

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Malin 074 93 70615
Malin Head 074 93 70134**Malin Parochial Hall** - Saturday 6pm Sunday 10:30am**Star of the Sea Church** - Saturday 8pm Sunday 12 noon**St. Mary's Church** - Sunday 9amE-Mail: malinparish@hotmail.comWeb Site: www.malinparish.ie

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Week Masses:

Connolly Foundation Oratory:

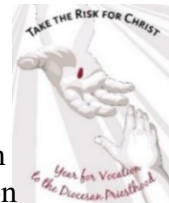
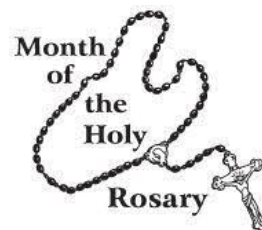
Thursday at 7:30pm and Friday at 10am

Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head:

Monday at 10am and Friday at 7:30pm

St. Mary's Church Lagg:

Wednesday at 9:30am

**Anniversary :** Annie Coffey, Killourt on Saturday 14th October at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.**Anniversary :** Grace & Charlie McLaughlin, Ballylannon on Sunday 15th October at 10:30am in St. Patrick's**Anniversary :** Eddie Doherty and Robert McLaughlin, Ross Head on Saturday 28th October at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.**Anniversary:** Nora Doherty, (Sams) Carty, Ballygorman on Saturday 28th October at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church**First Anniversary:** Frank Doherty (Ban), Shantla, on Sunday 29th October at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.**Anniversary :** Liam Doherty, Killourt, Malin Head on Sunday 29th October at 12noon in Star of the Sea Church.**First Anniversary :** Neil Francis Doherty, Carndonagh/Glenfin on Saturday 4th November at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.**Anniversary :** Eddie Kelly, Glentuskert on Sunday 5th November at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.**Anniversary :** John E and Mary Rose Doherty, Ballygorman on Sunday 19th November at 12noon in Star of the Sea 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 :** Jim Rudden, Tully, on Sunday 10th December at 9am in St. Mary's Church.**First Anniversary:** Paddy Doherty, Paddy (Mor) Middletown, Malin Head on Saturday 23rd 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>
Parish	460	280	215
Restoration	465	275	215

Parish Fund	€955
Restoration Fund	€955

Parish Draw

	€200	€100	€50
3/9	373 Teresa Devlin	321 Celine Mc Dermott	237 John Kelly
10/9	315 Ollie Mc Laughlin	375 Patricia Devlin	320 Sharon Mc Callion
17/9	131 Eileen Mc Laughlin	393 Roisin Campbell	379 Patricia Mc Menamin
24/9	234 Mary Doherty	281 Davey Doherty	139 Anne & Dennis Monagle

Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood we ask our parishioners to pray a decade of the Rosary for Vocations to the diocesan priesthood during the month of October.

Parish Mass for the Dead on Thursday 2nd November at 7pm in St Mary's Church Lagg.

Malin Parish Confirmation will be on Saturday 27th April at 12noon in St Patrick's Aughaclay.

First Communions in Star of the Sea, Saturday 11th May, and in St Patrick's Aughaclay, Saturday 8th June at 12noon

Blessing of the Graves 2024: Sunday 11th August. St Patrick's Aughaclay, 2pm. St Mary's Lagg, 4pm.

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

Parish Draw Renewal of Subscription: Subscription is for the next six month period is €35. Contact any promoter. New members can join. The Parish Draw is an essential part of Parish Fundraising. We would hope that someone in every family would support the Draw. Draw promoters need to make returns to the Parochial House, Drumcarbit on Monday 9th October at 8pm. New promoters are very welcome to help support our Parish.

Malin Parish Auction on Friday 10th November at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

Celebration Country and Gospel Concert in Aughaclay Chapel on Wednesday 22nd 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 and on Eventbrite.ie **Limited Tickets so book early !!!**

The Holy Cross Group from Bethlehem will visit Malin Parish on the weekend of 4th/5th November to sell the olive wood crafts to support the Christians in The Holy Land.

Flu Vaccine Clinics will be held for patients at Brook Medical in Malin on Monday 9th October between 2pm-4pm. No appointment is necessary but please wear a short sleeved top to the clinic. Covid vaccine boosters will also be available should you wish to have one.

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The church is the choice vineyard of the Lord, planted for a noble and productive purpose. Here we can grow to maturity in the sunshine of God's grace. But the vineyard can fall into disuse, or fail to produce the expected fruits of loving mercy. We pray that our lives may never be soured by bitterness or disillusionment

(1) Isaiah 5:1-7 *Israel is the vineyard God has tended. It is expected to bear fruits of holiness*

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it;

he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns

I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed righteousness, but heard a cry!

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43 *God is master of the vineyard and expects a proper return from the tenants*

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders: "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'?" Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruit."

Our personal "Vineyard"

Our God is a God who trusts his workers. Just as the landowner gave the tenants a fully equipped vineyard in which to work and produce, God creates the possibilities for work, fruitfulness and success for us too. He provides us with opportunities and resources and trusts that we will make the most of these. Our own, personal vineyards are completely unique. Do we recognize how our lives are molded by God? Do we recognize the opportunities and resources that God has given us? Have we experienced the freedom and trust that God gives us? Have we responded responsibly or have we responded similar to the tenants at times?

The first reading from Isaiah echoes this truth. The friend of Isaiah owns a fertile hillside, he spades it, he clears it of stones, plants the choicest vines, builds the traditional watchtower, installs the typical wine press and then anticipates an excellent and abundant harvest. What he gets instead are wild grapes. We feel the pain of unrequited love in the second half of the reading of Isaiah. We feel the pain of a broken heart acting out in anger—an earthy, anthropomorphic illustration of the disappointment God feels in his people who have not acted justly and with compassion to the lowly and oppressed.