

**Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024**  
**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**

**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  
**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:*                      Monday at 7:30pm with Confessions 6.30 -7.25pm  
*Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head:*                      Tuesday at 7:30pm with Confessions 6:30 – 7:25pm  
*St. Mary's Church Lagg:*                              Wednesday at 9:30am

**Blessing of Palms at all Masses** his weekend on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

**Meditation on the Passion and Penitential Service** on today Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.

**Holy Thursday:** Mass of The Lord's Supper: *St. Patrick's Church* at 7:30pm. *Star of the Sea Church* at 7:30pm followed by Adoration until 8:30pm ending with Night Prayer and Rosary.

**Good Friday:** Morning Prayer of the Church and Rosary in *Star of the Sea Church* at 10am.  
 Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm in both *St. Patrick's Church* and in *Star of the Sea Church*.

**Holy Saturday:** Easter Vigil at 7:30pm in *St. Patrick's Church* and at 8pm in *Star of the Sea Church*. Please bring candles.

**Easter Sunday:** Masses as Usual.

**Divine Mercy Novena** begins on Good Friday and ends with Devotions on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm.

**Fr. Devlin is very grateful to Parishioners for their continuing prayers and support at this time.**

- Anniversary Mass:** Bridie Mc Geoghegan, Crackna on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.
- Months Mind Mass:** Bernard Francis Doherty, Slievebawn on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 8pm in Star of the Sea 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, Ballyheeney on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
- Months Mind Mass:** Bridie Hasson, Lower Braghey on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 9am 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.
- First Anniversary Mass:** John O'Doherty, Carnmalin on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 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.
- First Anniversary Mass:** Pat McDaid, Templemoyle on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 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>	605	210	310
<i>Restoration</i>	600	210	315

<b>Parish Fund</b>	<b>€1125</b>
<b>Restoration Fund</b>	<b>€1125</b>
<b>St. Patrick's Day</b>	<b>€ 150</b>

**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 21<sup>st</sup> April at 10:30am, followed by the Confirmation practice. The Confirmation will take place in St. Patrick's Church on Sat 27<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 today 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:** For our seminarians and those who are considering priesthood, that in their ministry they will do all they can to ensure that, in the words of St Paul, "...every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

**Accord Inishowen Face to Face Pre - Marriage Course:** Wednesday Evenings x 3: April 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> or May 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> from 7-10pm. Weekend: May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, Friday 7pm - 10pm Saturday 10am - 4pm. Book online [Accord.ie](http://Accord.ie), e-mail [inishowen@accord.ie](mailto:inishowen@accord.ie) or leave your name and number on 074 93 74103.

**Healing our Wounds Weekend Workshop at Ards Friary,** 12<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> April. This workshop offers a way to transform our wounds. It will include input, time for personal reflection, opportunities for sharing and some social time. Cost €220, includes retreat, accommodation and all meals. Limited to 12 people. To make a booking contact Ards on 00353 74 9138909 or by email [info@ardsfriary.ie](mailto:info@ardsfriary.ie)

**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).

**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 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.

**Lough Derg Retreat For Young Adults (18 – 30-year olds):** The Knights of Columbanus, Omagh, is organising a Retreat in Lough Derg for young adults, to take place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April from 10am – 4pm. Guest Speakers, inspirational talks, reflective time and concluding with Mass. This event is *Free of Charge*. For further information email [info@knightsofstcolumbansomagh.co.uk](mailto:info@knightsofstcolumbansomagh.co.uk).

**Gospel: Mark 14:1–15:47 Mark’s dark and stark Passion Narrative**

### **It was our sorrows he bore**

“He was oppressed and was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth. Like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth” (Is 53:7). For the followers of Christ, this Isaiah text evokes a response deep down within us, seeing how they apply to God’s only beloved Son, and how he died for all of us. In the words of St Peter, “without having seen him you have come to believe in him, and so you are filled already with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described” (1 Pet 1:8). Without this sincere love of Christ, we are no true followers of his. We cannot say we fully love him, until we appreciate what he suffered for us.

Today, having heard the Passion narrative there is no real necessity to retrace in great detail the events there described. But it is well to bear in mind that Christ was no stranger to hardship, privation and suffering, long before that final day of his life. “Being in the form of God,” as St Paul says, from the moment he came on earth, Jesus emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, becoming as human beings are (Phil 2:6f). He, the most high God, suffered the hardships of the poor, at times not even having a place to lay his head. He endured hunger and thirst, and after long days surrounded by crowds seeking a cure, he often spent whole nights at prayer in the hills. Despite his compassion for all who came to him, he met with hatred and rejection, in particular from Pharisees and priests, who planned to have him killed. How this rejection and hatred must have grieved him. King Lear knew “How sharper than a serpent’s tooth it is, to have a thankless child;” and how must Jesus have felt at being rejected by the people he had chosen, above all others.

So terrible was the inner struggle of Jesus as he faced his death, that in the garden his sweat became like drops of blood falling to the ground. Another bitter pill was the knowledge that one of his own circle of twelve would betray him, that most of the others would leave him, and that even the loyal St Peter would repeatedly swear he had never met him. But most terrible of all was his feeling of being abandoned by God, his inner spirit shrouded in a darkness that reflected the murky darkness that enveloped Calvary as the end drew near. “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

The features of that face so cruelly disfigured were those of the Son of God. The forehead streaming with blood, the hands and feet nailed to the Cross, the body lacerated with scourges, the side pierced with a lance, these were the forehead, the hands and feet, the sacred body, the side of the eternal Word, made visible in Jesus. Why such suffering? We can only say with Isaiah, “It was for our transgressions he was smitten, for our sins he was brought low. On him lay the punishment that brings us healing, through his wounds we are made whole” (53:5ff). God, our Father, grant that your Son’s suffering for us may not be in vain.

### **Looking on from a distance**

There is great hostility in the story we have just heard, all of it directed against Jesus. There is the hostility of the chief priests, of the Roman soldiers, of those who passed by and jeered as he hung from the cross. Alongside the hostility of those who rejected Jesus, there is the failure of those who had been closest to him. His disciples all deserted him and fled; Judas betrayed him and Peter denied him publicly. Yet, there were a few people who responded to Jesus in that dark hour faithfully and nobly. There was the anonymous woman who in an extravagant gesture of love and respect anointed the head of Jesus. Then there was the Roman centurion, who looked on as Jesus died and exclaimed, ‘this man was son of God’. Joseph of Arimathea took the bold step of going to Pilate to ensure Jesus had a dignified burial. The women disciples who looked on from a distance noted where Jesus was buried and went away to prepare spices to anoint his body at the earliest opportunity. All of these people men and women saw Jesus with eyes of faith and love.

The story we have just heard invites us to identify with those who saw Jesus with the eyes of faith and love, who recognized the light of God in the darkness of Jesus’ passion and death. When we look upon the passion and death of Jesus with such eyes, we see a divine love that is stronger than sin, a divine light that shines in all our darknesses, a divine power that brings new life out of all our deaths, a divine poverty that enriches us at the deepest level of our being. We have heard the story of Jesus’ last journey told in the space of ten minutes. This Holy Week, the church invites us to travel that journey at a much slower pace, day by day as it were. We are invited to enter into that journey with the eyes of the anointing woman, the centurion, Joseph of Arimathea and the group of faithful women. We look beneath the surface of what is happening, we listen deeply to all that is taking place, so as to recognize the good Shepherd who laid down his life for us all, so that we might have life and have it to the full.