

Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 14th January 2024
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
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Weekday Mass:

St. Patrick's Church: Aughaclay: Tuesday at 7.30pm
Connolly Foundation Oratory: Friday at 10am

Months Mind Mass: Neil Devlin, Templemoyle, Culdaff on Saturday 13th January at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.
Months Mind Mass: John David Mc Laughlin, Portaleen, on Saturday 20th January at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.
Months Mind Mass: Margaret Lockwood, Portronan on Saturday 20th January at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
Months Mind Mass: James Doherty (Sean), Ballysalla, Glengad, on Saturday 27th January at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.
Month's Mind Mass: Sadie McCullagh, Malin Town, on Sunday 28th January at 9am in St Mary's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Francis Coffey, Carnmalin on Saturday 3rd February at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
Anniversary Mass: Ellen and Paddy Kelly, Glentoskert, on Sunday 4th February at 10.30am in St Patrick's Church.
Anniversary Mass: David, John, Sister Mary Teresa McGilloway, Lougherbraghy, on Sunday 4th February at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Frank Hasson on Sunday 18th February at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
Anniversary Mass: John Mc Laughlin, Greencastle and Ballylannon on Sunday 18th February at 10: 30am in St. Patrick's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Owen Mc Cullagh, Malin Town, on Easter Sunday, 31st March at 9am in St Mary's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Philomena Mc Callion, Francistown on Sunday 14th April at 9am in St Mary's Church.

Parish Collections for Last Week: Thank You.

	<i>Aughaclay</i>	<i>Malin Head</i>	<i>Lagg</i>
<i>Parish</i>	670	215	187
<i>Restoration</i>	670	215	180

Parish Fund	€1072
Restoration Fund	€1075

Parish Prayer Day for Marriage and Family Life on Saturday next 20th January, our parish prays for the 24 hours for Marriage & Family Life. As always, we begin the new year by praying for Couples preparing for Marriage, especially those couple who will get married this year. Their marriages will be of great importance for the Church and for society. It is vital that parish communities take on responsibility for them and integrate them into the life of the community. To make this prayer continuous, many people in our parish have committed themselves to a specific hour of prayer in such a way that the whole day and night are covered. One of the purposes of this prayer is to highlight the importance of Marriage and Family Life for the Church and for society. A second purpose of it is to acknowledge the responsibility the parish has for the health and well-being of marriage and family life because of the Sacramental relationships that have been established between couples, families and the parish community.

Parish Envelopes: will be available in all Churches for January to June. Parish envelopes are the preferred way to support **YOUR** parish.

Vocation: Jesus invites the curious disciples in today's gospel to "Come and See." The Vocations Directors of the northern dioceses offer the same invitation to anyone interested in serving the Church as a diocesan priest, to attend a retreat at the Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne, from 8 - 10 March. Anyone aged 18 or over wishing to attend should contact the diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Pat O'Hagan at pgoh2111@gmail.com with their name, date of birth, and telephone contact details.

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.

The Four Parish Schools: Admission Policy and the Pupil Enrolment Forms for the 2024/2025 school year are available online and from the school office. The schools will commence accepting applications on 8th January until the 6th February 2024.

Aughaclay Country & Gospel Concert: Copies of the DVD are available by contacting Seamus O'Donnell on 086 227 6800. €15 each.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024: Monday 1st - Friday 5th July, ex City of Derry Airport. Led by Bishop Donal McKeown. Full board £799, single room supplement £150. The pilgrimage office at 164 Bishop Street, Derry, will open to the public 11am to 1pm on Thursdays and Saturdays, starting Saturday 10th February. Telephone number 028 71260293, email derrypilgrim@outlook.com.

Derry Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: We are inviting young people aged 16 + to join us on pilgrimage to Medjugorje for 9 nights from 30th July to 8th August. This will be a unique experience for young people and an opportunity to engage with peers from around the world, in a faith context. Up to 50,000 young people attend the Medjugorje Youth Festival each year. Cost is £800 and there will be a budget plan to help with this. Names and deposit of £100 are required as soon as possible to secure a place. For more information or to book in please contact lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org 00 44 2871264087.

Mass to launch Catholic Schools Week 16th January at 10am in Saint Eugene's Cathedral. You are invited to join with Bishop McKeown in celebrating this Mass. Online on the Cathedral webcam. <http://www.steugenescathedral.com/webcam.html>

Prayer by Telephone: The Sisters of Mercy "Bethany" 34 Point Road, Dundalk. Welcome any person who may wish to request prayer, especially during these difficult times. All requests are confidential. 9am - 9pm. Telephone: 042 9331602 ROI or 00353 42 931602 NI. One of the Sisters will be happy to LISTEN and PRAY WITH YOU.

Invitation to Farming in Faith: Monday 15th January at 8.15pm. Open invitation to all from wide and far to pray for, and with, farmers. In Manorcunningham Community Centre, Donegal F92 W727. Speakers: Billy McMahon (Farmer) 'My experience of depression' and Richard McNeely (Farmer/ Christian Counsellor) who will examine emotional health issues in a changing farming environment. Everybody will be very welcome. For information please phone/ text/ WhatsApp James 0044 78 1367 3874. Flyer: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UQvxae1vvQOENEM63sbwtyx1Ycp8mF92/view?usp=sharing>.

Trócaire School Volunteers: Are you a retired teacher or someone who has experience presenting to groups of school - children? Do you have a passion for making this world a better place, especially for the most vulnerable? Trócaire is looking for volunteers to support its School Talks Programme for Lent 2024 in parishes of the Derry Diocese. If you think you have the right skills and experience and will have a few free hours during Lent then we would love to hear from you! For more information call Casey Schell on 028 90 808 033 or email casey.schell@trocaire.org.

"St. Ignatian Spiritual Exercises for Men -

Led by Fr. Stephen Kennedy, IVE, Friday 2nd to Monday 5th February (bank holiday) in De La Salle retreat centre, Castletown, Laois, R32N6D8. Cost €200 - includes all meals and en-suite single rooms. Call Sr. Constance 089 - 2152307 or c.puertadelauroral@gmail.com"

Coffee Day Fundraiser! To help cover costs of Sea Rovers U15 Girls going through to the next rounds of the National Cup in Monaghan and Cork. Coffee Day this Sunday 14th January 12noon – 3pm In Malin Head Hall. Raffle on the day.

2nd Sunday (Year B) (1) 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19 *The call of young Samuel, one of the great vocation stories*

Gospel: John 1:35-42 *Jesus invites disciples to "Come and see" and they followed him*

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus.

When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon.

One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Called By Name

"I have called you by your name; you are mine." Remembering people's names — what a problem this can be; even with the best of intentions, even when we are really interested in someone and recall the actual person, the name eludes us. So many methods of mnemonic are advised and tried, just to avoid the disappointing admission, "Sorry, but I just can't remember your name." Every man and woman (and child!) likes to be recognized by name; when others forget, it is a blow to our person-hood.

God knows each individual by name totally, intimately, always. None of us is ever ignored by him; like the birds of the air, and all created things, we are forever in God's mind, under his care (cf. Mat. 10:29.) Even the person of no particular significance in his neighbour's eyes, the born loser who lives in the shadows of depression most of the time — even he (or she) is precious in the eyes of God, perhaps more precious than anyone can suspect.

Samuel stands for all the little, forgotten people. Just a boy, with no high illusions about himself, a servant and apprentice to the old man Eli; he slept at night in a little room like an altar-boys' sacristy, at the religious shrine of Israel. Suddenly, in the middle of the night, he heard God calling him by name; eventually Samuel recognizes that the call is from God, and not just from the priest, so he submits himself heart and soul to listen to God's word. Only then did Samuel discover his own potential, his new identity, the role he was to fulfil in life.

Some of us may feel a strong, but quite false, sense of our own identity. Our self-understanding derives too exclusively from our own achievements, failures, efforts and ambitions; God's plan for us hardly enters the picture at all or we dismiss it as too uncertain, too "spiritual" and remote from daily life. Biblical faith, on the contrary, insists that God calls us into relationship with himself on a day to day basis, always offering us life, and always making demands on us to live our life worthily in his sight. Called by name. For Christians, specifically, it is relationship with Christ our Lord that lies at the heart of our identity. Not only are we called by name to friendship with Jesus — we become "members of his body," sharers in his spirit. Sometimes, in prayer we can taste the rich privilege of belonging to Christ. More often, it is in the darkness of faith that we simply believe in it. But always, and in ordinary details of behaviour, we are called to live up to the standard of love and truth set by the Spirit of Jesus. That is our real Christian vocation; and only by trying to live that vocation are we worthy of our name.

Later, we all hope, we will discover our full identity in God's presence, when this life is over and he calls us by name into the next life. Like the two apostles who wanted to know Christ better, we will be invited to "Come and see"