

SWINFORD MEELICK MIDFIELD

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16th –23rd Nov 2014

THE THIRTY-THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 15th		Swinford	-CONFESSIONS (before Mass)
Saturday 15th	6.30 pm	Swinford	-Thomas & Margaret Moore and dec'd of the Moore and O'Driscoll families. -Tom & Mary McHugh, Maria & Paddy Lynskey and Kate & Paddy Kenny.
Sunday 16th	9 am	Swinford	-People of the Parish
Sunday 16th	12 noon	Swinford	-Christine McCann, Killaturley. -Anne O'Brien, Cullane
Sunday 16th	2 pm	Swinford	-ADORATION (until 6 pm)
Monday 17th	10 am	Swinford	-Frank Duff and dec'd members of the Legion of Mary.
Tuesday 18th	10 am	Swinford	-Faithful Departed
Wednesday 19th	10 am	Swinford	-Michael Hegarty and dec'd of the Kilgallon and Hegarty families.
Thursday 20th	10 am	Swinford	-Faithful Departed
Thursday 20th	10.30 am	Swinford	-ADORATION (until 8 pm)
Friday 21st	10 am	Swinford	-Pat & Nancy Murphy, Curryane.
Saturday 22nd	10 am	Swinford	-Sr. Rose Lafferty, (1st Anniv)
Saturday 22nd	2 pm	Swinford	-CONFESSIONS.

THE THIRTY-FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 22nd	Before Mass	Swinford	-CONFESSIONS
Saturday 22nd	6.30 pm	Swinford	-Margaret & Michael Molloy, son Martin and daughter Mary, Cloonfinaune. -Tom Griffin, Curryane and dec'd family members.
Sunday 23rd	9.00 am	Swinford	-People of the Parish.
Sunday 23rd	12 noon	Swinford	-Colm Lambe and his father Colm. -Evelyn & Bernard McDonnell, Curryane.

Sunday 16th	10 am	Meelick	-John Bollingbroke and his parents Kate & Pat. -Vincent & Mary Roughneen, Clooninshin.
Monday 17th	7 pm	Meelick	-ADORATION (until 9 pm)
Sunday 23rd	10 am	Meelick	-Martin Ryder and his daughter, Elizabeth. -Margaret & Michael Gilmore, Newcastle.

Sunday 16th	11 am	Midfield	-Pakie Reynolds, Brackloon. -J P Moran and his parents, Martin & Ellen and dec'd family members, Faheens.
Monday 17th	11 am	Midfield	-ADORATION
Sunday 23rd	11 am	Midfield	-Bartley Walsh, Midfield -Tom Forkan, Midfield

Swinford Community Lotto Results: November 10th: **Winning Numbers:** 2 10 12 19. **€70 Voucher Winners:** Chris Garrett, Kilkelly Road, Maura & Martie, Meelick. **35E Winners:** Declan Scanlon, Swinford, A W Kilgallon, Cashel, Midfield. Jackpot now €11,600. Draw –Monday 17th November in The Gateway Hotel.

GAA 50/50 Draw: Was held in Moores on Tuesday 11th November and Gertie Molloy won €1,220. Draw envelopes are available in all business premises for the next draw in Julians on Tuesday 18th November at €2 each. All support is greatly appreciated.

GAA Club: The next club meeting is on Sunday the 16th November in the Gateway Hotel at 19.00. All members are asked to attend as there are important matters to be discussed. Swinford GAA Club AGM will be on Sunday 30th November at 19.30 in the Gateway Hotel.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje: Will take place on September 16th 2015. Book early for reduced costs for a wonderful week in a very special place. For details phone Isabel on 086 2151338 or see poster in Church.

School Musical: Scoil Muire & Padraig, Swinford: Presents the Musical "Back to the 80's" on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday December 3rd (Matinees) and nightly on the 4th, 5th and 6th of December. More details later.

Foxford Traditional Singing and Poetry Group: Will meet in The Mayfly Hotel on Thursday, November 27th at 9.15 pm. All welcome.

Chiropodist Kathleen Kennedy: will be in the Green Room on Thursday Nov. 20th from 3:00 pm till 6:00 pm and also in Green Room on Dec. 18th, from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm, please ring 9050555 for appointment.

Fr. Dermot Meehan: (094) 9251790
Fr. Gerry Davey: (094) 9252952

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Deaths: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Sr. Teresa Nugent, Sisters of Mercy and Mary Maher, Kerry (sister of Debbie O'Hagan). May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Baptisms: We welcome into the Christian Community Conor Tomas Colgan, Cahir, Kiltimagh who was baptised in Midfield Church recently.

Weddings: Congratulations to Bernadette King and Noel Fitzgerald who were married in Swinford Church recently.

Midfield Servers: (Sunday 23rd November): Dylan Toner, Dylan Kelly, Erin Murphy, Ciara Geraghty.

Meelick Servers: (Sunday 23rd November): Sarah Barrett, Sarah Rowley, Joe O'Sullivan, James Walsh.

Our Mission Statement: To be living witnesses to Jesus Christ through whom friendship, compassion and service are given to all in an active and welcoming Church community.

Praying for our Diocese 2014: Kiltimagh is the focus parish of our prayer this week. Joe got five talents. John got two talents. And I, Jim, what do get, just one talent, one miserable talent. What can I do with one talent! Nothing, so I'll do nothing. Instead of looking at the positive side and rejoicing in the fact that he had received a talent, Jim made comparisons, others got more than he did, he felt cheated and decided not to bother using the talent he had received, in fact, he did worse, he buried it. If I look with envy at the talents of others, I give more attention to the limitations rather than the possibilities of my life. I can only work with the talents and gifts I have been given but I must work with them, not ignore them or bury them. Talents are given to be used, to be developed, to be shared, to help in building the kingdom of God. God invests in us, not to see his talents buried, not to hear us off-loading our own responsibilities by blaming others, not to see us cringe helplessly and uselessly in fear, or to be rendered inactive by false humility. God's desire is to be able one day to congratulate us on a job well done and to reward us with the happiness of Heaven. (*Adapted from Denis McBride and Sylvester O'Flynn*). We are praying for our diocese because ... through prayer we will come to know how the Lord plans to use our gifts and talents for renewal in our hearts, our parishes and our diocese.

Cemetery Rosaries: The rosary will be recited in Kinaffe Cemetery on this Sunday, November 16th after 11 am Mass in Midfield Church and at the Famine Grave in Swinford on Sunday, November 30th after the 12 noon Mass.

Advent Retreat: Will take place from the 28th -30th November at Esker Retreat Centre. Facilitator Fr. Brendan McConvery, CSS.R, (Seeing the Scriptures: The Christmas Story through art and scripture). Further details from www.redemptoristsesker.ie or 091 844549.

Do this in Memory: Next weekend the children in second class and their families preparing for First Communion mark the next stage in the Do this in Memory Programme at the Vigil Mass in Swinford on Saturday evening and at 10 am Mass in Meelick and 11 am Mass in Midfield on Sunday. We continue to keep them in our prayers as they prepare for this important step on their journey of faith.

A Christmas Ecumenical Carol Service: Will be held in Achonry Catholic Church on Thursday, 11th December at 8 pm. Rev. Derek Swann will conduct the Service and Bishop Brendan Kelly will preach the homily.

Swinford Mens Shed: Held an introduction meeting on Thursday 13th Nov in the Gateway Hotel and it was attended by approximately 50 men. A further meeting will be held on Thursday 20th Nov. at 7 pm in the Gateway where the formation of a Swinford Men's Shed will be developed. This is open to all men.

St Vincent de Paul Collection: The annual collection for Swinford conference, will be taken up at church doors at all Masses in Swinford, Meelick, Midfield and Killasser next weekend, 22nd and 23rd November. Envelopes are available in churches this weekend. Your continued generosity enables us to help many families in our area in various ways.

Paddy Casey to play in Swinford Cultural Centre:

Fresh from his appearance on the Late Late Show, singer/songwriter Paddy Casey, will be in Swinford Cultural Centre on Saturday, 29th November. This event is sponsored by Swinford Motors and all profits will go to Swinford National School. Tickets are limited and are available from O'Connell's Pharmacy or the Gateway Hotel -phone Mick at 087 6837564 or buy online at www.swinfordgaa.ie

Swinford Social Services: Church Gate Collection amounted to €636.00. Many thanks to all who contributed to this worthy cause. The monies collected are used to help fund the meals on wheels service and also the Christmas Party which will be held in Julians on Sunday 14th December commencing with Mass at 3 p.m. followed by dinner and entertainment. If you know of anyone who would like to avail of meals on wheels service please contact Mary Gallagher 087 8147463, Frances Ryan 089 4463524 or Phil Rowley 087 4195601

Swinford Golf Club Buffet Dance: Will be held in the Gateway Hotel, Swinford on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Meal starts at 8 pm. Music by Tempo Country. Tickets -€25 can be purchased from any member of the golf club. Please support.

Dementia & Alzheimer's Coffee Club: The Dementia & Alzheimer's Coffee Club is a safe, relaxed place where everyone affected by Alzheimer's Disease, Vascular Dementia or any other type of Dementia can come along for free tea/coffee, scones and friendly chat. The Welcome Inn, Castlebar from 10.30 am - 12.30 pm on the last Tuesday of every month, next club on November 25th. For more information contact: 0868366312 or fmaloney@alzheimer.ie

Swinford Gardening Club upcoming events: Tues 25th Nov: Monthly meeting on Beginners Bee keeping with Helen Mooney Thompson of Ballina Beekeepers in the Gateway Hotel at 8 pm. Non members €5 or become a member for only 12. Table sale and raffle also on the night. Tues 2nd Dec: Our Annual charity night in aid of The Roisin Tansey Trust Fund. A Christmas floral demonstration by Martina Flynn (AOIFA) in the Gateway Hotel at 8 pm. Tickets €10 and all arrangements made on the night will be raffled along with lots of other various fantastic prizes. Tickets available from various shops in the town and from club members ph 087 6206607 Please support this very worthy cause. Sat 6th Dec: Monthly Indoor Market in the Cultural Centre, Swinford 9.30 to 1 pm. Local organic vegetables, home baking, breads, cheese/olives and crafts galore. The Railway Cafe will be open for tea/coffee, cakes and scones. Don't miss out come early!