

Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 3rd December 2023
1st Sunday of Advent



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	

Friday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception: A Holyday of Obligation:

Week Masses:

<i>St. Patrick's Church: Aughaclay:</i>	Thursday at 6pm and Friday at 11:30am
<i>Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head:</i>	Monday at 10am, Thursday at 8pm and Friday 12noon
<i>St. Mary's Church Lagg:</i>	Wednesday 9:30am and Friday 9am
<i>Connolly Foundation Oratory:</i>	Friday at 10am



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.
Month's Mind: Sarahjo Colhoun on Saturday 16th December at 6pm 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.

	<i>Aughaclay</i>	<i>Malin Head</i>	<i>Lagg</i>
<i>Parish</i>	560	195	355
<i>Restoration</i>	560	190	350

Parish Fund	€1110
Restoration Fund	€1100

Vocation: Mass and Vigil of Prayer for Vocations in St. Patrick's Church, Dungiven on Friday 8th December at 8 – 9:30pm. May be viewed on the parish webcam. St. Paul says, "I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers..." We pray for the future priests / preachers of our diocese, that the Holy Spirit will inspire and guide their words.

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Collection on next weekend 9th & 10th December.

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.

Malin's Second Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony: The event will be held on Saturday, the 2nd December at 7:30 pm. The lights on Malin Green will be switched on, and the children of Inish Ceol will perform.

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 **4th 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.

Scoil Naomh Mhuire's Admission Policy and the Pupil Enrolment Form for the 2024/2025 school year is available online at www.malinheadns.scoilnet.ie and from the school office. The school will commence accepting applications for admission on 8th January until the 6th February 2024.

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2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 *As we await the return of Christ, the grace of God keeps us steadfast*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to God always for you because of the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him with all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ; who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel: Mark 13:33-37 *We do not know the day or hour when the Master will return, to assess us*

Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Like people at airports

There are various themes to explore as Advent begins. Isaiah calls us to confess our sins and hope for better days. Paul's thanksgiving to God is upbeat about the future. Jesus warns us against complacency, for the end is coming sooner than we expect. We might go mainly with the first and third readings, about being prepared for the day of the Lord.

Advent invites reassessment of where our ways are leading us. This annual reminder that the world as we know it will one day end, sounds more appropriate in the northern Wintry season, when daylight is short and darkness seems to be winning over the light. But the positive side of this is that a new Spring day is dawning over the horizon, when Christ will come again into our lives with power to save us.

Do you ever watch people at airports, waiting for loved ones to arrive from a flight? They often seem excited, eager for the first appearance of the familiar face, ready with the broad smile of greeting to embrace the returning traveller. We too wait for the Lord's coming with eagerness, because we long for his presence. The waiting is important because, during our life's pilgrimage, we are incomplete. As Augustine once said, "You have made us for Yourself, o Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You." At some deep level of our personhood we are in need, a need that only God can fill.

This is a time to open our hearts and invite the Lord to bring us to completion. We begin Advent, yearning for his coming. Today's first reading puts this yearning into an image, that "We have all withered like leaves... blown by the wind." The whirling, withered leaves of autumn are a familiar scene these past few weeks. Isaiah proposes the dead leaves as symbols of all that is dried up and withered in our lives. But he also calls us to look for a better day. God is still in charge of creation, and our personal lives are under his loving care. We pray this Advent, "Come, Lord Jesus," and make our own the words of the psalm, "Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has chosen." It is a central plank of our faith that the Lord never abandons His people.

Back to the people at airports waiting for loved ones to arrive. It is an alert, active waiting – keeping an eye on the time. In today's gospel Jesus says, "Be on your guard, stay awake." He wants us to focus on our task here and now. We are to grow more mature in our relationship with others and with him, paying attention to prayer, and living with his message in our hearts. That's what waiting for him should be like. And while we wait, we can enjoy his gifts, as promised, for as Paul assures us: "You will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ."