

Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 16th February 2025
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
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Weekday Mass:

St. Patrick's Church Tuesday at 7:30pm
Star of the Sea Church: Friday at 10am
Connolly Foundation: Friday at 10am

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.

Month's Mind Mass: Frank Grant, Dunegard on Sunday 9th March at 9am in St. Mary's Church.

Anniversary Mass: Sadie and Tommy Gallagher, Magherard on Sunday 16th March at 9am in St Mary's Church.

Anniversary Mass: Bridie Mc Geoghegan, Crackna, Malin on Saturday 22nd March at 6pm in St. Patrick'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: Patrick and Isabella McLaughlin on Sunday 13th April at 9am in St. Mary's Church.

First Anniversary Mass: James Douglas, Beagh, Malin on Saturday 3rd May at 6pm in St. Patrick'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.

Anniversary Mass: Donal Mor Family, Shantla on Saturday 31st May 6pm St. Patrick's Church.

Please e-mail your anniversaries to 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>	540	150	315
<i>Restoration</i>	540	150	315

Parish Fund	€1005
Restoration Fund	€1005

Towards the Promised Land

The land of Israel in ancient times was a place of two extremes. Much of its southern half was wilderness, where few living things could survive. This contrasted with the fertility of Galilee in the north, with its thriving population. Their knowledge of the two extremes in nature must have coloured their thinking about contrasting responses to God's call.

This is urged in Moses' final words: "Today I set before you life and prosperity, death and disaster. If you are faithful to the Lord, he will bless you; but if you refuse to listen, if your heart strays, you will most certainly perish. I set before you life or death, blessing or curse. Choose life," he urges, "that you may live in the love of the Lord, your God."

This concept of The Two Ways – one good, one evil – deeply influenced the early Church. It appears in the gospel today, with its beatitudes and woes, and in the first reading from Jeremiah, where the result of our choices are linked to the extremes of nature found in Israel. A curse on those who trust only in human resources – they will be like the dry scrub in the parched southern wilderness. But a blessing on those who trust in the Lord. Like the tree planted near water, they will never cease to bear fruit.

The first Psalm offers the same idea of the "two ways," almost word for word (today's Responsorial). Note how today's Gospel is addressed, not to the crowds, but to the disciples – "Then, fixing his eyes on the disciples, he said," – implying that the sermon is meant for those who have already decided to follow him. Jesus warns them not to allow themselves be harnessed to the things of the world.

The prophets warn about social justice and sharing: "Woe to those who add house to house, and join field to field, until everything belongs to them" – in other words, woe to the speculators and those who seek a monopoly of the world's resources. "Woe to those who from early morning chase after strong drink, and stay up late at night inflamed with wine" – that is those who are pleasure seekers. "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil, who substitute darkness for light" – that is those who subvert morality and seek to lead others astray. "Woe to those who for a bribe acquit the guilty and cheat the good man of his due" – that is those who lack all sense of justice and honesty in dealing with others. Human nature does not change. All these are just as relevant today as when the prophets first proclaimed them (Is 5:8-23).

Then there are people with no lofty aspirations, the poor and destitute, those burdened with sorrows, those persecuted for trying to pursue the ideals of Christ – the only refuge for all these is to place their trust in divine providence; and Jesus says, happy are these people when they do so, because their confidence will be surely rewarded by God. Here Christ has turned upside down accepted worldly standards. If you set out with all your energy to acquire the things which the world regards as valuable, you will in all probability get them. But that will be your sole reward, he says. Whereas, if you set out to be loyal to God and true to the message of Christ, you may be mocked and insulted by the world, but your reward is still to come. And that reward will be joy eternal, and nobody will take it from you.

Fr Devlin will visit the sick on Tuesday 18th February in the afternoon.

Parish Prayer Day for Marriage and Family Life: Thursday the 20th February Parish Prayer Day for Marriage and Family Life. On the 20th of each month, our parish of Malin prays for the 24 hours for Marriage & Family Life. This is part of a Movement of Continuous Prayer for Marriage & Family Life as other parishes and groups take on the prayer for the other days of the month. To make this prayer continuous, many people in our parish have committed themselves to a specific hour of prayer in such a way that the whole day and night are covered. Everyone is invited to join in this prayer, either by taking on an hour, or by including this intention in your own prayer during that day. The theme is to pray for all Married Couples in the Sacrament of Marriage. This is such an important group of people that can so easily be overlooked. And yet they are a group that we as the Church have taken on a special commitment to support on the day on the day of their wedding when they pledged their love for the rest of their lives. As part of their commitment to one another we, as a community, have committed ourselves to them to recognise their special grace for the Church and for the world. One way for couples to pray together regularly can be found in the website: www.continuousprayer.net/coupleprayer.

Vocations: Today's gospel challenges all of us to 'comfort the afflicted, and to afflict the comfortable' (including ourselves!) We pray for those being called to do so as priests of the diocese of Derry. Vocations Weekend for men aged 18+ in Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne, 7th -9th March. Anyone interested should contact Fr. Pat O'Hagan at pgoh2111@gmail.com

Malin Parish Draw will begin again in April. Promoters have their cards now. New members are very welcome.

Marriage Registration:

Buncrana Civil Registration Office located in the Primary Care Building, Maginn Avenue, Buncrana will close with effect from March 20th 2025.

There are four other Civil Registration Services in the Donegal/ Sligo/ Leitrim/ West Cavan Integrated Healthcare Area as follows;

□ **Civil Registration Office, Tirconail House, St. Conal's Campus, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal**

F92X4DC Tel: 074-9123771/2

□ **Civil Registration Office. St. Joseph's Hospital, Stranorlar, Co. Donegal F93FCR6 Tel:**

074-9191729 or 071-9191730 □ **Civil Registration Office, Markievicz House, Barrack St., Sligo F91XC84**

Tel: 071-9321187 071-9321808 071-9321188 □ **Civil Registration Office, Summerhill Lodge, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim, N41F303 Tel: 071-9650255**

Appointments to serve notice of intention to marry can be made by phoning a Civil Registration Office. Couples must serve statutory notice of at least 3 months of their intention to marry.

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>.

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.

Dromantine Summer Camp: Registration opens Saturday 1st March at 7am! Boys week 1: 20th -25th July, Boys week 2: 27th July-1st August. Girls week 1: 3rd-8th August, Girls week 2: 10th -15th August. Email info@dromantinesummercamp.co.uk or send a message to +447776359822.

Mobile Blood Donation Clinic will be in Carn Community School on Wednesday 19th February from 2:30 - 5pm and 7 - 9.30pm. Thursday 20th February from 2:30 – 6:30pm. Your blood is greatly needed and appreciated at this time. Call 1800 731 137 to book an appointment. Check your eligibility at giveblood.ie. Support your local blood clinic!

Malin Head Community Centre: A new class called **'Stitching our way through time'**. Will be starting on Monday 24th Feb at 10:30 am for 8 weeks. This class is designed as a social meet-up with emphasis on needle working. It is hoped to teach or reintroduce learners to different types of needlework while meeting socially. It is suitable for adults of any age group. The class is €40 and is part-funded by the ETB. The Kettle is on for tea and biscuits. **Beginners' Guitar lessons** for adults are starting on Friday the 28th February at 7pm for 8 weeks. The class costs €40. The Tutor is Finbar Doherty (Saddler) and it is part-funded by the ETB. To Book- Contact the centre on Info@malinheadcommunity.ie or message us on Facebook.

LIFE Camp 2025: Living - In - Faith – Everywhere: LIFE Camp is a voluntary organisation staffed by teachers, students and experienced volunteers. It takes place in St. Mary's College, Northland Road, Derry. We are calling all pupils currently in P3 – P7. Week 1: Tuesday 1st – Friday 4th July and Week 2: Monday 7th – Friday 11th July. Cost for Week 1 is £35. Cost for Week 2 is £40. To register go to www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Life%20Summer%20Camp.

Scoil Treasa Naofa Glengad: February Silver Circle Results Draw 6 - €120 Teresa Mc Menamin, €50 Breda Doherty & €30 Eddie Mc Colgan.