

Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 2nd March 2025
8th 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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Ash Wednesday and Weekday Masses:

St. Patrick's Church Ash Wednesday 7.30pm
St. Mary's Church: Ash Wednesday at 9:30am – (Ashes distributed)
Star of the Sea Church Ash Wednesday – 7.30pm & Friday at 7:30pm
Connolly Foundation: Friday at 10am

St. Patrick's Day Masses:

St Mary's Lagg at 9am, St Patrick's Aughaclay at 10.30 (Irish), Star of the Sea, Malin Head, 12 noon.

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

Burial of the Ashes: 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.

Month's Mind Mass: Nesha (Ned) Mc Daid, Templemoyle on Sunday 9th March at 10:30 am in St. Patrick's Church.

Anniversary Mass: Ellen Nora Doherty, Bree on Saturday 15th March at 8pm in Star of the Sea 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, 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>	625	210	145
<i>Restoration</i>	630	210	145

Parish Fund	€980
Restoration Fund	€985

Parish Draw: January Winners:

	€200	€100	€50
2/2	115 Nell Gallagher	391 Shane Mc Colgan	231 Margaret Mc Carter
9/2	246 Oisín & Aéla Mc Daid	271 Mandy Mc Laughlin	247 Kyra Davy
16/2	173 Eddie Houton	378 Ann & Joe Mc Kinney	332 Kathleen Kerney
23/2	374 Aidan Mc Laughlin	317 Bridget Doherty	172 Lena Houton

Gospel: Luke 6:39-45

We cannot offer guidance unless we see the way clearly ourselves

Jesus told them a parable: “Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully qualified will be like the teacher. Why do you see the speck in your neighbour’s eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbour, ‘Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbour’s eye.

“No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.”

Peace and Quiet

In today's world it's hard to find a little peace and quiet in order to meet oneself and God. It's not easy to avoid the constant harassment of all kinds of calls and messages. The worries and hurry of each day tak up our whole attention. Not even in our own home, pervaded by television and digital media, is it easy to find the tranquility and recollection we need to joyfully relax with God.

Have we forgotten what it means to pause, interrupt our hurry, free our minds for a few moments and let ourselves be penetrated by the silence and calm of sacred space? Often it's enough to stand still and be silent for a short time, in order to quiet the spirit and recover lucidity and peace. How much we need to find the silence that helps us to enter into contact with our very selves in order to recover our freedom and to rescue once again all our inner energy.

Accustomed to noise and agitation, we don't suspect the wellness that can come from silence and being alone. Eager for news, images and impressions, we've forgotten how to be nourished and enriched in the deepest depths of our being.

Without some inner silence, we can't hear God, recognize the divine presence in our life and grow from within as human beings and as believers. According to Jesus, people draw goodness from the store of goodness in their hearts. Goodness doesn't blossom without help. We need to cultivate it and make it grow in the depth of our heart. How our lives would blossom if we stopped to notice what God is stirring up in our heart.

For the right reason

Jesus warns us not to judge others. He lays down the premise that since we all have faults, we have no right to judge the faults of others. What is striking about a meeting of recovering alcoholics is this shared admission of weakness. Each is encouraged to take the first step towards reform: admitting that he or she has a difficulty that he needs help to control. Each is encouraged by the others to stay sober. Among the general public our specific weakness is less obvious than the addiction that grips an alcoholic. But we find it even harder to admit our weakness, even to ourselves. Rather we prefer to give the impression that we are just fine, and in no need of the compassion of others.

On the other hand, some are responsible for guiding and encouraging others. Parents have the responsibility of showing their children, by example of course, but also in words, how to lead a decent life. The Gospel reminds us that the blind cannot lead the blind, that we need to remove the log out of our own eye in order to be able to help (though not to judge) others. One cannot undertake to guide others until one has a good sense of values: one must not only be well-informed, but also be committed to correcting one's deficiencies. As every teacher knows, you really begin to learn something when you try to teach it to others. Every parent knows that just because he or she becomes aware of the need to teach the children how to live he or she is encouraged to behave in a more Christian way.

Jesus warns against self-righteousness. Just keeping the letter of the law is not enough, for God searches the heart. We need to do the right thing from the right intention. He wants us to practice self-criticism and be aware of our motives. We need to turn to God within our hearts, to purify our inmost intentions. This is what King David meant when he prayed, "Lord, create in me a pure heart; put a steadfast spirit within me."

Vocations: With encouraging words for those contemplating a vocation to the diocesan priesthood, St Paul says in our second reading this weekend, "... keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain." We pray in particular for those attending the Vocations Weekend in Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne, this coming weekend. Vocations Weekend in Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne on 7th – 9th March. Anyone interested should contact Fr. Pat O'Hagan at pgoh2111@gmail.com.

Pope Francis has invited us this Lent to "journey in hope together". A short-term pledge is available via www.pioneerassociation.org for parishioners who wish to become a "pilgrim of hope" for people who are living under the shadow of addiction.

Diocese Of Derry Pilgrimage To Lourdes: 30th June - 4th July. £849pps. Open Thursdays and Saturdays: 11am - 1pm. Tel: (028)71260293. Email: derrypilgrim@outlook.com. Payments for the pilgrimage are acceptable by online payment or cheque

A Theology Course for Lent: An exploration into Theology - Reading the signs of the times: a theology course presented by Fr. Brian Brady will take place on the Tuesdays of Lent at 7pm in St. Eugene's Cathedral Hall. St. Eugene's Cathedral Hall is just a few yards outside the cathedral grounds. The first evening will take place on Tuesday 11th March. All are welcome.

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

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.

Malin Head Community Centre: A new class called '*Stitching our way through time*'. 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's 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.