

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Times

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

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**Next Sunday, 2nd February, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, (Candlemas).
Candles will be blessed at all Masses over the weekend.**

Weekday Mass:

St. Patrick's Church:

Tuesday at 7:30pm

Connolly Foundation:

Friday at 10am

Months Mind Mass: Nora Taylor née McLaughlin (Jecky) Ross Head / Wicklow on Saturday 1st February 6pm Mass in St. Patrick's Church.

Anniversary Mass: David McGilloway (Loughrebraghy & London), John McGilloway (Lougherbraghy) and Sr. Briget McGilloway (Lougherbraghy & Convent of Mercy, Newry) on Sunday 9th February at 9am in St. Mary's Church.

First Anniversary Mass: Bernard Francis Doherty, Slieveban, Malin Head on Sunday 16th February at 9am in St. Mary's Church.

Anniversary Mass: John McLaughlin (R), Ballylannon / Greencastle, Sunday 16th February at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church

Anniversary Mass: Daniel Lafferty & Neil Mc Colgan, Bunn on Sunday 23rd February at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.

Anniversary Mass: Frank and Bridie Hasson on Sunday 2nd March at 9am in St. Mary's Church.

First Anniversary Mass: Majella Gibbons on Saturday 29th March at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.

First Anniversary Mass: Joe Curley Magherard on Saturday 5th April at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.

Anniversary Mass: Owen Mc Cullagh, Malin Town on Sunday 6th April at 9am in St. Mary's Church.

Anniversary Mass: Seamus Mc Closkey on Sunday 4th May at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.

Anniversary Mass: Kathleen Mc Laughlin, Dreenagh Road, Malin Head on Sunday 18th May at 9am in St. Mary's Church.

Please e-mail your anniversaries to malinparish@hotmail.com or leave them in the sacristy after mass.

Parish Collection Envelopes for January to July 2025 are in all Churches. Parishioners are asked to use envelopes to help support the Parish.

Parish Collections for Last Week: Thank You.

	<i>Aughaclay</i>	<i>Malin Head</i>	<i>Lagg</i>
<i>Parish</i>	505	190	225
<i>Restoration</i>	505	190	225

Parish Fund	€920
Restoration Fund	€920

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 The child Jesus is recognised and welcomed by Simeon and Anna

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed — and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Simeon and Anna

Mary and Joseph must have pondered the words of Simeon and Anna, wondering what this meant for their child. They, like most new parents, probably had dreams for him but the prophecy of Simeon, and the words of Anna sounded somewhat ominous. Incidentally, the custom of blessing candles today comes from the fact in ancient Rome, the "station" for the Mass today was a church in the ruins of the Forum (Santa Maria in Foro) and, since it was in the middle of winter, it was dark and people needed the candles to find their way among the ruins. The devotion to the young Jesus, the Light of the World, presents him as one who

overcomes the darkness. When new parents bring their precious bundle home from its birthing place, they feel that their child is the most precious baby in the world and they begin imagining all the great things this child will accomplish. As they share their dreams for their child with family and friends, there is always someone ready to throw a wet blanket on their hopes and remind them of the cost of child-rearing, both in financial and energy terms. The visitor would be better advised to say how lucky they are to have this precious bundle. S/he could then add this bit of advice, "Love your child with all your heart and soul. Encourage him/her in whatever interests s/he displays. If you do that, you will be great parents. But if you try to live out your dreams through what your child does or accomplishes, you will only be frustrated when your child makes his or her own life choices, especially if they are not the ones you had hoped to see."

Predicting His Future

Today's Gospel describes a meeting between a young couple and their infant child with Simeon and Anna, both of them well on in years. Simeon's response when he met the infant Jesus was to pray; he blessed God. His prayer has become part of the official night prayer of the church. Anna's response on meeting the child Jesus was to speak about Jesus to others, especially to those who were waiting for God to visit them in a special way. Whereas Simeon lifted up his heart in prayer, Anna bore witness to Jesus before others. Simeon's meeting with Jesus and his parents led him to look towards God in prayer; Anna's meeting with Jesus and his parents led her to look towards others in witness. Simeon and Anna have each something to say to us about how to receive the Lord. We too are called to receive the Lord in prayer and in witness. We bless God, we thank God, in prayer for the gift of his Son, the light to enlighten all people, and we proclaim God's gift to others, by witnessing to the Lord in our lives, by what we say and do. The Lord who entered the temple in Jerusalem as the light of the world has entered all our lives; today we look to Simeon and Anna to show us how to respond to his gracious coming.

Important Dates for 2025: Confirmation: Saturday 29th March at 12 noon. **First Communion:** Malin Town and Glengad on Saturday 10th May at 12 noon and Urblereagh and Malin Head, on Saturday 17th May at 12 noon.

Weddings in Malin in 2025/2026: You must inform the Registrar of Marriages in Buncrana of your intent to get married at least 6 months before the date of your wedding. To make an appointment phone 074 9898644. To attend a pre-marriage course, you can book online at www.accord.ie or phone Carndonagh Pastoral Centre on 074 9374103 or (Accord Derry on 048 71362475). For church papers contact the Parochial House, 074 93 70615 or email malinparish@hotmail.com at least 6 months before the date of your wedding.

Accord Inishowen is running a Face to Face Pre-Marriage Course on Friday 27th & Saturday 28th June, in Carndonagh.

Teach us to Pray Booklet – It can be downloaded at: <https://www.derrydiocese.org/news/teach-us-to-pray>.

Accord is now seeking marriage preparation facilitators. Might this be you ...? Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. If you are supportive of marriage in the Catholic Church; and, have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team that supports couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage then Accord wishes to hear from you! An Accord marriage preparation facilitator is a personally fulfilling role, blending life experience and faith. Successful applicants will receive professional training in the Accord marriage preparation programme and be part of a team delivering programmes locally. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to marriagepreparation@accord.ie and for further information see www.accord.ie.

Vocations: As we celebrate this Sunday of The Word of God we pray for those already called or being called to serve as priests of the diocese of Derry that, filled with the Spirit of the Lord, they will work to bring the "good news" of God's love and mercy to God's people.

Study Theology Online, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before February 11th. Find out more on our website, prioryinstitute.com to see a 2 minute introductory film.

You are cordially invited to a Book Launch celebrating the Life of Dr. Tom McGinley – Founder of the Foyle Hospice. Wednesday 29th January at 7:15pm - Doors open from 6:45pm in St Columb's Hall, Orchard Street, Derry BT48 6EG. Free Entry: Book essential at www.ticketsource.co.uk/stcolumbshall. £15 per book (cash only, please), Proceeds to Foyle Hospice.

Application Forms: – Application forms for enrolling your child for the 2025/2026 school year are now available from the schools and on the school's website, **Urblereagh National School** urblereaghns.weebly.com, **Scoil Cholmcille, Glengad** – scoilcholmcilleglengad.weebly.com and **Scoil Naomh Mhuire, Malin Head:** www.malinheadns.scoilnet.ie. **Scoil Treasa Naofa, Malin:** treasnaofamalin@gmail.com or phoning 074 91 0617. We will commence accepting applications from the 6th January. Completed forms must be submitted by Tuesday 4th February 2025.

A Dictionary of Irish Saints by Professor Pádraig Ó'Riain: Scarcely a parish in Ireland is without one or more dedications to saints, in the form of churches in ruins, holy wells or other ecclesiastical monuments. The book is due for publication on 24th January and will be available in bookshops, but to avail of a 10% discount, you can purchase directly by phoning the number: 00353 1 4534668. Another beautiful but significantly smaller book by Philip Freeman's "Two Lives of Saint Brigid". It is €17.95 but if you buy it with Professor O' Riain's book, you can get a lower price.

Derry Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Fatima: We are inviting young people aged 16 + to join us on pilgrimage to Fatima for 4 nights from 14th to 18th July. This will be a unique experience for young people and an opportunity to engage with their peers from around the world in a faith context. Cost is £700 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.

Good as New Shop opening Monday 27th January, beside Neil J. Doherty Auctioneers, Pound Street, Carndonagh in aid of Ard Aoibhinn, Alzheimer's Unit Carndonagh & Irish Guide Dogs. Open Monday to Saturday from 10am - 5pm. For the month of February. Donations welcome.