

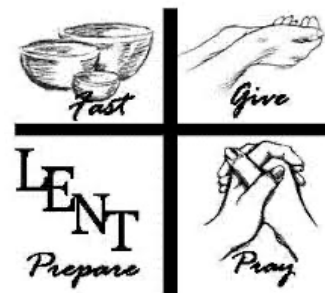
Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 6th April 2025
5th Sunday of Lent

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 *St. Mary's Church* - Sunday 9am
Web Site: www.malinparish.ie **Facebook:** Malin Parish

Stations of the Cross today Sunday in Star of the Sea Church at 6pm

Weekday Masses:

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



First Anniversary Mass: Joe Curley Magherard on Saturday 5th April at 6pm in St. Patrick's Church.
Anniversary Mass: Teresa & John Doherty, Sheskin, Malin Head on Saturday 5th April at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
Anniversary Mass: Owen Mc Cullagh, Malin Town on Sunday 6th April at 9am in St. Mary's Church.
Months Mind Mass: Danny Mc Colgan on Sunday 6th April at 10:30am in St. Patrick's Church.
Month's Minds Mass: Anne Mc Laughlin, Glengad, on Saturday 12th April at 6pm in St Patrick'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: Deceased Members of the Donal Mor Family, Shantla, on Saturday 31st May 6pm St. Patrick's Church.
First Anniversary Mass: Michael McLaughlin, Ballyheeney, Malin Head on Saturday 7th June at 8pm in Star of the Sea Church.
Anniversary Mass: Patrick Mc Laughlin on Sunday 10th August at 9am in St. Mary'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>	525	185	260
<i>Restoration</i>	520	185	260

Parish Fund	€970
Restoration Fund	€965

The Pharisees' mistake

What motivated the Pharisees in that confrontation about sin and punishment? They caught a woman in the act of adultery and brought her into the Temple precincts, thronged with people, to shame her as publicly as possible. Then they wanted to carry out the death penalty as laid down in the Torah, namely death by stoning. As an added extra, they wanted to use the occasion to discredit Jesus in the eyes of his followers. "What have you to say?" they demand of him. If his response was simply, "Leave the woman along; let her go free," they could accuse him of condoning adultery. But if he agreed with their sentence, he would be seen as lacking in mercy. Jesus saw through their plotting and made them withdraw in confusion.

What did Jesus write with his finger on the ground? The Gospel gives us a possible clue. It does not use the normal Greek word for "write" (graphein), but a compound word (kata-graphein) which means to draw up a condemnation. Possibly he may have listed on the ground some common sins against humanity, to make them think. At any rate, his challenge that the person who was without sin should cast the first stone met with no response. Although Jesus did not condemn the woman, neither did he excuse what she had done. "Don't sin any more," was both a pardon and a warning to her.

Like the Pharisees, we may be tempted to imagine a God in our own image and likeness, as a stern, punitive father, who can be persuaded to forgive only after our abject repentance. This kind of religion can be cold and loveless. And as St Paul says in the 2nd Reading, trying to relate to God just by strictly keeping the Law is an obsolete kind of religion. Only when we let God's love, as seen in Christ, to embrace and change our heart, can we begin to grow.

To judge from today's gospel, the worst of the seven deadly sins seems to be not lust, but pride. The Pharisees' proud self-righteousness left them feeling no need to ask God for mercy. Like the woman in danger, we need to admit our own sins and pray for mercy rather than condemn others. Even when we fail in our ideals, we trust in the mercy God extends to the sinner. For even our sins make no difference to God's enduring love for us.

Parish Draw: Anyone who still wishes to join can drop their details and money 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

Confirmation: Thanks to all those who helped out at the Confirmation last Saturday.

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 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. All are 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>.

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.

Accord is recruiting experienced practitioners for the Derry, Enniskillen & Inishowen 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 & Inishowen. For further information and to obtain an application form please email info@accord.ie. Closing date for receipt of applications 30th April. 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 today Sunday 6th April. Ring to enquire or book a seat: +4477 0912 5696 or +4477 3887 3492. Full Bus details on www.eucharisticadoration.ie.

The Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday 15th 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. Completed applications must be returned no later than 12 noon on Thursday 10th April.

Cleaner required for Urrblereagh National School: 10 hours per week. Apply in writing to the Principal, Urrblereagh, Malin Co Donegal.

Thank you: to all who walked, ran or helped in any way with our recent 3k Fun Run in aid of Scoil Cholmcille, Glengad.

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Thursday 10th April at 7:30pm in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

Derry Diocesan Youth Department, along with young people participating in the Pope John Paul II Award, invite you to a Lenten Reflection with music and prayer. This will take place in St Mary's Church, Maghera, on Monday 14th April at 7pm. All are welcome. The event will also be available on the Maghera parish webcam.

Easter Monday Pilgrim Path Walk at Lough Derg: Join the Team at Lough Derg for a guided walk along the ancient Pilgrim Path around Lough Derg on Monday 21st April @10.30am. 8km & 12km option available. Free event. Booking essential. More information www.loughderg.org.

Masters in Catholic School Leadership: The Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre, working in Partnership with Saint Mary's University, Twickenham, offers the Masters in Catholic School Leadership. This is a post graduate degree dedicated to the professional development and spiritual formation of Catholic school leaders. It is a great opportunity for those currently in leadership roles and those who aspire to, or have an interest in, leadership roles within the Catholic School system. If you are interested in registering for the Masters in September 2025 or require any further information, please contact the Derry Diocesan Catechetical Centre on 004428 71264087 or email tferry@derrydiocese.org.