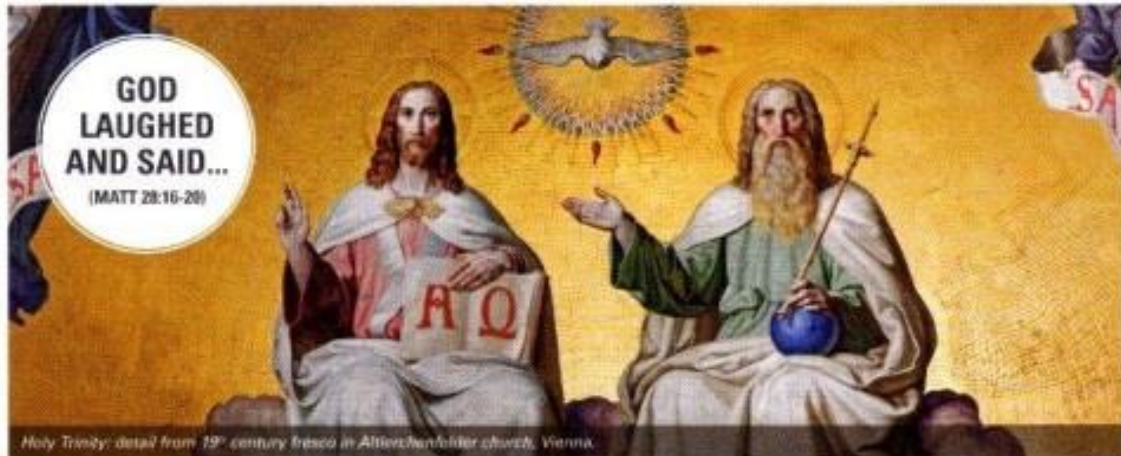


27 MAY 2018 **Sunday**  **Message** TRINITY SUNDAY

THE WORD

Year B • Season Colour: White • Psalter Week 4



At the beginning of Matthew's account of the Gospel story, the angel instructs Joseph to name Mary's child *Emmanuel*, which means *God is with us*. At the very end of the Gospel, this theme returns when Jesus tells the eleven disciples in Galilee after his resurrection "I am with you, yes, to the end of time."

He has minimised the human side of Jesus and omitted many of the little touches which make Mark's version so readable and attractive. He puts Jesus forward in the light of the resurrection as *Kyrios*, the glorified one: the terrified disciples address him as such when the storm breaks out over their boat on the Sea of Galilee. In this final appearance, the eleven recognise him as such by falling down before him: this is an act of adoration, just as others, such as the Magi, the leper, and the centurion prostrate themselves when Jesus reveals his power in an act of divine power. This is something people should only do in the presence of God, so it tells us that these individuals recognise Jesus as divine, as God. The evangelist declares that Jesus in himself shows the right attitude to God by accepting baptism from John and thus do *all that righteousness commands*. Thus Jesus is the model for his disciples.

The community of Jesus' disciples is to be missionary: it is not to keep the Good News to itself, but to convey what they have received to others. Those who accept their message will signify this publicly by being baptised "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". God has given Jesus all authority in heaven and on earth; in this final scene he gives his disciples a command and a promise. He is giving that command and promise to us today. ■

**REFLECT**

It is notoriously difficult to try to explain the Trinity, One God in Three Persons. In England in the 19th century there was a determined attack on the doctrine of the Trinity by certain individuals. William Wilberforce, the Bishop of Oxford, wrote a book defending it. There was a feeling in certain quarters that Wilberforce's attempted defence had done more damage than had the attacks of his opponents.

The 13th-century mystic Meister Eckhart had a different approach. He asked: "Do you want to know what goes on in the core of the Trinity? I will tell you. In the

core of the Trinity, the Father laughs and gives birth to the Son. The Son laughs back at the Father and gives birth to the Spirit. The whole Trinity laughs and gives birth to us."

We have not often been encouraged by preachers or spiritual writers to picture God laughing, or to imagine the Trinity as a community of persons characterised by joy, a joy which overflows in creative, loving being and activity. Perhaps if we did, our own faith would be more joyful and deeply serene, our communities less fractious and more accepting, and our Church more attractive as a place of peace and that joy of which Jesus speaks. ■

**LEARN**

The command to baptise in the name of the Father, Son and Spirit, reflects the practice of the early Christian community.

Being baptised is a public affirmation to accept Jesus and the Gospel.

The history of the early Church revolves around the debates as to how the persons of the Trinity relate to one another.

The Bible stresses the unity of God: there is only one God.



**DO**

Make the Sign of the Cross with holy water. Renew your baptismal promises informally in the name of the Trinity. Ask for the wisdom and courage to be a missionary disciple of Jesus in your own life and place.

**SAY**

I am with you always.

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**27<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018**

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Swinford:</b> Martin Dunne & dec'd Dunne & Burke Families Mary Neary & daughter Mary & son-in-law Martin Furey & dec'd Family, Cullane & Michael & Delia McNicholas & son Tommy & daughter Helen, Carracanada
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Swinford:</b> Lena & Tony Pidgeon & daughter Anne Bell Willie Groarke, Rathdubh
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Swinford:</b> Patrick McLoughlin, Derryronane & dec'd McLoughlin & Durkan Families
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Swinford:</b> Matt Lynskey, Culmore
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Swinford:</b> Delia & Patrick McGrath & daughter Margaret & son Martin
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Swinford:</b> Stephen Slattery
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Swinford:</b> Baby James Mark Higgins & his grandfather John, Lisbrogan
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Swinford:</b> No Intention

**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**

<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Swinford:</b> Bridget & Michael Muldowney, Cashelsheenaughane Delia & Michael Haran & daughter Carmel Rainey & her husband Dominic
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Swinford:</b> Eddie & Sabina Kennedy, Bridge Street Johnny Pidgeon & dec'd Pidgeon & Collins Families

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<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Meelick:</b> Mary & Pat Smith, Oldcastle & Paddy Doyle, Church View & dec'd Family
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Meelick:</b> Tom & Julia Faughnan & daughters Sally, Pauline & Charlotte

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<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Midfield:</b> Patrick & Mary Campbell, Brackloon & Tom & Bridie Murtagh, Ballure & dec'd Families Michael & Babe Muldowney, Carnacull
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Midfield:</b> Ambrose Lavin, Woods (MM)
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Midfield:</b> Noreen & Paddy Ryan & granddaughter Tara, Johnsfort Dec'd Clarke Family, Eyrecourt & Durkin Family, Carnacull

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**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

**Swinford Church:** Sundays: 2pm-6pm & Thursdays 10.30am-8pm

**Midfield Church:** Mondays 11am-12noon

**Meelick Church:** Mondays 7pm-9pm

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**Please pray for** Mary Campbell (nee Muldowney), Ratherham/Tullinacurra (sister of Willie Muldowney, Tullinacurra) and William McGrath, Castleyons, Co. Cork (husband of Nora Durkin, Carnacull). May they rest in the peace of Christ.

**Corpus Christi Procession:** Next Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, is the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), a day when we reflect on and give thanks to God for the gift of the Eucharist. The annual Corpus Christi procession will take place after 12 noon Mass on Sunday next (weather permitting). It will follow the usual route: Chapel St, Market St, Main St, Circular Road, ending with Benediction in the grounds of Scoil Muire agus Treasa. As Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, is carried through the town, we ask his blessing on all in our parish community. All are welcome to join in the procession.

**Pentecost Collection:** Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the Pentecost collection last Sunday. This collection goes towards paying the monthly salary of the parish priest. As always, your kindness and support are greatly appreciated.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** There will be a meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council in the Meeting Room in the Parochial House on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 8p.m.

**The First Saturday Devotion** is being hosted at the newly renovated Knock Old Parish Church on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Starts at 11.00am with Rosary, meditations, and concluding with Holy mass at 12 noon, Confessions and Enrollment of the free brown scapulars. All are welcome.

**Walking Together as Families Today:** Gathering in Preparation for the World Meeting of Families. St Patrick's College, Maynooth, 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> June. Speakers, workshops, conversations, prayer and much more, on variety of topics relating to family life. Reg €15 (incl. lunch & tea/coffee). Tickets available on [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie) (under "walking Together as Families Today"). contact Aoife at [specialevents@spcm.ie](mailto:specialevents@spcm.ie) for more information.

**GAA 50/50:** This week's draw was held in Quinns and Rory Smith of Cloonaghoboy, Swinford won €490. Next draw is the 29<sup>th</sup> May.

**Mayo Stroke Support Group** will host an information session on Adjusting to Stroke: in

the TF Royal Hotel, on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May from 11.30am to 1pm.

**Mayo Roscommon Hospice Shop Swinford** are looking for volunteers to help with our annual Sunflower Collection days on 8/9 June. Please call into shop or call 086-3345563. Thank you.

**Western Alzheimers** are currently recruiting for Health Care Assistants for Swinford & Surrounding areas. Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection Criteria applies. If interested please contact your local Intreo office, quoting the following reference number; CES – 2073498. Contact 094-9364900.

**Foxford Traditional Singing and Poetry Group** will meet in The Mayfly Hotel on Thursday May 31<sup>st</sup> at 9.15pm. All welcome.

**O' Dwyer Arts Centre** are renting a room suitable for meetings, card games, birthday parties & Family gatherings. Contact Maura 086-6096590/087-9049710.

**Swinford Community Lotto** Results for May 21st Numbers: 1 6 8 11; €70 Local Shopping Voucher Winners; Gregory Spragg, Oak Drive; Geraldine Ryan, C/O Mellett's; 3 Number Winners: Mary Brennan, Oak Drive; Marie Melletts, Swinford; Jackpot €6,000; Next Draw on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May in The Sheepwalk.

**Credit Union News:** To celebrate a great milestone Swinford Credit Union are delighted to offer a very Special interest rate of 5.95% (APR 6.11%) on all new loans till the 30<sup>th</sup> June. T & C apply. Call in to discuss this great offer.

**Members Draw:** Swinford Credit Union Members Draw takes place in the Gateway Hotel Swinford on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30pm. If you are signed up for the draw you are automatically included if not call in and sign up closing date for this draw is Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June. T & C apply.

**Swinford & District Gardening club** will meet in Horkan's Garden Centre at 7.30pm on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Pdraig Horkan will give a talk on Planting for Summer Colour. He will discuss the best plants for long lasting colour in Borders and containers. All welcome.

**Swinford Golf/Soccer 250 Draw:** Results of Draw No.13: €1000 was won by Imelda Kelly, Kilkelly Rd; €300 was won by Canon Michael Joyce, Fraun Hill; €200 was won by Simon Ronayne, Swinford. Thanks for supporting our draw.