

**Parish of Malin (Clonca)      Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

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		<b>Facebook: Malin Parish</b>



**Weekday Mass:**  
*St. Patrick's Church: Aughaclay:* 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

**Stations of the Cross:** Star of the Sea Church on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

**St. Patrick's Day Mass** will be celebrated in Irish on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March in St. Patrick's Church at 10:30am.

**Anniversary Mass:** Tommy & Sadie Gallagher, Magherard on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 9am in St. Mary's Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Neil Mc Laughlin, Kilourt/Wales on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm in Star of the Sea Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Ellen Nora Doherty, Bree on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Maryanne & Rodger Doherty, Lower Braghey on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Bridie Mc Geoghegan, Crackna on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.  
**First Anniversary Mass:** Patrick Mc Laughlin, Lower Braghey on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 9am in St. Mary's Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Owen Mc Cullagh, Malin Town, on Easter Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> March at 9am in St. Mary's Church.  
**First Anniversary Mass:** Kathleen Doherty, Carnmalin on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Mary Mc Laughlin, Ballyheeneey on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Philomena Mc Callion, Francistown on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 9am in St. Mary's Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Gerard Doherty (Unkey), Middletown on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Isabella Mc Laughlin, Lower Braghey on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 9am in St. Mary's Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Noel Doherty and family (Donal Mor ), Shantla on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 6pm in St Patrick's Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Pat McDaid, Templemoyle Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm St. Patrick's Church.

**Parish Collections for Last Week: Thank You.**

	<i>Aughaclay</i>	<i>Malin Head</i>	<i>Lagg</i>
<i>Parish</i>	535	195	205
<i>Restoration</i>	530	195	205

<b>Parish Fund</b>	<b>€935</b>
<b>Restoration Fund</b>	<b>€930</b>

**Parish Draw: February Winners:**

	<b>€200</b>	<b>€100</b>	<b>€50</b>
<b>4/2</b>	294 Bernie McLaughlin	209 Mary Mc Gonagle	158 Eugan Doherty
<b>11/2</b>	381 Vincent Treanor	392 Brid O'Neil	314 Eilish Mc Laughlin (H)
<b>18/2</b>	421 Bridget Mooney	394 Anna Harkin	140 Mary & Danny Mc Daid
<b>25/2</b>	227 Joseph Gallagher	148 Eddie Houton	436 Brendan Mc Kinley

**Fr. Logue** will visit the sick of Malin Head on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and the rest of the Parish on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, beginning 12noon. (Any Funeral will change the times).

**Our Continuous Prayer for Marriage and Family Life** theme for this month on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March is All Mothers. This is linked with the fact that we have Mothers' Day on Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. This is a very important topic for all kinds of reasons, the main one of which is that all mothers are so very important and special to us personally and for our family life. It is even more important this year because of the two referendums that are taking place (Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>) in which the effort is being made to remove the word mother from the Constitution. What a travesty this will be if it is passed by voters. We need a lot of prayer to help us through this time.

**Temporary Suspension of Star of the Sea 12noon Mass.** There will no longer be a 12noon Mass in Star of the Sea Church. The other Four Masses remain at the normal times.

**Weddings for 2024:** Those couples who have booked weddings in Malin Parish are asked to contact Fr. Logue, 074 9370134, to ensure the necessary Church and State paperwork is prepared in adequate time.

**The Parish Draw begins again in April.** Promoters are asked to get the new Draw cards which are now available from Teish Crua, 0861683842 and from Martin Fildara 0868606890.

**Trocaire Boxes are available in all the churches.** The giving of alms, (charity) is an important part of our Lenten journey.

**Christenings:** Christenings will not take place as frequently as before, from now on, they will be held on specific dates. The next scheduled Christenings will take place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March in Star of the Sea Church at 2pm and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April in St. Patrick's Church at 2pm. Please contact Fr Logue, 07493 70134 in advance of Christenings.

**Vocation:** We pray God's blessing on all those involved in a Vocations Retreat in Larne this weekend, for Fr Ryan Connors who is leading the retreat, for the Vocations Directors of the northern dioceses who helped organise it, and for the 28 men taking part in it, including 12 from our own diocese.

**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.

**Meeting in the Carmelite Retreat Centre,** Termonbaca, Derry every Sunday at 3pm, for adult children of alcoholic and dysfunctional families. This is an anonymous programme for those 18 years and over who grew up in an alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional homes.

**Glengad Community Centre:** *Active Retirement Group* every Friday 12 – 2pm. *Irish Language Conversation Group* every Wednesday at 8pm. See Glengad Centre Facebook Page for all activities and courses.

**Marriage Encounter Ireland** invite married couples to their next Marriage Enrichment Weekend in the Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co Kildare, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April. Register online [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie).

**Derry Diocesan Youth Synod Gathering:** Lizzie and Niamh of the Diocese of Derry Youth Team are inviting all young people or those who work with young people in parishes and schools in the diocese to an evening of sharing faith along with Tea, Chat and Prayer. This event will be held in the Cathedral hall, in the grounds of Saint Eugene's Cathedral, Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March, 6:30 - 8pm and in Maghera Pastoral Centre, Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 6:30-8pm. If you would like to register for any of these events, please email Lizzie on [lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org](mailto:lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org) or phone 02871264087.

### **Gospel: John 3:14-21 God sent his only Son, not to condemn but to save us**

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but so that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

### **Love Lifted Up**

Have you noticed the types of phrases we use when describing something wonderful? I catch myself saying things like being ‘over the moon’ or ‘on cloud-nine.’ A friend talks about being in the ‘seventh heaven!’ Now, that admission may say a lot both of us, but I can’t help thinking that our deepest experiences are those that have a power to lift us up. Such experiences take us out of ourselves. They uplift us and we perceive things differently.

Jesus is always inviting us to see things differently. When Nicodemus sought out Jesus, he was in the dark ” both really and symbolically. He couldn’t see clearly. In the years that followed this late night conversation, Nicodemus became a follower of Jesus and, step by step, was drawn to see things differently. At last he finally did see. When at the end, Jesus was really and truly lifted up, Nicodemus was not too far away.

When we meditate on the crucifix and participate in the Eucharist we also see Jesus lifted up. Perhaps today as I lift my eyes to see him, I might ponder on the mystery of suffering and exaltation and wonder at the love that is lifted up and draws us ever closer, uplifting us as well. (Kathryn Williams)

### **God’s Work of Art**

A grimy painting hung for decades in the dining room of a Jesuit house in Dublin. Nobody paid it much attention until a visitor, an art expert, recognized it as a work of great value. Under close investigation, it turned out to be the work of the great Roman painter, Caravaggio. His painting of the arrest of Jesus now hangs in our National Art Gallery, and is one of the Gallery’s great treasures. All those years when it hung in the dining room, it was no less a masterpiece, but its real value went unrecognized. In today’s reading Paul says that “we are God’s work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life.” Like that Caravaggio painting, our worth can go unnoticed even to ourselves. We hardly think of ourselves as works of art; yet God sees us as works of art, in progress. Like the person who spotted the painting’s value, God knows our true worth, and through the inspired words of Isaiah says, “You are precious in my sight, and I love you.” If we know ourselves as precious in God’s sight, it gives foundation to our hope. We can think of others as works of art too, in this way. These are people whom we value, whom we treasure, whose worth to us is beyond price. When someone is precious to us, we don’t treat them as customers or clients. We will do anything we can for them. We will travel a distance to see them; we will stay up half the night with them if they are ill; we will defend and protect them as best we can. We keep faithful to them, even at cost to ourselves. We value them, simply, for who they are. Our experience of loving others gives us a glimpse of how the Lord relates to us. God loves us in a way that does not count the cost. The gospel says it wonderfully: “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.” Or as Paul puts it, “God so loved us that he was generous with his mercy.” We are so valued that God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to save us all. So it is not surprising that the cross became Christianity’s dominant symbol. It is not that we glorify suffering, but that we recognize in the cross just how far God is prepared to go for love of us.