

**Parish of Malin (Clonca)      Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2024**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

<b>Fr. Peter Devlin P.P.</b>	<b>Fr. Charley Logue C.C.</b>	<b>Mass Times</b>
Malin	Malin Head	<b>St. Patrick's</b> - Saturday 6pm Sunday 10:30am
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**The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary is transferred from Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December to Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Weekday Mass:**

<b>St. Patrick's Church, Aughaclay:</b>	Monday at 7.30pm
<b>Star of the Sea Church, Malin Head:</b>	Monday at 10am and Friday at 7:30pm
<b>St. Mary's Church Lagg:</b>	Wednesday at 9:30am
<b>Connolly Foundation Oratory:</b>	Friday at 10am

**40 Hours Adoration** begins in Star of the Sea Church today Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December after Divine Mercy at 3pm and ends with a Holy hour from 6 - 7pm. Continues on Monday after 10am mass and ends with Devotions at 7pm.

- First Anniversary Mass:** Neil Devlin, Templemoyle on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.
- Anniversary Mass:** Jim Rudden on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
- Anniversary Mass:** Willie John & Josephine Mc Gonagle, Leiter on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 10:30pm in St. Patrick's Church.
- Anniversary Mass:** Philip Lafferty on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.
- Anniversary Mass:** Charlie Monagle on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December in St. Mary's Church.
- First Anniversary Mass:** John David Mc Laughlin on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.
- First Anniversary Mass:** Margaret Lockwood, Port Ronan on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
- Anniversary Mass:** Michael Mc Laughlin, Fildara on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.
- Anniversary Mass:** MaryEllen Gallagher on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
- Anniversary Mass:** Rose Kelly, Glentoskert on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
- Anniversary Mass:** Cormac Doherty, Westown on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December at 11am in Star of the Sea Church.
- First Anniversary Mass:** James (Sean) Doherty, Ballysallagh on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.
- First Anniversary Mass:** Sadie Mc Cullagh, Brookfield Tce. on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
- Anniversary Mass:** Jim Mullin, Bree on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
- First Anniversary Mass:** Margaret & Paddy Doherty, (Paddymor) on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
- First Anniversary Mass:** Patrick Mc Daid (Ned), Templemoyle on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.

Please e-mail your anniversaries to [malinparish@hotmail.com](mailto:malinparish@hotmail.com) or leave them in the sacristy after mass.

**Parish Collections for Last Week: Thank You.**

	<i>Aughaclay</i>	<i>Malin Head</i>	<i>Lagg</i>
<i>Parish</i>	505	195	235
<i>Restoration</i>	505	200	230

<b>Parish Fund</b>	<b>€935</b>
<b>Restoration Fund</b>	<b>€935</b>

**Advent: Good times coming**

**We are in a dark time of the year. The mornings are dark and the evenings darker still. Light is scarce, and we have yet to reach the shortest day of the year. It is within that darkness that we have lit our second Advent candle today. The days may be getting shorter, but our Advent wreath is getting brighter. The brightness of our Advent readings draws us toward the great feast of light, Christmas, the birthday of the one who is the light of the world. With the birth of Jesus, the light of God's love shines out. In today's first reading, the prophet Baruch looks forward to a day when 'God will guide Israel in joy by the light of his glory.'**

**Advent is a hopeful season. Hope is an important virtue, deeper than simple optimism of temperament. We can feel optimistic about all kinds of things, but, strictly speaking, the true object of hope is union with God. We are hopeful God can bring life out of death, light out of darkness. It is above all in Winter that we need hope. And we pray for anyone going through dark days at the present time, for people insecure in their jobs or their health or their home life, and displaced people and refugees, who wait at barbed wire borders, hoping to get to a better life.**

**The second reading (from Philippians) came out of a very dark situation. St Paul. was chained in a Roman prison, probably in Ephesus. And he he wasn't sure of getting out of prison alive. Yet the letter is the most hopeful and joyful of all Paul's letters. It shows that one can remain hopeful even when things look dark. From his prison cell, Paul is grateful for his friendship with the Philippians and is hopeful for their future. He cheerfully recalls their progress so far as a local church. They were no more perfect than other people, but Paul chooses to celebrate their generosity. He praises them for helping to spread the good news from the days they first heard it.**

**We can be tempted in dark times to look at everything with bleary eyes. Paul bids us to look at life, and, especially, at people with hopeful eyes, even in dark times. To see people through hopeful eyes makes us aware of the good in their lives. Let's recognise what they have done rather than what they have failed to do. Paul hopes that God who**

began this good work among them would bring it to completion. He had high ideals about what people could become with God's help.

Let's see ourselves with hopeful eyes. God's good work has only begun in us. We are a work in progress God will bring the good work to completion. We just need to co-operate with the working of grace. By the end of our life this work will be complete, and we will have reached 'the perfect goodness which Jesus Christ produces in us'.

We are all Advent people

Poor old Advent. It gets stampeded. It is overrun. Who cares about Advent – it is only an unruly intruder on the way to Christmas. But it isn't. Advent drags us back to basics. The very essence of humanity means patience. We can easily get overwhelmed by the 'fast lane of life.' We are in such a hurry. We want everything now. We rush from experience to experience. We can't cope with the bigness of life. Stop. Look. Listen. The simple message of Advent is to glance back at the Jews, waiting for the Saviour to come. If we have (similar) feelings; we can feel with them. We can easily link up our own waiting in life, to their waiting.

Waiting for a child to be born. Waiting for day to come. Waiting for buses. Waiting for an appointment in a hospital. Waiting in A&E is a very good indicator of Advent. Waiting for the end of winter. Waiting for the sun to shine. Waiting to get well. Waiting for pain to go. Waiting to grow up. Waiting for visitors. But above all, it is learning not to live just in the present moment. It is stopping ourselves being addicted to the concerns of only today. Advent reminds us to be much bigger in our thinking. Look around. Stop. Think of the past. Look at nature. Look at the companions of life. Be grateful. Never be consumed by NOW. See the broader picture. . . (Seamus Ahearne).

**Fr. Devlin** will attend the sick on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon.

**Altar Servers for Malin Parish.** Parents are invited to support their children in becoming altar servers for our churches. It helps children develop skills of teamwork and promotes responsibility and self-confidence.

Enrolment forms will be distributed in the schools during this week. Parents can also contact Fr. Devlin directly about their children who want to become servers.

**Annual Church Gate Collection** for St. Vincent de Paul will be on this weekend 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> December.

**Important Dates For 2025: Confirmation:** Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 12 noon. **First Communion:** Malin Town and Glengad on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 12 noon and Urblereagh and Malin Head, on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> 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](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.

**Christenings:** Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December in St. Mary's Church at 2pm. Please ring 074 93 70134, 086 168 3842 in advance to book a Christening.

**Accord Inishowen Face to Face Pre - Marriage Course for 2025:** Weekend: December 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. Friday 7pm - 10pm Saturday 10am - 5 pm. 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. This is the last one this year.

**Vocations:** For the future priests of the diocese of Derry that, like St John the Baptist, they will work to "... prepare the way of the Lord, and make his paths straight.... so that all mankind can see the salvation of God."

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

**Online Advent Retreat.** The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a free of charge online retreat. Keeping Vigil for the Vulnerable God. Visit our website [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com).

**Ards Friary:** 'What is God's Dream for your Life' Retreat: 22<sup>nd</sup> January and 19<sup>th</sup> February 2025. This day will be welcoming of everyone, wherever they find themselves on life's journey. It will be particularly useful for individuals and teams who want to take time away from the busyness of life and discover or rediscover a sense of direction and purpose in their lives. Facilitated by Jim Deeds. Cost €65 ( includes light refreshments & Lunch).

**The Priory online Advent Retreat:** The speaker is Fr. Stephen Cummins OP. The title of the retreat is: 'Keeping Vigil for the Vulnerable God'. The link to sign up: <https://prioryinstitute.com/events/2024-online-advent-retreat>.

**Advent Retreat:** Emmanuel - He meets you where you are: This Advent season, step away from the busyness of life and enter a sacred space of quiet reflection and prayer. Join the Columba Community for their retreat on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 11am in St. Anthony's Retreat Centre, Dundrean, Burnfoot, Co Donegal. F93NF76. Find stillness, experience guided prayer, with Adoration and Eucharist. Deepen your spiritual journey during this holy season as we prepare our hearts for the birth of Christ. Booking is essential tel: (00353)0749384866. A Light lunch is provided, suggested donation £20.

**Malin Head Community Centre: Bazaar** is on Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> Dec. Starting at 2pm. **'Whist** continues every Thursday night at 8pm. **Set Dancing** Thursday night at 8pm. **Bingo** on Sundays.

**Glengad Community Centre:** Thank you to everyone who attended and had a table at the Craft Fair last Saturday. Active Retirement Fridays 12-2pm €5.

**Pop up Christmas Craft Fair** in Wee Hall Culdaff on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December from 11am-4pm . 1: Homemade baking scones, buns, tray baked, mince pies, Christmas cakes and more. 2: Hats, scarfs, gloves, made up in beautiful gift boxes. 3: Christmas centre pieces for your table. 4: Christmas wood crafts. 5: Hand knitting treasures. 6: Temple Deen Holistic pendants & pyramids. Lots more beautiful Christmas gifts.