

**Parish of Malin (Clonca)      Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024**  
**3<sup>rd</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



**Weekday Mass:**

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

**Months Mind Mass:** John David Mc Laughlin, Portaleen, on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.  
**Months Mind Mass:** Margaret Lockwood, Portronan on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.  
**Months Mind Mass:** James Doherty (Sean), Ballysalla, Glengad, on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.  
**Month's Mind Mass:** Sadie McCullagh, Malin Town, on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 9am in St Mary's Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Francis Coffey, Carnmalin on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Ellen and Paddy Kelly, Glentoskert, on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30am in St Patrick's Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** David, John, Sister Mary Teresa McGilloway, Lougherbraghy, on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 9am in St. Mary's Church.  
**Month's Mind Mass:** Margaret Doherty, (Paddymor) on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 12noon in Star of the Sea Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Frank Hasson on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 9am in St. Mary's Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** John Mc Laughlin, Greencastle and Ballylannon on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February at 10: 30am in St. Patrick's Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Owen Mc Cullagh, Malin Town, on Easter Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> March at 9am in St Mary's Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Philomena Mc Callion, Francistown on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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>	745	200	265
<i>Restoration</i>	740	205	260

<b>Parish Fund</b>	<b>€1210</b>
<b>Restoration Fund</b>	<b>€1205</b>

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

**Visitation of the Sick: Fr Devlin will visit the sick on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January afternoon.**

**Vocation:** We pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood in our own diocese, for all those who, like Simon and Andrew, hear Jesus say, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men and women."

**Catholic Schools Week 2024**

As part of Catholic schools week Mass will be broadcast on the RTÉ news channel on Monday morning at 10:30 am on 22nd January from Ardfinnan Co Tipperary and will have students from Ardfinnan National School. RTÉ news channel can be found on the RTÉ player and online. Students, teachers, staff and parents are welcome to join us as we begin Catholic schools week across the country.

**Accord Inishowen Face-to-Face Pre - Marriage Course for 2024:** 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.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> January until the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

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

**The Priory Institute** provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before February 14<sup>th</sup>. Find out more on our website, [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com).

**Good as New Shop** opening Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, beside Neil J. Doherty Auctioneers, Pound Street, Carndonagh in aid of Ard Aoibhinn, Alzheimer's Unit Carndonagh & Irish Guide Dogs. Open Monday to Saturday from 10am - 5pm For 4 weeks. Donations welcome.

**Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> February. Telephone number 028 71260293, email [derrypilgrim@outlook.com](mailto: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 30<sup>th</sup> July to 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org) 00 44 2871264087.

**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.

**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](mailto:casey.schell@trocaire.org).

**MALIN GAA** On Sat January 27th we host our Annual Presentation Dinner Dance in The Ballyliffen Lodge. On the night we'll be celebrating the 25th anniversary of our Junior Championship win. Music on the night will be supplied by the ever popular and lively "Legacy" Tickets are available from any committee member and generously priced at just €30.

**21 Jan 24 – 3rd Sunday (2) 1 Corinthians 7:25-31 *Paul proposes a level of detachment from the dear, familiar things***  
Now concerning the unmarried, I have no command of the Lord, but I give my opinion as one who by the Lord's mercy is trustworthy. I think that in view of the present distress it is well for a person to remain as he is. Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be free. Are you free from a wife? Do not seek marriage. But if you marry, you do not sin, and if a girl marries she does not sin. Yet those who marry will have worldly troubles, and I would spare you that. I mean, brethren, the appointed time has grown very short; from now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the form of this world is passing away.

**Gospel: Mark 1:14-20 *"Repent, and believe in the good news."***

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him.

As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

### **Depending on God**

"Living with their heads in the clouds" is no compliment to anyone living in this world of ours. How realistic is Paul's advice, to live as though the ordinary events and concerns of life did not matter? As if business, planning, bereavements, possessions and the rest were of no fundamental importance? Well, first of all he does not mean that people should withdraw from all these things, or neglect the practical life.. What he does mean is that we should get our priorities right, and get a proper balanced view of things, so that what is of lasting importance can play its part too — namely, the question of our eternal destiny, and how we stand in the sight of God.

Under the influence of a brush with death — a near escape, or a recent bereavement — we come to realize how trivial are the usual concerns that engross us, when compared to the abiding mystery of life and death. Does it have a purpose? Is our life going anywhere, or is it simply an absurd farce, poised between comedy and tragedy? There are three common reactions to this mystery of life and death:

First: You can't take it with you — so spend it while you can. When you're dead you're dead and that's it! So make the most of these short years, enjoy them to the utmost, and then submit to the universal annihilation that awaits us all

Second: A hope that there may be life beyond the grave, but one which seems so shadowy and insubstantial that there's little point in thinking about it. Still, it's a worry. Perhaps there will be a punishing judgement for wrongs done in this life, which we managed to get away with

Third: The conviction that God holds each human life securely in his hand, so that death is just a passing-over into his direct presence. In the biblical view, we should not worry about death, nor about anything. in life so much as to turn to God, and obey his word. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his glory" says Jesus. If we can make the right primary decision, if our first desire is to fit in with God's plan for us, then everything else will fall into place; life and work, marriage, successes and failures, sickness and even death itself.

All of us, no matter how long we have been living in the faith, need to reawaken this attitude of trust. We need conversion, no, less than the people of Nineveh, or the people of Galilee. Repent, and believe, says Jesus today, to each one here. Believe that God is my father and your father; believe that he is near at hand, and that he is merciful; realize that God's will for you is that you be saved — and that includes the need to live by his Gospel. "Repent" — yes, the challenge is as fresh today as when our Lord first spoke it. As though we were hearing of the kingdom of God for the first time, and making our first act of total trust and total submission to God's love.

Taking Jesus at his word, being converted to genuine faith in God the Father, does not mean living with our head in the clouds. Genuine Christian devotion certainly fixes our ambition away above the passing things of life, but also keeps us aware of everyday duties towards other people. Hearing the Gospel, welcoming and following it, keeps a person with feet well grounded in reality, more keenly involved than ever in carrying out the tasks that have to be done here and now, because now is the day of salvation; now is the time, given us by God to pay him our thanksgiving through service.