of piety, the strict observance of law was a defence mechanism at work within the Pharisees. They suffered from a sense of guilt which they refused to acknowledge, as the Parable of the Pharisee and the Publican informs us. However, if guilt is not acknowledged within oneself, it seeks a victim outside oneself. We can say that Christ was the victim on whom the Pharisees projected their own unacknowledged sense of guilt. No wonder that the repentant sinner of the Parable who cried out, "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner," is exalted by Christ above the Pharisee who thanked God he was not a sinner. Today's Gospel is an invitation to all, especially the more pious and those who tend to be judgmental of others, to examine behind our good works. Are they an escape from a sense of guilt? If so, the remedy is not the rejection of piety and good works, but a search for a precious gift of God, the willingness to face up to ourselves by acknowledging our personal and national guilt.