

Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 3rd March 2024
3rd Sunday of Lent

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Weekday Mass:

<i>St. Patrick's Church: Aughaclay:</i>	Tuesday at 7:30pm
<i>Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head:</i>	Monday at 10am and Friday at 7:30pm
<i>St. Mary's Church Lagg:</i>	Wednesday at 9.30am
<i>Connolly Foundation Oratory:</i>	Friday at 10am

Stations of the Cross: St. Patrick's Church on Sunday 3rd at 6pm

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

- Anniversary Mass:** Tommy & Sadie Gallagher, Magherard on Sunday 10th March at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
- Anniversary Mass:** Neil Mc Laughlin, Kilourt/Wales on Friday 15th March at 7:30pm in Star of the Sea Church.
- 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.
- 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:** 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.
- Anniversary Mass:** Isabella Mc Laughlin, Lower Braghey on Sunday 5th May 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>	530	250	235
<i>Restoration</i>	530	245	235

Parish Fund	€1015
Restoration Fund	€1010

Our Continuous Prayer for Marriage and Family Life theme for this month on the 20th of March is All Mothers. This is linked with the fact that we have Mothers' Day on Sunday, March 10th. 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 8th) 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 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: That those being called to serve as priests the people of this diocese may take courage and confidence from the words of St Paul in this weekend's second reading: "God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength." Please pray every day for an increase in vocations, and for those attending next weekend's Vocations Retreat in Larne, that the Lord will bless them in their ongoing discernment of His will for them.

Accord Inishowen Face-to-Face Pre - Marriage Course for 2024: March 8th & 9th. Friday 7 - 10pm and Saturday 10am - 4pm. Book online, contact Accord on 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.

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.

Online Advent Retreat. The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a FREE OF CHARGE Easter Triduum retreat 'Bright Sadness and Solemn Joy: The Easter Triduum'. Visit our website prioryinstitute.com.

Gospel John:13-25 Jesus purifies the Temple of commercial defilement; then proclaims himself the New Temple

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six Years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

Moving House

Psychologists tell us that, apart from the death of a loved one, perhaps the most traumatic experience a person can have is that of moving house. Those of us who have gone through all that is involved in this particular trauma can attest to the truth contained in these words. One of the benefits derived from the exercise, however, is that we get rid of all the junk we have accumulated since our last move. It could perhaps be argued that people's dread of moving is directly proportionate to the amount of stuff they have gathered. The Israelites, having come out of Egypt, had been through the experience, and were inclined to avoid too much clutter. (One of the psalms laughs at the pagans who "carry around their idols made of wood.") Today we find Jesus clearing all the accumulated junk out of the Temple. But what is happening here is not merely the removal of unwanted items; by this symbolic act, Jesus is calling all the peoples of the earth to worship God "in spirit and in truth." True worshippers, he will tell us later in the gospel, are those who worship the Father in spirit and in truth.

Worship is not a word which figures largely in our religious vocabulary today. Like "adoration," it is a particularly God-centred word, ill-suited to be our self-centred age where religiousness is more often expressed in terms of self-actualization. There is a sense in which it is true to say that people today have forgotten how to worship, so that often even our liturgical acts become simply gatherings or experiences. To worship means to acknowledge the transcendence of God, and his claim on us as our creator, and to respond appropriately. Rather than being just a relic of primitive religion, worship is an integral part of the Judeo-Christian religious sense. From deep within our self springs the desire to worship and adore God. Getting in tune with that desire, and expressing it through word and gesture is at the heart of prayer.

In order to worship in spirit and in truth, we must prepare our hearts and minds by being faithful to the covenant relationship (keeping the commandments) and seeking the wisdom of God, which is the wisdom of the cross. We have to let Jesus cleanse us, as he cleansed the Temple, leave our sins behind, and simplify our lives, getting rid of any needless clutter. Then we are able to enter into the new Temple, which is Jesus himself, praying in and through him.

When the side of Jesus was pierced on Calvary, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from the top to the bottom. The place of worship is no longer the Temple in Jerusalem; now, it is through the pierced side of Christ that we have "access to the Father in the one Spirit." So it is that, after the resurrection, Thomas will place his hand in Jesus's side and worship, saying, "My Lord and my God," as today's gospel tells us: "When Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered and believed. If we are to properly worship God, we must leave behind everything that gets in the way, then enter into that secret chamber which is the side of Christ, and there worship the Father in spirit and in truth.