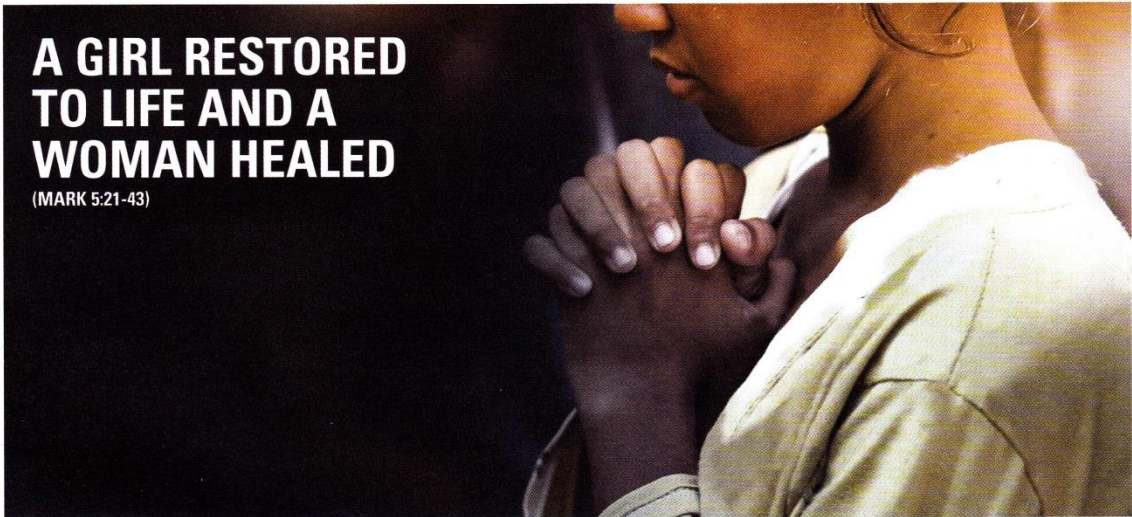


A GIRL RESTORED TO LIFE AND A WOMAN HEALED

(MARK 5:21-43)



We are presented with two stories of healing today, both extraordinary in their detail and power. A leader of the synagogue named Jairus approaches Jesus out of desperation as his daughter is at the point of death.

We can only imagine the courage it must have taken for Jairus to come and ask for help. He effectively represents Jesus' opposition, but Jesus is also his last hope. There is nothing in the Gospel that suggests that Jesus pondered this request before responding to Jairus. Instead, Jesus went with him. However, there was a delay in reaching the house. Crowds of people gathered and Jesus' encounter with a woman who was haemorrhaging is one of the most famous in the Gospels. Power left Jesus' body as the woman reached out and touched his cloak. Jesus had an instinctive sense that someone was in need. Like Jairus, the woman had done everything humanly possible in seeking a cure: "she had endured much under many physicians and had spent all that she had." Her faith in the power of Jesus and his healing presence stops her haemorrhage and heals her completely. Jesus does not let this moment pass without offering the simple words of encouragement, "your faith has made you well. Go in peace..."

After this brief interlude, we continue on the road to Jairus' house but on arrival Jesus and his followers are told that Jairus' daughter is dead. The important moment in this scene is when the crowd of relatives and friends gathered at the house laugh at Jesus' statement that she is merely sleeping. Jesus puts them all outside the house as he and his close circle of disciples (Peter, James and John) stay with the child, with Jesus saying the words "Little girl get up" or in his native tongue, *Talitha kum*. The imagery here is quite stark. Those who believe are inside the house, those who doubt remain on the outside looking in. ■

REFLECT

So what happened next in the life story of Jairus? As one of the leaders of the synagogue, how could he explain such a dramatic scene of healing to his fellow synagogue worshippers? Jesus tells all present in the house not to tell anyone about what had just happened, but news travels fast where stories of healing are concerned. One might imagine

that his life was transformed by what he saw on that day. Jesus not only heals Jairus' daughter but transforms the hearts of those who see his power. This is a truly extraordinary God-given event. Indeed, our own personal contact with someone who has been healed or cured of an illness is certainly something that brings us closer to God and closer to understanding the

LEARN

"In the public activity of Jesus, his encounters with the sick are not isolated, but continual. He healed many through miracles, so that miraculous healings characterised his activity."

(Instruction on Prayers for Healing, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, September 14, 2000)

DO

Take some time this week to call to mind those who are sick in your family and parish community at this time. Pray for them and recall the ministry of Jesus in the Gospels in his healing of the sick and his comforting of the afflicted.

SAY

"Stay with me, Lord because I am weak and I need Your strength, that I may not fall so often."

(St Pio of Pietrelcina)

power of miracles in the life and mind of God. A woman I know who suffers from Multiple Sclerosis comes home from Lourdes every September feeling a renewed strength and appreciation of God's healing presence in her life. A person's experience of healing adds so much to our understanding of how God interacts with our world. ■

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 30th	6.30pm	Swinford: Martin & Mary Foote & son Peter & daughter Marian, Tullinacurra John & Mary Loftus, Lisbrogan & dec'd Loftus & O'Neill Families & Jim & Bridget Campbell & dec'd Campbell & Pidgeon Families
Sunday 1st	12 noon	Swinford: Delia McNicholas & daughter Helen, Carracanada Micheál Campbell, Chapel Street & dec'd Fleming & Campbell Families
Sunday 1st	3.00pm	Swinford: Séan Irving, Meadowpark (MM)
Monday 2nd	10.00am	Swinford: No Intention
Tuesday 3rd	10.00am	Swinford: No Intention
Wednesday 4th	10.00am	Swinford: No Intention (Padre Pio Devotions after Mass)
Thursday 5th	10.00am	Swinford: Eddie Higgins, Market Street
Friday 6th	10.00am	Swinford: Daniel Doherty, Letterkenny/London
Saturday 7th	10.00am	Swinford: John McNulty, Cloongullane (MM)

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 7th	6.30pm	Swinford: Joan Chapman & dec'd Chapman & Kelly Families Pat & Margaret Gallagher & daughter Marie, Culmore & Jim, Anne & Séamus Gallagher, Chicago
Sunday 8th	12 noon	Swinford: Mary Foley (1 st anniv) & husband Paddy & son Patrick & dec'd Foley & McManus Families Catherine Burke & dec'd Burke & O'Shea Families

Sunday 1st	9.00am	Meelick: No Intention
Sunday 8th	9.00am	Meelick: Patrick & Marguerite Sweeney Paddy & Kathleen McDonagh & son Tim, Laughtadurkin

Sunday 1st	10.30am	Midfield: Tommy, Hannah & James Quinn & Margaret Quinn-Cunningham, Australia Michael & Nora Reilly & dec'd Family, Tullinahoo
Sunday 8th	10.30am	Midfield: Patrick & Julia Lavin & daughter Margaret & dec'd Family, Cashelbarnagh Margaret & Michael Gallagher & son Jim & daughters Sadie & Catherine & dec'd Family, Cultrasna

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

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

Midfield Church: Mondays 11am-12noon

Meelick Church: Mondays 7pm-9pm

Please pray for John Burke, Threadneedle Road, Salthill (Father of Patricia Mulroy, Laughtadurkin). May he rest in the peace of Christ.

We welcome into the Christian community Grace Maisie Galvin, Callow who was baptised recently in Swinford Church.

Cemetery Masses: Mass will be celebrated in Meelick Cemetery on Sunday, August 5th at 9a.m. (weather permitting), in Kilconduff Cemetery on Monday, August 6th at 6.30p.m. (weather permitting) and in Midfield Cemetery on Wednesday, August 15th at 7p.m. (weather permitting).

Lough Derg 2018: The Three Day Pilgrimage is currently open. You may begin on any day until Monday 13th August. Advance booking is necessary. The Lough Derg team can help you to co-ordinate public transport or link up with Pilgrimage Organisers in your locality, phone Lorraine on 071-9861518 or email:info@loughderg.org

Rally for Life: Buses leaving from many towns across the county to Belfast on Saturday morning July 7th. To reserve a seat and for more info contact Eileen on 086-1785160 or Aidan on 087-9721739. Booking essential.

Swinford Tidy Towns-Monday Meitheal: Volunteers needed on Monday evening (July 2nd) to help tidy up the planted bank on Kiltimagh Road (near the junction with Park Road). Meet at the Amenity Park at 7pm.

Killasser Group Water Scheme Committee urgently request all members of the Scheme to conserve water as much as possible. There is a danger of outages as the reservoir is under pressure. The Committee apologise for any inconvenience and are endeavoring to keep members supplied but need everyone's cooperation.

Scoil Cheoil Siamsa Sraide 2018: Summer workshops – music and singing. July 30th - August 3rd. Classes will be held in Swinford NS. Tin Whistle, Flute, Fiddle, Banjo, Bodhrán, Concertina, Button Accordion, Singing. One hour Classes between 4pm and 6pm Mon-Fri (times to be allocated). Fee for week €25 per student. (€40 for 2 children/2 instruments). If help or advice needed re rent of instruments please contact us immediately on 087-7454032 Email cceswinford@gmail.com

Swinford Community Lotto: Results for June 18th The Lucky Winner of €6,600 is M & M Noone, Killasser. The winner of the selling ticket of €330 is Mace Numbers: 3 7 12 28 €70 Local Shopping Voucher Winners:

Marie McNulty, Railway Terrace; Bernie Conway, Swinford; 3 Number Winners: Pauline Mohan, Castlebar; Keelin Devine, Charlestown; Nathan Devine, Charlestown; Pamela Niland, Charlestown; Amy Conlon, Swinford;

Swinford Community Lotto: Results for June 25th Numbers: 12 17 20 27 €70 Local Shopping Voucher Winners: Susan & Aoife, C/O Melletts; Kelda Moore, Australia-Meelick ; 3 Number Winners: Jackie Doherty, Killasser; Dolarer Ginty, Galway; Jackpot €3, 200 Next Draw Monday 2nd July in Julians.

GAA 50/50: This week's draw was held in Melletts and Alan and Francis McNulty of Cllongullane, Swinford won €498 Next draw is in Gateway Hotel on the 3rd July.

Concert: St James Church, Charlestown on Thursday July 5th at 7.30pm. Featuring Rogue Valley Chorale, Oregon, USA, with Men of Worth; Folk Duo, and Charlestown Parish Choir. Admission Free, Donation gratefully accepted.

Mayo Branch of Arthritis Ireland are holding their Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday 4th of July at 8pm in the Newman Institute, Ballina.

Rosary: The Rosary will be recited at Carrabawn Shrine on Monday, July 2nd at 7p.m. All welcome.

Training Opportunities: Are you at home because you don't know how to access further training? NLN could help you. We train early school leavers, LCA students and people who would benefit from additional learning supports. Our courses will develop your skills and confidence to open up new opportunities for further training. We offer Sports Studies, Employment Skills, Business, IT & Office courses and more. To get details on courses, contact Castlebar@nlm.ie; (094) 9022770; National Learning Network, Breaffy Road, Castlebar.

Swinford Go Getters present the go For Life Games and Boccia in the Cultural Centre Swinford on Thursday 12th July from 10.30 to 12.30 Admission €2. Refreshments served.