

Parish of Malin (Clonca) Sunday 9th March 2025
1st 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
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Stations of the Cross today Sunday in St. Mary's Church at 6pm

Weekday Masses:

Star of the Sea Church Monday at 10am & Friday at 7:30pm
St. Patrick's Church Tuesday at 7:30pm
St. Mary's Church: Wednesday at 9:30am
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 at 12 noon.

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: Patsy Jordan, Carrowmore on Sunday 23rd March at 9am in St. Mary'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>	440	170	235
<i>Restoration</i>	440	175	235

Parish Fund	€845
Restoration Fund	€850

The great temptation

The story of Jesus' temptations is not to be taken lightly. It's a warning that we can ruin our lives if we stray from the path God wills for us. The first temptation was decisively important. On the surface it is a desire for something innocent and good: why not call on God power to satisfy our hunger. "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread," the tempter says to Jesus. His reply is surprising: "One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God." We must always seek God's will above all. At every moment we must listen to God's Word, seek God's will.

Our deepest needs are not met by physical food and drink. Human beings need and yearn for more, for spiritual nurture. To help save other people from hunger and misery, we need to listen to God our Father, who awakens in our conscience a hunger for justice and solidarity.

Perhaps our great temptation today is to "change things into bread", to reduce our desires to what is tangible and consumable. Indiscriminate consumerism is all around us, but it is hardly the way to progress and liberation. A consumerist society leads to emptiness and discontent. Why do the number of suicides keep growing? Why do we barricade ourselves in gated communities, and build walls and barriers to stop hungry people from sharing our prosperity and disturbing our peace?

Jesus wants us to be aware that human beings do not live on bread alone. We also need to nurture the spirit, know love and friendship, develop solidarity with those who suffer, listen to our conscience, open to the ultimate Mystery of sharing, that joins us with God.

Saying "NO" to temptation

When we want to give in to any temptation, we will always find reasons, arguments and logic to support our desires. But when we need wisdom from God to challenge, question and walk over our temptations. Every year on the First

Sunday of Lent we read the gospel story of Jesus being tempted by Satan. The message of the Gospel is not just about saying “NO” to temptation but about challenging the temptation or the tempter.

The first temptation was to turn stone into bread. Stones were in plenty around Jesus. If all the stones changed to bread, there would be enough food for a lifetime. The problem of poverty in the world is because so many people want to stack up and store money and material for a life-time. It is the feeling of insecurity. Jesus spoke of a parable of a man who wanted to pull down his barns and build larger ones but the Lord asked him ‘you fool. If your life would be demanded of you tonight, whose will all this be?’ Giving in to the first kind of temptation is like trying to accumulate for a life time when God wants us to live one day at a time. Giving in to this temptation will lead us to pillage, plunder, cheat, grab and snatch from others as much as we can.

The second temptation was that Satan would give all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship him. This temptation is all too evident from the growing power struggles seen in the world today and increase in violence and bloodshed; one religion trying to dominate another, nations trying to out-do another in economy and weaponry to become world-superpowers; cultures, communities and ethnic groups claiming superiority over another. This temptation for power begins at the individual level when we forget Jesus teaching ‘those who wish to be first must be the servant of all’ leading us to clamor for power, position and fame even at the cost and dignity of another.

The third temptation was for Jesus to perform a spectacular act of falling from the pinnacle and not getting hurt. This temptation reveals itself in certain dangerously advancing technologies where man is trying to play God. Technology is good if it improves the quality of life, but dangerous when the creature wants to become creator. When we rely only on our own strengths and intelligence we will discount God. All our intelligence put together still cannot stop a tsunami, an earthquake or the raging waters of our flood. Paradoxically, it is our intelligence itself that has breached nature’s course and aggravated natural calamities.

So when any temptation faces you, don’t just say “No”, but question it as Jesus did. Liken your temptation to any of his temptations and seek the wisdom of God to handle it.

Vocations: As we pray for the men attending the Vocations Retreat in Larne this weekend we ask the Lord to bless all those who are discerning their vocation at this time. May God give them the grace to follow whatever path in life He wants them to take and, like Jesus in today's gospel, in times of temptation or trial, to draw courage and inspiration from the words of Scripture. 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>.

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.

Pro-life Day: Advancing the Culture of Life, Through Prayer, Love and Service. With Bernadette Smyth of Precious Life, and the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. Saturday 15th March from 10am - 4pm, at St. Pio House, Galliagh, Derry. Will include Mass and Adoration, Talks and Prayer. Free admission. Bring your own Lunch.

St. Paul's Bookshop and Gifts: Join us at 20 Shipquay Street, Derry, on Friday 14th March as we celebrate the Grand Opening of St. Paul’s Bookshop & Gifts. Discover a beautiful selection of books, inspirational gifts, and unique treasures to nourish your faith and spirit. The Grand Opening is from 10am until 5pm. The shop is at the site of the former Veritas shop on Shipquay St. We can't wait to welcome you!

Blessed Shamrock Boxes: At the St. Patrick’s Day Mass(es) in our church(es), boxes of Blessed Shamrocks will be available at the entrance to the church and can be picked up on a ‘donation’ basis. This is a fundraising appeal by the Cuan Mhuire Addiction Treatment Centres. Sr Consillio founded Cuan Mhuire from humble beginnings in 1966, to help those suffering from addiction to alcohol, gambling, drugs etc. Cuan Mhuire has now grown to become one of the leading treatment centres in Ireland, especially catering for the less-well-off, who need help. The money raised from the Shamrock Fundraiser will go directly to Cuan Mhuire. Thank you.