

**Parish of Malin (Clonca)      Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025**  
**The Presentation of the Lord**

**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  
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**Today Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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*                              Monday at 7:30pm  
*Connolly Foundation:*                              Friday at 10am

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Anniversary Mass:** Bridie Mc Geoghegan, Crackna, Malin on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.

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

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

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

**Anniversary Mass:** Patrick and Isabella McLaughlin on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 9am in St. Mary's Church.

**First Anniversary Mass:** James Douglas, Beagh, Malin on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.

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

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

**Please e-mail** your anniversaries to [malinparish@hotmail.com](mailto: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>	290	140	175
<i>Restoration</i>	290	140	175

<b>Parish Fund</b>	<b>€605</b>
<b>Restoration Fund</b>	<b>€605</b>

**Homily for the Feast of the Presentation, 2nd February 2025**

**Readings:** Malachi: 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

**Theme:** A Light of Revelation for all People

Our first reading from the prophet Malachi tells us that the Lord himself will enter his temple and present himself to those who have been seeking him. This is what happens when Mary and Joseph bring the baby Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem 'to be consecrated to the Lord' in accordance with the law of Moses. While there, as our gospel reading from Luke tells us, they meet two prophets – senior citizens – Simeon and Anna, who lived near the Temple. They were waiting for God's final intervention to bring true justice and peace to Israel and the world. When they see the baby, Jesus, they immediately recognise him as the promised Messiah, and their hearts are filled with gratitude and joy.

Simeon and Anna represent the faithful remnant of Israel: devout, obedient, constant in prayer, led by the Holy Spirit, at home in the temple, longing and hoping for the fulfilment of God's promises. Luke tells us that Simeon was a man whose life was touched by the Holy Spirit, and that he believed he would see the Messiah before he died. When he takes the child into his arms, he speaks one of Christianity's most beautiful blessings, a prayer with special meaning for us, for he recognizes God unique presence in the baby he is holding: 'Master, as you promised me, you are now dismissing your servant in peace, for my eyes have seen the salvation you have prepared in the presence of all peoples: A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel' (Lk 2:29-32). Then Simeon turns to Mary and speaks these words: 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul, too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare' (Lk 2:34-35).

These words, which Luke revisited again and again throughout his gospel, are at the very heart of the Gospel message. God's plan of salvation would be realised through a suffering Messiah who would identify with us in every way, except sin, as our second reading states. Contrary to conventional messianic expectation, the Messiah would not be a powerful military leader who would conquer Israel's enemies. He would identify rather with the poor and lowly, not with the brokers of power. And he would be rejected by the powerful elites, political and religious. Simeon's prophecy to Mary was not happy news of a long life and her recognition as the mother of one of the great ones of the earth, but simply that her heart would be pierced. Simeon recognises that Jesus would suffer, and that Mary would share his sufferings.

But what can we say about Anna? She was a widow whose husband had died when she was a young woman. Her life since then had been dedicated to God and spent in the Temple in fasting and in prayer. Like Simeon she was a prophet—an office that is seldom attributed to women (though the Bible makes it clear that women were as capable of prophecy as men were). She, too, was awaiting the Messiah, and when she saw Jesus, she knew she had found him. Then, off she goes and immediately spreads the good news 'to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem' (Lk 2:38).

As disciples of Jesus we have much to learn from Simeon and Anna. Like them we are called to spread the good news that Jesus is the Light of the World. By our words and especially by our actions, we must bring the light of faith to those living in darkness, the light of hope to those without hope, and the light of love to those without love.

### **Prayer composed by St John Henry Newman:**

Lord Jesus, Help us to spread your fragrance everywhere we go.

Flood our souls with Your Spirit and life. Penetrate and possess our whole being, so utterly, that our lives may only be a radiance of Yours. Shine through us, and be so in us, that every soul we come in contact with may feel your presence in our soul.

Let them look up and see no longer us, but only You, Jesus. Stay with us, and then we shall begin to shine, so to shine as to be a light to others. The light, O Jesus, will be all from You, none of it will be ours.

It will be You shining on others through us. Let us thus praise You in the way you love best

by shining on those around us. Let us preach you without preaching, not by words but by our example,

By the catching force, the sympathetic influence of what we do, the evident fullness of the love our hearts bear to . Amen.

**Weddings in Malin in 2025/2026:** You must inform the Registrar of Marriages in Bunrana 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](http://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](mailto: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 27<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie) and for further information see [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie).

**Vocations:** For an increase in vocations to the diocesan priesthood - that those called to serve as priests of the diocese of Derry will, like Jesus, be "compassionate and trustworthy" ministers of God's love, forgiveness, and mercy.

**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 11<sup>th</sup>. Find out more on our website, [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com) to see a 2 minute introductory film.

**Derry Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Fatima:** We are inviting young people aged 16 + to join us on pilgrimage to Fatima for 4 nights from 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lizzie.rea@derrydiocese.org) 00 44 2871264087.

**Anam Cara**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie).

**SPARK:** A weekend of fun, faith and friendship for 12-16 year olds. Do you know a young person who would like to build their faith and make new friends? Spark is a weekend experience which follows core themes from YouCat, as well as stories of role models such as Bl. Carlo Acutis and Sr. Clare Crockett, to help young people learn about their faith, while making friends and hopefully having a bit of fun in the process! February 21st - 23<sup>rd</sup> in Termonbacca Carmelite Retreat Centre, Derry. Text or WhatsApp Brendan on +353 86 8067973 or Vivienne on +44 7935 007351. €80/£70 per person (to cover food and board) Spark is fully endorsed by Bishop McKeown and supported by local diocesan priests. Our adult volunteers are fully vetted and we take safeguarding very seriously. Please note that places are limited and will be allocated on a first come basis.