

16 JUNE 2019

# Sunday Message

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

THE WORD

Year C • Season Colour: White • Psalter Week 3



**THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH**  
(JOHN 16: 12-15)

Ceiling fresco of the Holy Trinity in Chiesa di Santa Croce by Giovanni Maria Conti della Camera (1614-1670)

The early part of John, chapter 16, is quite tender and emotional as Jesus gathers his disciples for the final time. It is worth taking the time to read these lines to try and get a sense of the atmosphere that was present in this interaction.

There was fear or even sadness perhaps, given the great ministerial journey that had taken place with Jesus was now coming to an end. The context to today's Gospel verses rests in Jesus' statement to the disciples, "I am returning to the Father". The great relationship of the New Testament is at the heart of this Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Indeed, the brief lines we read today state that there is so much more to say about God and his love, but such information would be too much to take at this particular time. So the promise of Jesus is to send the Spirit of truth who will offer wisdom and guidance during the difficult times to come. For earlier in verse 2 of this chapter, Jesus states, "the time is coming when anyone who kills you will think they are offering service to God." The sending of the Spirit into the lives of the disciples and into our own lives is God's grace alive and active. ■

**LEARN**

"The Trinity is a mystery of faith in the strict sense, one of the mysteries that are hidden in God, which can never be known unless they are revealed by God."

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 237)

**DO**

Think of concrete ways you can go out to your community and bring the love and tenderness of the Trinity to the lives of others. No action is too small.

**REFLECT**

The life of the Trinity permeates everything we do as church, whether it's a prayer group gathering on a Monday night, a St Vincent De Paul meeting on a Friday morning or a baptismal celebration after mass on a Sunday. The Trinity becomes reflected in the missionary activity of our parish communities from morning to night.

Bishop Robert Barron states that, as a lecturer in university, he is only too aware of the "highly developed technical language" surrounding the Trinity. All the great theologians over the centuries have wrestled with its meaning and often in trying to communicate that meaning, they leave the student or the listener even more confused than before.

The danger however is that we simplify the doctrine of the Trinity too much in our preaching and teaching. Suffice it to remember that every time we bless

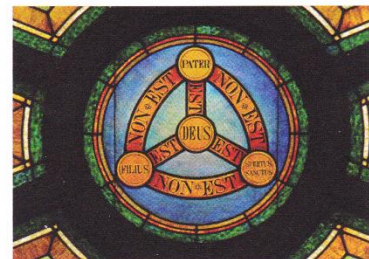
ourselves, we are invoking the name of the Trinity. When we participate in a sacrament for example, the first step is to put ourselves into the mystery of the Trinity. We place ourselves into the love that connects the Father and the Son.

We can probably get the sense through our work for the church and our participation in the sacraments that the Trinity is not something that is static. Today's Gospel portrays the Spirit as a guide and the bearer of wisdom and knowledge. Trinity Sunday therefore is less about trying to understand the complicated theological theories that surround a doctrine and more to do with every member of the church being summoned to mission and action. Today could be the perfect opportunity for a parish to re-evaluate its missionary activity and work. It could also be a time where we take a personal look at our own faith lives. Do I see myself being part of the dynamic life of the Trinity or have I become static? ■

**SAY**

"It is not easy to find a name that will suitably express so great an excellence, unless it is better to speak in this way: the Trinity, one God, of whom are all things, through whom are all things, in whom are all things."

(St Augustine)



Stained glass window depicting doctrine of the Holy Trinity in Latin

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**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Swinford:** Tom & Mary Jane Tunney, Culmore & their daughter  
Mary Finnerty  
**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 12 noon Swinford:** Patrick McElhatton, Cookstown  
Anne Nolan, Carracanada  
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Swinford:** No Intention  
**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Swinford:** No Intention  
**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Swinford:** No Intention  
**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Swinford:** No Intention  
**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> 10.00am Swinford:** Freda & Michael Loftus & dec'd Family, Ballydrum  
**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 10.00am Swinford:** Frank Regan, Lislackagh/Australia  
**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 11.30am Swinford:** John McCallion, Carnacross (MM)

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

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 6.30pm Swinford:** Kathleen Kilgallon, Newpark  
Anthony & Mary Reddington, Carton, Margaret  
& Martin Cassidy, Barnacogue & Michael & Margaret  
Gallagher, Cullane & dec'd Families  
**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 12 noon Swinford:** Tess, Frank, Molly & kitty Egan & their Parents,  
Lower Main Street  
Mary Durkin, Cloonacanna

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**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 9.00am Meelick:** Peter & Marjorie Killalea, Lisheenabrone  
**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 9.00am Meelick:** Pake & Margaret Groarke, Cloonagallon & dec'd  
Groarke Family

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**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Midfield:** Tom & Annie McLoughlin & sons Tommy & Paddy,  
Brackloon  
Noreen & Paddy Ryan & their granddaughter Tara,  
Johnsfort  
**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10.30am Midfield:** Michael & Nora Reilly & dec'd Family, Tullinahoo &  
his sister Teresa Doan  
Martin & Nora O'Brien & sons Peter & Terence,  
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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** John Morley, Haringey, London and formerly of Faheens and John Waters, Raughley, Maugherow, Co Sligo (brother-in-law of Margaret Waters, Ballintemple). May they rest in the peace of Christ.

**We welcome into the Christian community**

Finlee Eric Cassidy, Rathdubh, who was baptised recently in Swinford Church.

**Praying for the Sick:** This Sunday, at the 12 noon Mass, we will remember those who are sick, especially members of the Parish community ill at home or in hospital at this time.

**Corpus Christi Procession:** Sunday next, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, is the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, a day when we reflect on the wonderful gift we have been given in the Eucharist. The procession honours Jesus's presence with us in the Bread of Life and asks his blessing on our parish community. The Procession takes place after 12 noon Mass on Sunday (weather permitting) and all are invited and encouraged to take part prayerfully in this act of faith in the Eucharist. The Procession will assemble on Chapel Street at the exit from the church and make its way down Market St, Main St and Circular Rd, concluding with Benediction in the grounds of Swinford NS.

**Anam Cara Mayo**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Parent Evening on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 7.20pm in the T.F Royal Hotel, Castlebar. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on 085-2888888 or at [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) for more information.

**Public Talk:** Does God Exist, a scientific approach to defending our faith by Martin Molloy. Q & As to follow. Skeptical questions most welcome. Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June in St John's Rest & Care Centre, Knock Shrine at 8pm. All welcome. Organised by Knights of St. Columbanus.

**Mayo Roscommon Hospice** sincerely thank all the volunteers who gave their time freely to help with National sunflower days for hospice and all who supported the cause so generously. Thanks also to hospice support groups, local stores, local media and all who helped in any

way to make the event such a great success. Your support is most appreciated.

**A Charity cycle** in aid of Mayo Roscommon Hospice in conjunction with Swinford Cruisers will take place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June from Melletts in Swinford. Registration from 7.30am with cycle commencing at 8.30am. Contact Helen on 087-6716202 or Pat on 087-1330515 for more details. Refreshments served along the route. Please support.

**Found:** A set of keys, including a car key was found on Chapel Street during the week. Please contact Fr Dermot for more information.

**Annual Mass at Cullane Shrine** will be celebrated on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm by Fr John O'Gorman. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Stoma Support Group Meeting:** takes place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm in Rock Rose House, Castlebar. New members always welcome. For more information contact 094-9038407.

**O'Dwyer Arts Centre:** Pottery/ Music Summer Camp for children in O'Dwyer Arts Centre on 15<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> July from 11am - 1.30 pm. Enrolment on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 10am in the centre. €10 deposit to secure a place.

**Swinford Agriculture Show:** Midsummer's Night Table Quiz in Melletts Bar (upstairs) on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June at 9pm. Bring a team or join a table. Table of 4, €10 per person. Spot Prizes and Raffle on the night. Come along and test your knowledge.

**Swinford Community Lotto:** Results 10<sup>th</sup> June Numbers 6 11 25 27; €70 Local Shopping Voucher Winners: Danny Walsh, Bohola; Andrea Gallagher, Drumshinnagh, Swinford; 3 Number Winner: Sheila Byrne, Circular Road, Swinford.

**Heartfulness, Relaxation and Meditation:** Monday June 17<sup>th</sup> 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 Golf/Soccer 250 Draw:** Draw no 6 which was held in Swinford Golf Club on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May. €1000 was won by Seamus Hughes, Cloonlee, Knock  
€300 was won by P.J Moore, Swinford  
€200 was won by Simon Ronane, Swinford  
Thank you for supporting our draw.