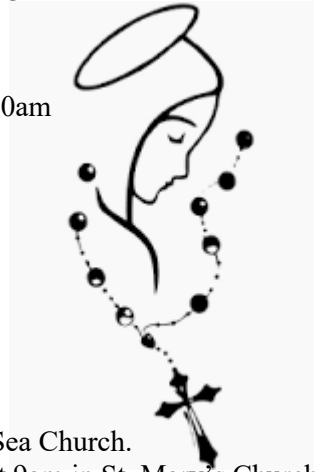


Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 23th February 2025
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| Fr. Peter Devlin P.P. | Fr. Charley Logue C.C. | Mass Times |
| Malin | Malin Head | <i>St. Patrick's</i> - Saturday 6pm Sunday 10:30am |
| 074 93 70615 | 074 93 70134 | <i>Star of the Sea Church</i> - Saturday 8pm |
| E-Mail: malinparish@hotmail.com | | <i>St. Mary's Church</i> - Sunday 9am |
| Web Site: www.malinparish.ie | Facebook: Malin Parish | |



Weekday Mass:
Star of the Sea Church Monday at 10am & Friday at 7:30pm
St. Patrick's Church Tuesday at 7:30pm
Star of the Sea Church: Wednesday at 9:30am
Connolly Foundation: Friday at 10am

Anniversary Mass: Tom Hunter, Slieveban on Saturday 22nd February at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
Anniversary Mass: Jimmy Doherty (Jack), Slieveban and Urbalreagh N.S. on Sunday 23rd at 9am in St. Mary'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.
Burial of the Ashes of Bridget Singleton (nee Houton) of Urbalreagh and Florida, on Sunday 2nd March after the 9am Mass 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.
Month's Mind Mass: Ann Marie Mc Laughlin Glengad, on Sunday 23rd March at 10 30am 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, Beaugh, 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.

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

Parish Collections for Last Week: Thank You.

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| <i>Parish</i> | 730 | 155 | 185 |
| <i>Restoration</i> | 725 | 160 | 180 |

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| Parish Fund | €1070 |
| Restoration Fund | €1065 |

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

David had been badly wronged by Saul, but he spared the life of his enemy, putting his trust in the Lord who rewards everyone for their righteousness and faithfulness (cf. 1 S 26:23). As we have heard, Abishai had proposed an entirely different course of action, more in keeping with the ordinary notions of retributive justice, but David knew that the Lord shows himself merciful with the merciful (cf. 2 S 22:26) – that is to say, he understood that a compassionate and generous God wants his servants to be like him in returning good for evil.

What we see in David, however, is only a foreshadowing of what we find in Jesus of Nazareth, who revealed the full measure of God's love for all humanity. Jesus said to his disciples, when they were urging him to eat: My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work (Jn 4:34). And similarly in the Temple of Jerusalem, at the age of twelve, he said to Mary and Joseph: Why did you seek me? Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business? (Lk 2:49).

These words emphasise that throughout the course of his earthly life Jesus was entirely devoted to the work of reconciliation that had been entrusted to him by his Heavenly Father. And his mission as Mediator between God and the human race was fully accomplished when he died upon the cross. As Saint Paul puts it: when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son (Rm 5:10). Indeed, when Jesus Christ laid down his life for our salvation, he not only restored our friendship with the Creator of world – as the last Adam, who came from Heaven (cf. 1 Co 15:47) – but even made us partakers of his own divine sonship – as the true Son of the living God (cf. Mt 16:16).

To become God's children is, therefore, the greatest and most wonderful gift we have ever received from Heaven. But every gift from God entails a task, and we can only be acknowledged as sons and daughters of the Most High if we in our turn are willing to reconcile ourselves with one another.

How? – we might ask.

In today's gospel we are told that the only way to make our peace with all our brothers and sisters – with friend and foe alike – is to take God himself and his only-begotten Son as the model for our dealings with others. In fact what Jesus really means when he exhorts us to do to others as we would have them do to us (cf. Lk 6:31) is that we should follow his example in imitating his Heavenly Father, who is kind even to the ungrateful and the wicked (cf. Lk 6:35).

So we are asked to do good to those who hate us (cf. Lk 6:27), because our Creator showed his love for us when we were still his enemies (cf. Rm 5:10). We are asked not to resist an evil person (cf. Mt 5:39), because Christ was delivered into the hands of sinful men to be crucified (cf. Lk 24:7). We are asked to lend and give freely, because God the Father did not spare his own Son but delivered him up for us all (cf. Rm 8:32). And above all we are urged not to pass judgement on others, because – as Jesus said to Nicodemus – God did not send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through him (Jn 3:17).

By acting ever more decisively and perfectly along these lines, we will be helping to build up that true peace that Jesus left as his great legacy, when he said at the Last Supper: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you (Jo 14:27). This messianic statement, which we repeat at Mass every day, reminds us that it is Jesus Christ himself who gives us both the discernment and the strength to bring his work of reconciliation to fruition in our own time. We can have confidence, then, that our task is not an impossible one, and that by loving our neighbour as Jesus loved us we will indeed be acknowledged as his brothers and sisters, in accordance with what he said in the Sermon on the Mount: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God (Mt 5:9).

Vocations: In this weekend's gospel Jesus reminds us of the challenge to love without discrimination or counting the cost. We pray for those called to preach the Gospel of love as priests of the diocese of Derry. Vocations Weekend in Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne on 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. Book online: accord.ie or e-mail: inishowen@accord.ie.

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

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.

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.

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.

