

Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 17th March 2024
St. Patrick, Bishop

Fr. Peter Devlin P.P. Fr. Charley Logue C.C. Mass Times
Malin Malin Head *St. Patrick's* - Saturday 6pm Sunday 10:30am
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Weekday Mass:

St. Patrick's Church: Aughaclay: Friday at 7:30pm
Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head: Tuesday at 7:30pm
St. Mary's Church Lagg: Wednesday at 9:30am
Connolly Foundation Oratory: Friday at 10am

St. Patrick's Day Mass will be celebrated in Irish on today Sunday 17th March in St. Patrick's Church at 10:30am.
No Stations of the Cross on Sunday, St Patrick's Day

Blessing of Palms at all Masses next week on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th March.

Meditation on the Passion and Penitential Service on Sunday 24th March at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.
Fr Devlin is very grateful to Parishioners for their continuing prayers and support at this time.

Anniversary Mass: Ellen Nora Doherty, Bree on Saturday 16th March at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
Anniversary Mass: Maryanne & Rodger Doherty, Lower Braghey on Saturday 16th March at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
Anniversary Mass: Bridie Mc Geoghegan, Crackna on Saturday 23rd March at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.
Months Mind Mass: Bernard Francis Doherty, Slievebawn on Saturday 23rd March at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
First Anniversary Mass: Patrick Mc Laughlin, Lower Braghey on Sunday 24th March at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Owen Mc Cullagh, Malin Town, on Easter Sunday, 31st March at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
First Anniversary Mass: Kathleen Doherty, Carnmalin on Saturday 6th April at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
Anniversary Mass: Mary Mc Laughlin, Ballyheeneey on Saturday 6th April at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
Months Mind Mass: Bridie Hasson, Lower Braghey on Sunday 7th April at 9am in Star of the Sea Church.
Anniversary Mass: Philomena Mc Callion, Francistown on Sunday 14th April at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Gerard Doherty (Unkey), Middletown on Saturday 13th April at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
First Anniversary Mass: John O'Doherty, Carnmalin on Saturday 4th May at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
Anniversary Mass: Isabella Mc Laughlin, Lower Braghey on Sunday 5th May at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Noel Doherty and family (Donal Mor), Shantla on Saturday 1st June at 6pm in St Patrick's Church.
First Anniversary Mass: Pat McDaid, Templemoyle on Saturday 20th July at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.

Parish Collections for Last Week: Thank You.

	<i>Aughaclay</i>	<i>Malin Head</i>	<i>Lagg</i>
<i>Parish</i>	540	190	295
<i>Restoration</i>	535	195	295

Parish Fund	€1025
Restoration Fund	€1025

Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig Oraibh!

Our Continuous Prayer for Marriage and Family Life theme for this month on Wednesday 20th of March is All Mothers.. 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.

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.

Confirmation: Service of Light for all Confirmation Candidates in St. Patrick's Church on Sunday 21st April at 10:30am, followed by the Confirmation practice. The Confirmation will take place in St. Patrick's Church on Sat 27th April at 12 noon.

The Parish Draw begins again in April. Promoters are asked to bring the returns to the Parochial House Drumcarbit on Monday 25th March at 8pm. Anyone who wishes to join the parish draw can put their details and subscription in an envelope into the Parochial House Drumcarbit.

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 next Sunday 24th March in Star of the Sea Church at 2pm and Sunday 7th April in St. Patrick's Church at 2pm. Please contact Fr. Logue, 07493 70134 in advance of Christenings.

Vocation: The gospel for St. Patrick's Day challenges the future priests of our diocese to die to themselves and their own desires and ambitions; to give up their "life in this world" for the sake of the Kingdom; to love and follow Jesus; to stay close to the Lord, standing with Him wherever He is, particularly in His closeness to, and love for, the poor, the needy, the oppressed, and the most vulnerable. We pray for those already answering that call, and for those who will serve the people of this diocese as priests for many years to come.

Liam Collins Funeral Directors Limited: Liam & Mary wish to inform the public that as off the 1st March 2024 we have ceased trading, as Liam Collins Funeral Directors Limited. The business has been purchased by Eamonn and Erica Mc Laughlin of Eamonn Mc Laughlin Funeral Director and Embalmer Limited, we wish them every success in the future, we thank you all for your support and kindness over the years. Regards Liam & Mary.

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.

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.

Glengad Community Centre: *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 26th – Sunday 28th April. Register online. www.marriageencounter.ie.

Gospel: John 12:20-30 By losing their life, the followers of Jesus will find it in a new way

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say?” “Father, save me from this hour?” No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.”

For Others' Sake

Martin Luther King once wrote about a time when he knelt in prayer in the kitchen of his home in Alabama. Stones had been thrown through the window because of his call for civil rights for black people. His wife and children were in danger. He was already a respected academic and a promising career lay ahead. In prayer he found himself asking if it was right to put himself and them in danger? It was in that moment he decided to put the will of God and the welfare of his people before his own security and that of his family. He chose to serve God by working for those who were most oppressed. In a sense, he chose to die so that others could more fully live. It was a striking echo of what Jesus says in the gospel reading, that the grain of wheat must fall into the ground to yield a rich harvest.

Jesus himself was the supreme expression of this principle. He is the grain of wheat that falls to the ground and dies, and in dying yields a harvest of life. He describes that harvest in prophetic words: “When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself.”

If God worked powerfully through the life of Jesus, He worked even more powerfully through the death of Jesus, a death that reveals the power of God’s love, even more fully than his life of healing and ministry, for the amazing love revealed in his death on the cross drew people to God, and continues to do so. Over the centuries, millions of people, by looking upon the crucifix, have experienced God’s personal love and compassion and found themselves drawn to God in return. In accepting the loss of so much that was dear to him, in particular, his vibrant life and warm companionship with others, Jesus drew people of all nations to himself and, thereby, to sharing in God’s life.

It was when some Greeks (i.e. foreigners) came to hear him speak that Jesus made this declaration; and then he asked: “What shall I say? Save me from this hour. No, it was for this reason I have come to this hour.” In these lovely spring days we may find ourselves sowing some seeds in the garden. The seed that dies in order to yield a new form of life is as familiar to us today as it was in the day of Jesus. This phenomenon of nature can speak to our own experience as much as it did to the experience of Jesus. Each of us in different ways has to accept some significant loss if we are to remain true to our deepest and best self, true to what God is asking of us.

Then there are other losses in life that we do not choose, but that are forced upon us. These are losses we have no choice but to accept. We may have to accept the loss of people we love and care about because of choices they make themselves. Parents may not wish to see a son or daughter go far away to live and work, but they accept this necessary loss out of respect for the one they love. In accepting the losses that life imposes, in letting go of those we love, we often find something fuller and richer, just as Jesus’ disciples received him again in a new and fuller way through his resurrection from the dead and the sending of the Spirit.

At the end, for each of us, there is the final, unavoidable struggle to let go of our very life, with all the loss that is entailed in that. As we face of all these inevitable losses that are integral to life, we are strengthened by the words of Jesus in today’s gospel, “When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself.” We trust and believe that, at the end of the day, after we have struggled through all our losses, the Lord will draw us to himself, and, when that happens, we will lack nothing.