

**Parish of Malin (Clonca)      Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent - Laetare or Rejoice Sunday**

**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  
**Web Site:** [www.malinparish.ie](http://www.malinparish.ie)      **Facebook:** Malin Parish

**Stations of the Cross** today Sunday in St. Mary's Church at 6pm

**Weekday Masses:**

*St. Patrick's Church*      Thursday at 7:30pm  
*St. Mary's Church:*      Wednesday at 9:30am  
*Star of the Sea Church*      Friday at 7:30pm  
*Connolly Foundation:*      Friday at 10am



**First Anniversary Mass:** Majella Gibbons on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Philomena Mc Callion, Francistown on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 9am in St. Mary's Church.  
**First Anniversary Mass:** Joe Curley Magherard on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Teresa & John Doherty, Sheskin, Malin Head on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Owen Mc Cullagh, Malin Town on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 9am in St. Mary's Church.  
**Months Mind Mass:** Danny Mc Colgan on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 10:30am in St. Patrick'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.  
**Anniversary Mass:** Members of the Donal Mor Family, Shantla on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May 6pm St. Patrick's Church.  
**First Anniversary Mass:** Michael McLaughlin, Ballyheeney, Malin Head on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm in Star of the Sea 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>	620	205	270
<i>Restoration</i>	625	205	265

<b>Parish Fund</b>	<b>€1095</b>
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**Parish Draw: March Winners:**

	<b>€200</b>	<b>€100</b>	<b>€50</b>
<b>2/3</b>	<b>289 Eleanor Farren</b>	<b>339 Orla Mc Clean</b>	<b>145 Peggy Mc Dermott</b>
<b>9/3</b>	<b>374 Aidan Mc Laughlin</b>	<b>186 Aine Doherty Houton</b>	<b>151 Eilish Mc Laughlin</b>
<b>16/3</b>	<b>203 Sean Kelly</b>	<b>265 Linda Mullarkey</b>	<b>338 Mary Noone</b>
<b>23/3</b>	<b>190 Angela Farren</b>	<b>269 Angela Houton</b>	<b>218 John Doherty</b>
<b>30/3</b>	<b>290 Majella Mc Callion</b>	<b>355 Liam Harkin</b>	<b>370 Paul Kelly</b>

**Parish Draw** begins again in April: returns to the Parochial House on 31<sup>st</sup> March. Anyone who wishes to join can contact any promoter or drop details into Parochial House, Malin.

**Ciborium Request:** A new Ciborium, (the Container for Communion Hosts kept in the tabernacle), is needed for the parish. It will cost about €1000. Some families or individuals may wish to buy this or contribute to its purchase for the parish. Please contact Fr Devlin. 074 93 70615

**What kind of justice is this??**

People might feel some dissatisfaction at how the Prodigal Son was welcomed home. Rather than seeing it as the wonderful mercy of God, we may feel irked by how the father treated his elder son. And yes, some parents do indeed show favouritism. If they hear a complaint about the apple of their eye, they just shake their heads in disbelief. "You don't know him (or her). No, they couldn't do a thing like that. It's just not in their nature." At other times the concerned teacher, priest or kindly neighbour will hear the lament, "I don't know what to do with him, Father. He has my heart broken. I can't understand him at all." Could it be that this prodigal offspring was the favourite?

Is it that we know that feeling all too well .. a resentment of those who have been careless, but seem to get all the luck? We can feel some sympathy for the elder son. Sometimes the dutiful quality of our lives make us envy the Prodigal's wild freedom. We might grudge the sinner his good times. It is probably why we so readily accept the notion of ultimate retribution. We cherish the thought that our good times are ahead of us and hope that the playboys of this world will pay for their pleasures in due time. So the elder son is the patron of all the solid citizens, "the salt of the earth", while behind the banner of the Prodigal huddle all the rakes and misfits, drop-outs, lame-ducks and the rest of the world's rejects.

But the parable is about the boundless mercy of God and the message is clear. Why divert any attention to the resentful elder son? Perhaps our Lord is warning us not to do likewise. What the grudging elder son failed to see was how God's love reaches out to all creation.

**Vocations:** In our first reading for the Fourth Sunday of Lent the Lord chooses David out of all the sons of Jesse. As David is anointed he is "seized" by the spirit of the Lord who stays with him from that day on. We pray for those chosen by the Lord to be priests of the Diocese of Derry, that they will know and be faithful to the presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives and ministry among God's people.

**Pope Francis** has invited us this Lent to "journey in hope together". A short-term pledge is available via [www.pioneerassociation.org](http://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:** 30<sup>th</sup> June - 4<sup>th</sup> July. £849pps. Open Thursdays and Saturdays: 11am - 1pm. Tel: (028)71260293. Email: [derrypilgrim@outlook.com](mailto: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. All are welcome.

**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. Book online: [accord.ie](http://accord.ie) or e-mail: [inishowen@accord.ie](mailto:inishowen@accord.ie).

**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 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.

**Accord NI** is recruiting experienced practitioners for the Derry and Enniskillen centres, to train in the specialism of couple counselling. Successful applicants will follow an 18-day (9 weekends) in-person Certificate programme, (144 hours class contact), which will provide the clinical skills essential for safe and ethical couples work. Course fees paid and placement provided by Accord NI. For further information and to obtain an application form please email [info@accord.ie](mailto:info@accord.ie). Closing date for receipt of applications 30/04/2025. Programme commences September 2025.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Calling all Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament in -----the Derry Diocese to the National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April. Ring to enquire or book a seat: +4477 0912 5696 or +4477 3887 3492. Full Bus details on [www.eucharisticadoration.ie](http://www.eucharisticadoration.ie).

**The Annual Sister Clare Crockett Retreat** will take place in St Columba's Church, Long Tower from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April. The theme of this year's retreat is 'Reflecting on the Eucharist with Sr Clare'. There will be Mass at 7am & 10am (Monday to Friday). Evening prayer service with Benediction and guest speaker each evening at 7pm (Monday-Friday). A healing service with anointing of the sick will take place on Thursday 3rd April at 7pm. On Saturday 5th April, Service with Benediction led by Archbishop Eamon Martin at 3pm. The retreat will conclude on Sunday 6th April at 3pm with Mass celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown. Everyone is welcome to attend in person or you can also stream the services online at [www.longtowerchurch.org](http://www.longtowerchurch.org).

**The Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock** will take place on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June. Further details will be available soon.

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**Derry Diocesan Trust Marriage Tribunal Official.** 30 – 35 hours per week. Permanent Job. Role: Reporting to the Director, Derry Diocesan Pastoral Centre is recruiting a Marriage Tribunal Official. For application packs please contact: Bishop's House, St. Eugene's Cathedral, Francis Street, Derry, BT48 9AP, telephone 028 7126 2302 or email: [recruitment@derrydiocese.org](mailto:recruitment@derrydiocese.org). Completed applications must be returned no later than 12 noon on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April.

**Hughie's Corner Good as New** is opening from Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April in G&S, Carndonagh. All donations welcome.

**3k Fun Run** in aid of Scoil Cholmcille, Glengad on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 7pm. Refreshments served afterwards. All Welcome.

**A Diffrillator Demonstration** in the Malin Head Community Hall on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 7pm. All donations to local charities. Kirsty & Teresa 086 8476 845. All Welcome.