

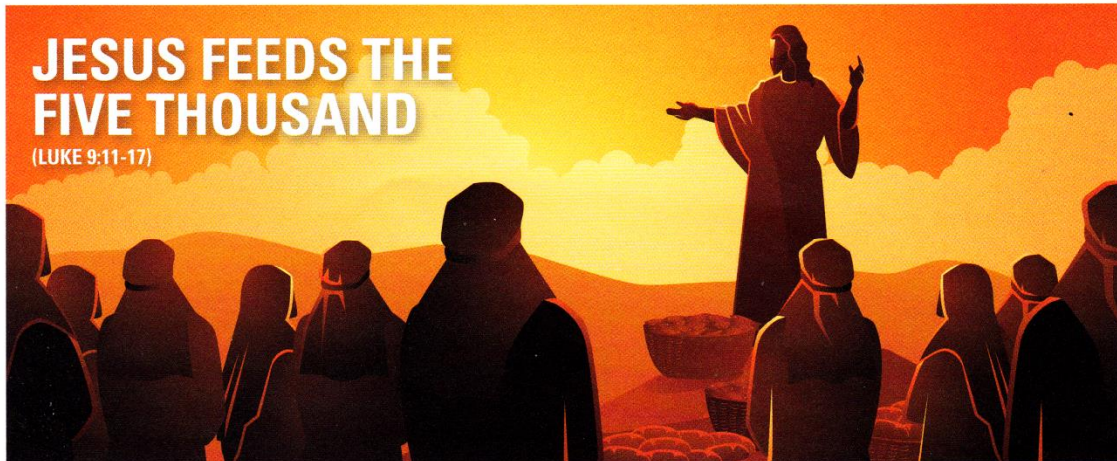
23 JUNE 2019

Sunday Message

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

THE WORD

Year C • Season Colour: White • Psalter Week 4



JESUS FEEDS THE FIVE THOUSAND

(LUKE 9:11-17)

St Luke begins today's Gospel with the three pillars of Jesus' ministry: welcoming, preaching and healing.

Once Jesus has completed his work, the disciples express concern at the large number of people who have gathered and the lack of food to give them. Five loaves and two fish would not be enough even to feed the twelve. But despite this, Jesus instructs a banquet to be prepared, almost like a wedding feast, with people placed in intimate groupings of 50. What happens next is extraordinary and St Luke deliberately sets out the future direction of church celebrations. Jesus raises his eyes to heaven, blesses the food, breaks it and shares it with his disciples to be distributed amongst the hungry crowd. Of course it is not just the physical hunger that's satisfied but their hunger for love, intimacy and hospitality is met during this miraculous encounter.

This Gospel story is what commentators refer to as a gift miracle where God gives to his people generously and abundantly. One could say that it's a miracle that defies logic but it's the same gift miracle we see at the wedding feast of Cana, where the guests at the banquet receive the best of wine in the presence of the Son of Man. Abundance, generosity and love is at the heart of our celebrations.

When we turn to our second reading today from Corinthians, St Paul has set out to correct some abuses of the Lord's Supper that have crept into the early church. At some meals, people were left outside hungry and others got very drunk, people came to eat with divisions and disagreements in their hearts. But no, this is not the way of Christ. Jesus stated on Holy Thursday, "This is my body which is for you, do this in remembrance of me." A truly holy moment that St Paul encourages the church to focus on during their gatherings. ■

LEARN

"This is the miracle: rather than a multiplication it is a sharing, inspired by faith and prayer. Everyone eats and some is left over: it is the sign of Jesus, the Bread of God for humanity."

(Pope Francis, Angelus – St Peter's Square, June 2, 2013)

DO

Make an attempt in the coming week to articulate what the Eucharist means to you. What happens during your short time at Mass that brings you back again?

SAY

Lord Jesus Christ, nourish me with your body and blood so that I may become what I receive in showing your loving presence to the world.

REFLECT

Br Kevin Crowley runs the Capuchin Day Centre in Dublin City. The centre has been providing meals for the hungry since 1969 and I'm sure you can think of other examples of similar places in your own districts or cities. Indeed through two very bad recessions in Ireland during the 1980s and after the collapse of the banks in 2008, the centre witnessed a dramatic increase in demand for its services. More recently, Br Kevin spoke of the hundreds of people on the streets queuing for food outside his centre and referred to the new experience of people being ashamed to ask for food and help. While there is always food available and a secure place for children to receive a nutritious meal, there is something else that is vitally important at this centre of care and that is the value of hospitality. Br Kevin and many other providers of similar services know the significance of reaching out the hand of friendship and simply saying, "You are welcome in this place." It mirrors Jesus' attitude of abundance, generosity and love, not to mention his welcome for those who are most in need of help. ■



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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Saturday 22nd	6.30pm	Swinford: Kathleen Kilgallon, Newpark Anthony & Mary Reddington, Carton, Margaret & Martin Cassidy, Barnacogue & Michael & Margaret Gallagher, Cullane & dec'd Families
Sunday 23rd	12 noon	Swinford: Tess, Frank, Molly & Kitty Egan & Parents, Lower Main Street Mary Durkin, Cloonacanna
Monday 24th	10.00am	Swinford: Human Life International Ireland
Tuesday 25th	10.00am	Swinford: No Intention
Wednesday 26th	10.00am	Swinford: No Intention
Thursday 27th	10.00am	Swinford: No Intention
Friday 28th	10.00am	Swinford: Michael & Linda Durkan, Culmore & dec'd Durkan & Stenson Families Anne Flanagan, Ballina Road & her Grandparents
Saturday 29th	10.00am	Swinford: Margaret Gibbons (nee Kenny), Templeogue & Carracanna (MM)

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 29th	6.30pm	Swinford: Thomas Durkan, Cloonlumney Molly & Ned Tunney & dec'd Family, Derryronane
Sunday 30th	12 noon	Swinford: Martin James, Bridie & Philip Cassidy & Kathleen Finn John & Mary Loftus, Cloonaghboy & dec'd Loftus & O'Neill Families

Sunday 23rd	9.00am	Meelick: Pake & Margaret Groarke, their son John & dec'd Groarke Family, Cloonagallon
Sunday 30th	9.00am	Meelick: No Intention

Sunday 23rd	10.30am	Midfield: Michael & Nora Reilly & dec'd Family, Tullinahoo & his sister Teresa Doan Martin & Nora O'Brien & sons Peter & Terence, Kiltibo
Sunday 30th	10.30am	Midfield: Tommy, Hannah, James Quinn & Margaret Quinn/ Cunningham, Australia Margaret & Michael Gallagher, Cultrasna, their son Jim & daughters Sadie & Catherine

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 Maureen Mulligan, Chesterfield, Derbyshire and formerly of Sweetwell (sister of Michael O'Neill, Sweetwell); Delia Spelman (nee Durkan), Coventry and formerly of Kinaffe; Delia (Bridget) Corey (nee McCann) Ennis, Co. Clare and formerly of Kilbride, (Sister to the late Jim McCann, Kilbride) and Willie Daly, formerly of Kilbride. (His funeral takes place in Kilcoole, Co Wicklow on Tuesday next, June 25th). May they rest in the peace of Christ.

We welcome into the Christian community

Kylan Peter Mulroy, Lislackagh who was baptised recently in Swinford Church and Joe Frankie McShea, Knockvilla who was baptised recently in Meelick Church.

Ordination: Please keep in your prayers in the coming week Fr Fintan Gavin who will be ordained as Bishop of Cork and Ross in the North Cathedral in Cork city on Sunday next, June 30th. Fr Fintan is a priest of the diocese of Dublin but has his roots in Swinford parish-his Dad, Michael, is a native of Midfield- and Fintan has been a frequent visitor to Midfield all his life. We pray that he will know joy, contentment and peace in his continuing service of the Lord among the people of Cork and Ross.

June Retreat Days at Glenstal: Monday 24th – One Day Retreat for Men.
Tuesday 25th – Silent Day Retreat for Women.
Wednesday 26th - Day Retreat for Women (not silent). Reflect, Relax & Renew your Spirit in the peaceful and beautiful surrounds of Glenstal Abbey. Guided by monks of the monastery, the day will include a number of Reflections, Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Meals and Refreshments breaks are included. Registration is at 10am. Finish at 5pm. Cost is €45. For further information contact 061-621005 or events@glenstal.com or www.glenstal.com/abbey.

Mayo Roscommon Hospice Charity Cycle: Organised by Swinford Cruisers on Saturday 29th June, Registration from 7.30am at Mellett's, Market Street, Swinford. Cycle starts at 8.30am from Mellett's. Contact Helen on 087-6716202 or Pat on 087-1330515 for further information.

Thank You: to all collectors and contributors to the recent Church gate collection which was held at Meelick Church for Irish Wheelchair Association. A total of €106.00 was collected.

The Connacht Fleadh: July 1st-7th will provide a wonderful week of events in Swinford.

Monday evening 1st: Opening Session in the Coffee Doc.

Tuesday: Singing Club in Melletts at 8pm.

Wednesday: Blás in Concert.

Thursday: Official opening with session.

Friday: Ceili with Swallow's Tail.

Saturday: All day session in the Courthouse.

Joseph Mc Nulty and Cillian Doheny in concert.

Competitions take place all day Saturday and

Sunday and are well worth attending.

Numerous sessions around the town.

Sunday 7th Closing Concert with Alannah

Thornburgh and ALFI and Fr James Mc Donagh

and friends. Everyone is welcome.

Chiropodist: Martin McNally will attend at The Gateway Hotel, on Fri 28th June from 10am.

O'Dwyer Arts Centre: Yogalates continues throughout the summer months on Thursday mornings from 11am-12pm. All welcome, pay as you go, just bring a mat. Also there will be a Pottery/Music Summer Camp for children taking place on the 15th, 16th, 17th July from 11am - 1.30 pm. All welcome.

Foxford Traditional Singing and Poetry Group will meet in Guirys Bar on Thursday June 27th at 9.15pm. All welcome. Last session of the season.

Swinford Golf/Soccer 250 draw: Draw no 7:

€1000 was won by Joe Doyle, Tumgesh, Swinford

€300 was won by Tom & Julie Kneafsey, Sweetwell, Swinford

€200 was won by Gerry Ronayne, Brabazon Heights, Swinford.

Thank you for supporting our draw. There are 2 draws every month for 12 months. All results are available on the Golf & Soccer websites.

Befriending Training: If any organisation or community group is interested in setting up a Befriending Telephone calling service or Befriending Visits in their local area there is training available in the Mayo, Galway and Roscommon region. For more information please contact Bernadette Moran, Community Coordinator for ALONE on 083-1314046.