

4 AUGUST 2019

Sunday Message

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

Year C • Season Colour: Green • Psalter Week 2



SAY

“He is generous even to exhaustion; and what is most wonderful is, that He gives Himself thus entirely, not once only, but every day, if we wish it. Every fresh Communion is a new gift which Jesus Christ makes of Himself.”

(St. Ignatius Loyola)

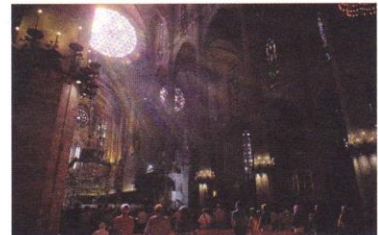
LEARN

“It is the joyful simplicity of life inspired by the Gospel and the Gospel’s spirit of fraternal sharing that you will find the best remedy for the temptation to make money the principle means and indeed the very measure of human advancement.”

(Pope John Paul II)

DO

The next time you attend Mass, concentrate more fully on the Word of God (first reading, psalm, second reading and Gospel). Allow the words to affect you and take one message home with you, something that will help you in your relationship with God.



This is the year of Luke’s Gospel and you may have noticed over the past number of weeks the amount of times Jesus is questioned by an inquisitive crowd of followers. He takes on the role of rabbi or teacher today and is asked about the apportioning of inheritance between two brothers.

The law of the time dictated that the eldest son must receive twice as much as each of the other children upon the death of their father. However, there seems to be a dispute today in which Jesus is asked to comment. Cleverly he side-steps the issue and focuses on the heart of the problem, which is our attachment to money, possessions and wealth. Note a parallel theme in today’s first reading from Ecclesiastes where the opening line is, “Vanity of vanity, all is vanity.” In some Bible translations this sentence reads, “All is meaningless.” The book of Ecclesiastes is renowned for its negative downbeat tone and has quite a pessimistic view on life. The writer is a man who has seen it all and today’s question is quite profound in many ways. What’s the point in toiling all your life to amass possessions and wealth when you’re just going to leave it all behind anyway? So Jesus uses the parable of the rich landowner who builds bigger barns to store his vast quantities of grain. When all the produce is gathered, the landowner plans a little retirement where he will eat, drink and take life easy. God speaks to the landowner and calls him a fool. On this very night the man will die and who will own his property then? Through this parable, Jesus mocks the man who relies on possessions to make him happy. ■

REFLECT

Recently, a couple from the North of Ireland won a substantial amount of money in the EuroMillions lottery and before TV cameras and reporters from around the world, they explained how their lives would certainly change dramatically but ultimately, their needs were few. For some moments, I put myself into their shoes and wondered what it would be like to have over £100

million in my bank account. Perhaps we all do the same from time to time. We like to dream big about the possible car or house or holidays we would have if we won the lotto. Some would say that it’s even natural to think in this way because most of our lives are driven by our need to earn money, to buy food and the things that make us and our families comfortable. Keeping this in mind, you might disagree with the strategy of Jesus in calling today’s landowner a fool.

These are strong words and for anyone who is wealthy or lives a comfortable life, the Gospel of today is not criticising you for what you have. What Jesus is calling into question is a consumerist mentality where the only focus for people is money and possessions. Jesus points to the people who think there is security in possessions. For Jesus, true wealth, security and happiness is to be found in our relationship with God. ■

SWINFORD MEELICK MIDFIELD
Fr Dermot Meehan Phone: 094-9251790/Urgent Calls: 087-1338200

PARISH OFFICE- OPENING HOURS: Mon, Thurs, Fri: 9.00am-2.00pm; Phone: 094 - 9253607
Email: swinews@hotmail.com **4th – 11th Aug 2019**

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 3rd	6.30pm	Swinford: Séamus O'Hagan & dec'd Family, Swinford
Sunday 4th	12 noon	Swinford: Úna & Tony Doyle, Tumgesh & dec'd Doyle & Mulrennan Families Pat & Nora Ginty, Cloonlumney Pat Goff, Park Road
Monday 5th	10.00am	Swinford: Matt Gallagher, Cullane & dec'd Gallagher & Brady Families Anne Groarke, Cloontubrid Marty & Angela Hopkins, Rathscalon & their daughter Mary
Tuesday 6th	10.00am	Swinford: William Moran, Bollingbrook Drive (MM) Martin & Winnie Molloy, Lisheenabrone Bernie Whelan
Wednesday 7th	10.00am	Swinford: Johnny & Mary Kneafsey, their son Pat, Kilkelly Rd & their son-in-law Daryl Pugh Anthony & Mary Ellen Loftus, Cloonfinaune & their daughter Mary Mullarkey & their grand-daughter Amy Loftus (Padre Pio devotions after Mass)
Thursday 8th	10.00am	Swinford: William O'Connor, Limerick Johnny & Julia Tierney, Lislackagh
Friday 9th	10.00am	Swinford: Margaret Harrington, Culmore (MM) Tony & Kathleen Brennan, Kilbride Michael & Julia Fox, OakDrive/Manchester
Saturday 10th	10.00am	Swinford: Chris O'Malley, Ashgrove (MM)

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 10th	6.30pm	Swinford: Bob Doyle, Newpark & dec'd Doyle & Lynskey Families Tom & Mildred Kavanagh, Riverside Anne Gallagher & her daughter Delia Tunney, Cloonlara
Sunday 11th	12 noon	Swinford: Eileen & Paddy Maloney, Collagh Mary Ellen & Michael Stenson, Lisbrogan

Sunday 4th	9.00am	Meelick: Pat, Ann & Margaret Philbin & dec'd Family, Steeple Village
Sunday 11th	9.00am	Meelick: Joe Thompson, Tower View (1 st anniv)

Sunday 4th	10.30am	Midfield: Mary & Martin Mannion, Cashelroyane
Sunday 11th	10.30am	Midfield: Paddy Oliver, Tullinacurra, his parents Paddy & Mary, his sisters Mary & Noreen & his brother Mike James & Delia Frain, their daughter Nano & grandson James & son-in-law James Brennan

Please pray for Mary Lavin, Woods, Midfield and Joe McGeever, Culleens, Meelick. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

Cemetery Masses: Mass will be celebrated in Meelick Cemetery on Sunday, August 4th at 9a.m. (weather permitting), in Kilconduff Cemetery on Monday, August 5th at 6.30p.m. (weather permitting), in Midfield Cemetery on Thursday, August 15th at 7.00p.m. (weather permitting) and in the Workhouse Cemetery, Dublin Road on Friday, August 16th at 7.00p.m. (weather permitting).

Rock Rose House: Mayo Podiatry, Foot and Ankle Clinic will be holding a clinic for Cancer Patients in Rock Rose House, Castlebar on Thursday 15th August. Brid has a vast experience in this area and will be able to offer information and advice on footcare pre and post Cancer Treatments. Contact 094-9038407 for more information. All services are completely confidential and provided Free of Charge. Places are Limited so please book to avoid disappointment.

Heartfulness, Relaxation and Meditation Monday 12th August at 7pm in the Meeting Room at the Parochial House Swinford. Free and open to all over 16 years. Contact 086 0700681 if you require further information.

Swinford Community Lotto Results 29th July Numbers: 02 09 16 19; €70 Local Shopping Voucher Winners: Sheila Dunne; Ken Sprag 3 Number Winners: Martin Feeney c/o Tara Café; Marie Horkan, Swinford; P. O'Brien, Cullane; Next draw is on the 6th August in Quinns Pub.

Swinford Comhaltas and friends are delighted to present our 4th annual Pageant on Monday, August 5th at 8.30pm. The show called 250 years a Growing – 250 bliain ag fás. Two hundred and fifty years of life in Swinford and surrounding parishes will be celebrated with the best of music, song, dance, poetry, drama and narration in the Cultural Centre. This will be a great night's entertainment so be sure to be there.

Musical Theatre Summer camp: Remaining places need to be booked/confirmed soon for the Flare Musical Theatre Summer Camp/workshop to facilitate ordering of costumes etc. Info from Swinford 250 office, email railwayplayers2018@gmail.com or

message Railway Players Facebook page or text 087-656978 for more information.

Free Computer Classes for over 55's starting in September 2019 to June 2020 at Swinford Library on Wednesday mornings from 10.00am to 12 noon. Tutoring is usually on a 1:1 basis in a relaxed atmosphere. Classes are 2 hours once a week for 5 weeks. For more information email gettingstartedgalway@ageaction.ie or call 091-527831 for more information.

Swinford Golf/Soccer 250 Draw: Draw no 10 which was held in the Sheepwalk Bar on Sunday 28th July.

€1000 was won by Sarah & Lucy Neville, Headford Rd, Galway City.

€300 was won by Ryan & Josh Munnely, Carrowbawn, Swinford.

€200 was won by Darren Mc.Loughlin, Woods, Midfield. Thank you for supporting our draw and all results are available on our websites.

Bofield Ceili: The ever popular Bofield Ceili Band summer Seisiún returns to the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on Thursday evenings at 9pm and runs each Thursday night until the end of August. A great night of entertainment is guaranteed for all the family. Adults €10 and children are free. Refreshments served.

Western Care Association: A Summer Cabaret hosted by Annette Griffin and John Staunton and featuring Brendan Shine, Gerry Guthrie and comedian Shaun Connors will take place in the McWilliam Park Hotel, Claremorris, on Wednesday, August 7th. Tickets costing €25 are available from McWilliam Park Hotel: 094 9378000, from Western Care Association: 094 9029144 or from many local outlets throughout the county and on the door on the night. All proceeds will go to support Western Care Association's local services for people with intellectual disabilities and their families in the south Mayo area. Please support this worthy cause.