

Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 31st March 2024
Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection

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Mass Times
St. Patrick's - Saturday 6pm Sunday 10:30am
Star of the Sea Church - Saturday 8pm
St. Mary's Church - Sunday 9am



Weekday Mass:

Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head: Friday at 7:30pm

Divine Mercy Novena continues this week and ends with Devotions on Sunday 7th April at 3pm in Star of the Sea Church.

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

- 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.
- First Anniversary Mass:** Bernadette Mc Daid, Seaview Terrace, Glengad on Sunday 19th 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.
- Anniversary Mass:** Eileen Mc Carron, Templemoyle, Culdaff on Saturday 8th 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.
- Anniversary Mass:** Molly O'Connor, Packie Toner, Maurice O'Connor, on Sunday 4th August at 9am in St Mary's Church.

Parish Collections for Last Week: Thank You.

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Parish	525	240	265
Restoration	520	240	270

Parish Fund	€1030
Restoration Fund	€1030
St. Patrick's Day	€ 65

Parish Draw: March Winners:

	€200	€100	€50
3/3	234 Mary Doherty (Billy)	360 Mary Hannigain	169 Evelyn 'O' Doherty
10/3	176 John & Marie Bonner	241 Mary T Mc Gonagle	330 Chainse Mc Elhinney
17/3	262 Davie & Marjorie Mc Dermott	142 Lena Houton	160 Catherine Hegarty
24/3	365 Seamus Mc Laughlin (M)	153 John Doherty	310 Joe Mc Laughlin (H)
31/3	421 Bridget Mooney	311 Mary Mc Laughlin (B)	181 John Mc Laughlin

May the joy of Easter fill your heart with renewed faith and hope. Happy Easter!

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. Anyone who wishes to join the parish draw can put their details and subscription in an envelope into the Parochial House Drumcarbit. Year subscription 70 euros or 35 for 6 months.

Trocaire Boxes: Please return the Trocaire boxes to the churches.

Christenings: The next scheduled Christenings will take place as follows, Sunday 7th April in St. Patrick's Church, Saturday 4th May in the St. Mary's Church and Sunday 2nd June in St. Patrick's Church at 2pm. Please ring 074 93 70134 or 086 168 3842 in advance to book a Christening.

Divine Mercy Conference: Saturday 6th April, Knock Shrine, 11am – 4pm, with Fr. Pat Collins CM and Fr. Isaac John MSFS: St. John's Centre, Knock Shrine.

Vocation: May the Spirit of the Risen Christ bless and guide our seminarians and those discerning a call to serve the people and parishes of this diocese as priests, and move the hearts of many more men to consider a priestly vocation.

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

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.

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 27th April from 10am – 4pm. Guest Speakers, inspirational talks, reflective time and concluding with Mass. This event is *Free of Charge*. Email info@knightsofstcolumbansomagh.co.uk.

Gospel: John 20:1-9 The empty tomb seen by Peter and the Beloved Disciple is a sign of the resurrection of Jesus

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

New life, with Jesus

The Easter story begins very early in the morning of the first day of the week while it is still dark. As an old man, John would later write that ‘the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining’. But he links this strictly to one condition: ‘Whoever loves his brothers and sisters,’ John says, ‘lives in the light.’ On the other hand, ‘whoever prefers to hate... is still in the darkness.’ (1 Jn 2:8-11).

On Friday, as we remembered the sufferings and death of the most marvellous human being the world has ever known, we came face to face with the dark side of human nature, the darkness that led the enemies of Jesus to torture, humiliate, and finally murder him on a cross. On that black day in Jerusalem, the capacity of human beings to hate, hurt and harm one another went completely out of control. It’s no wonder, then, that ‘darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon’, that ‘the sun’s light failed’, and that ‘the curtain of the temple was torn in two’ (Lk 23:24).

Between light and darkness, between good and evil, one mighty struggle is still going on. It’s going on in the physical cosmos, in human societies, and within our own personalities. Although the darkness often appears to be stronger than the light, it has not yet triumphed. The light is remarkably resilient. Often in danger of being extinguished, it manages to survive, and even to win many victories. The words of Mahatma Gandhi, the father of modern India, still ring as true as when he spoke them seventy years ago: ‘When I despair I remember that all through history the way of truth and love has always won. There have been tyrants and murderers, and for a time they can seem invincible, but, in the end, they always fall.’ The words of the Easter Vigil liturgy express the same truth in an equally appealing way: ‘The power of this holy [Easter] night,’ it proclaims, ‘dispels all evil, washes guilt away, restores lost innocence, brings mourners joy. It casts out hatred, brings us peace, and humbles earthly pride.’ Our celebration of Easter reminds us that the darkness of evil and hatred will never have the last say. For the resurrection of Jesus proclaims the ultimate triumph of light over darkness and goodness over evil, both in us and in our world.

Jesus was buried at sunset, as darkness was once again creeping over the earth, to all appearances a victim and a failure. But on the third day afterwards the sun came up on him victorious and triumphant, alive, powerful and influential. Once again, ‘the true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world’ (Jn 1:9)

So we celebrate his resurrection today by rising from darkness and death ourselves. The Risen Lord himself, represented here by this beautiful Easter candle burning in our midst, is asking us to leave behind the works of darkness, to renounce and reject anything and everything in our lives which is dark, sinister and evil, and as persons connected to him by baptism, to ‘walk always as children of the light’, following in his footsteps.

So we are now invited to renew our baptismal promises. Reject darkness, evil and sin in every shape and form. And promise to follow Jesus Christ from now on, in a life of light, goodness and love, a life shaped by his own powerful example, a life supported and guided by the Holy Spirit, whom he first gave us at baptism and whom he gives us again right now. So together, dear People of God, let us renew our baptismal promises, and renew them as loudly and enthusiastically as we can.