

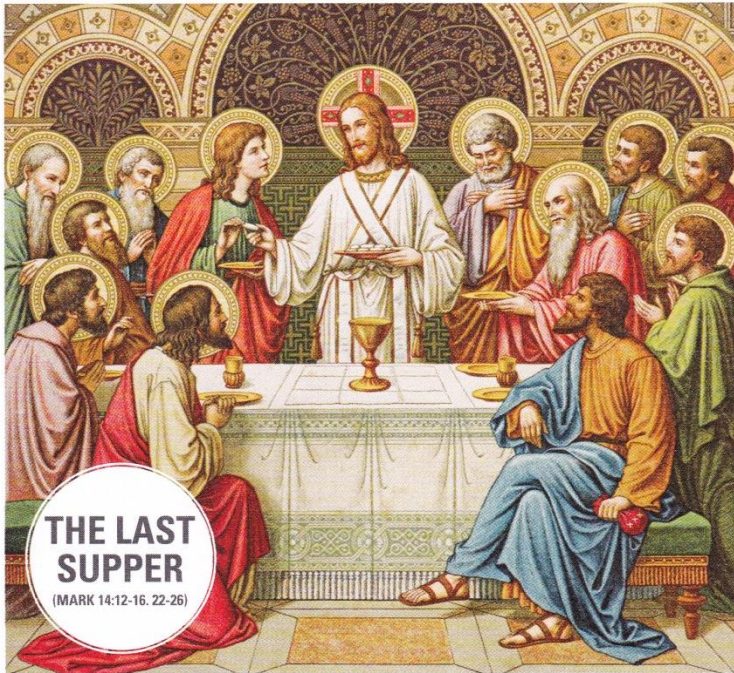
3RD JUNE 2018

Sunday Message

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

THE WORD

Year B • Season Colour: White • Psalter Week 1



Lithography of the Last Supper in Missale Romanum by unknown artist, late 19th century

THE LAST SUPPER

(MARK 14:12-16, 22-26)

The familiar scene of preparing for a meal reminds us of Christ's passion for friendship and communion with his followers.

A Passover meal in the Jewish tradition took place within the family home with blood relatives and displayed the covenant between God and those who gathered. However today we witness a different kind of gathering with Jesus and his new family of disciples. In taking the bread and raising the cup, he invites the disciples into a relationship with God that will involve trusting in his love and friendship. It's interesting to note that the Gospel scene that follows today's Gospel is the prediction of Peter's denial. So already during this Passover meal, Jesus knows that there is weakness and failure and betrayal in the hearts of those with the best of intentions. Jesus ate with sinners, he acknowledged the weaknesses of humanity, he offered words of encouragement and he loved indiscriminately.

Hosting a Passover meal so close to his death may have had some strategic significance, for after Jesus' death and resurrection his followers will be drawn back to the image of Jesus offering his body and blood in the form of bread and wine. The memory of Jesus' activity in breaking bread and offering it to the world will form the basis of their preaching and teaching. The memory of Jesus' unconditional love for all and the sacrifice he made for humanity offers courage to believers in times of difficulty and hope in times of despair. Today's Passover meal was not the end. It was just the beginning. ■

SAY

"Lord Jesus, Who in the Eucharist make your dwelling among us and become our travelling companion, sustain our Christian communities so that they may be ever more open to listening and accepting your Word. May they draw from the Eucharist a renewed commitment to spreading in society, by the proclamation of your Gospel, the signs and deeds of an attentive and active charity." (John Paul II)



REFLECT

A visit to the Vatican can no longer be described as a peaceful experience, especially as one queues to enter St Peter's Basilica or venture through the maze of rooms that form the Vatican Museum. It can be both exhilarating and exhausting with plenty of jostling for photos of key sites like the Pieta and St Peter's grave. Such bustling activity has not gone unnoticed by Pope Francis who during one of his Wednesday instructions (November 8, 2017) stated that when he celebrates Mass in St Peter's Square or in the Basilica, he sees a lot of mobile phones raised up, not only by the lay faithful but by priests and bishops as well. He stated, "When a priest is celebrating Mass and says 'lift up your hearts' he does not say 'lift up your cellphones'." The phrase made plenty of headlines throughout the world, especially on social media. At the heart of the issue is a momentary lack of respect for what is happening before our eyes as the Eucharist is celebrated and bread is shared. As Pope Francis stated in the same instruction, Mass is not a show where we come to be entertained. Some people complain that Mass is too long or lacks animation or is a little boring. But we're missing the point. The Eucharist is where we encounter the Last Supper and the Resurrection of Jesus. Sometimes we can forget about its importance in our lives. ■

LEARN

"Our way of thinking is attuned to the Eucharist and the Eucharist in turn confirms our way of thinking." (St Irenaeus)

DO

In keeping with Pope Francis' comments on respect and attentiveness during the Eucharist, let us try and pay more attention to what is happening at Mass. Allow a conversation between you and God to happen during the celebration. Acknowledge the presence of Jesus in the bread and wine.

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Saturday 2nd	6.30pm	Swinford: Bridget & Michael Muldowney, Cashelsheenaughane Delia & Michael Haran & daughter Carmel Rainey & husband Dominic
Sunday 3rd	12 noon	Swinford: Eddie & Sabina Kennedy, Bridge Street Johnny Pidgeon & dec'd Pidgeon & Collins Families
Monday 4th	10.00am	Swinford: Andrew & Andy Mulligan & dec'd Family, Sweetwell
Tuesday 5th	10.00am	Swinford: No Mass
Wednesday 6th	10.00am	Swinford: No Mass
Thursday 7th	10.00am	Swinford: No Mass
Friday 8th	10.00am	Swinford: Anne Maughan, Kiltimagh Road
Saturday 9th	10.00am	Swinford: Mary Gardiner, The Orchard/Tumgesh (MM) J.P. Murtagh, Park Road

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 9th	6.30pm	Swinford: Kathleen & Michael Regan, Brabazon Heights & son Michael, Kilbride Patrick, Mary, Joe & Fiona McDermot, Cloonaghboy & Anthony & Ellen Kavanagh, Knock & Teresa, Frank & Valerie Feeney, Castlebar
Sunday 10th	12 noon	Swinford: Tom & Bridie Rowley & son Séan & dec'd Family, Cloonacannana Michael Meegan, Lisanumera

Sunday 3rd	9.00am	Meelick: Tom & Julia Faughnan & daughters Sally, Pauline & Charlotte
Sunday 10th	9.00am	Meelick: No Intention

Sunday 3rd	10.30am	Midfield: Noreen & Paddy Ryan & granddaughter Tara, Johnsfort Dec'd Clarke Family, Eyrecourt & Durkin Family, Carnacull
Sunday 10th	10.30am	Midfield: Michael Brennan & parents Dan & Mary & dec'd Family Forth Village, Kinaffe Michael, John & Margaret O'Brien, Ballymote

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 McNulty, Cloongullane; Zdzislaw Sokolowski, Bollingbrook Drive; Michael Joe Duffy, Liscarney, Westport (father of Freeda Durkan, Tullinacurra); John Dennehy, Dublin (nephew of Debbie O'Hagan); Eileen McNulty, Wigan and formerly of Newcastle. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

We welcome into the Christian community Lily Nora Moore, London who was baptised recently in Swinford Church.

Corpus Christi Procession: This Sunday, June 3rd, is the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). The Corpus Christi Procession will take place after 12 noon Mass in Swinford Church (weather permitting). The Procession is an expression of our faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and as the Blessed Sacrament is carried through our town, we ask the Lord to bless all in our community. All are welcome to join in the Procession and the prayers. The Procession will follow the usual route, ending with Benediction in the grounds of Scoil Muire agus Teresa. Those taking part in the Procession are asked to assemble on the road on the Chapel St side of the church after 12 noon Mass and to follow the directions of the stewards.

Mission Appeal: Fr Emilian Kibiriti has written to thank all who welcomed him so warmly and gave so generously to the Mission Appeal he preached in the parish on April 28th/29th. The total amount made for the Rosminian Missions was €3610.

First Communicants Mass at Knock Shrine: All first communion children and their families are invited to a special Mass of celebration on Sunday June 10th at 12 noon in the Basilica, Knock. The children are welcome to wear their communion clothes and will actively participate in the Mass, making it a happy and memorable family occasion. Further information from Monica Morley on 094-9388100.

What is Adoration of the blessed Sacrament? And why is it being renewed in this parish soon? Find out at Masses on the weekend of 16th and 17th June.

Swinford & District Gardening Club: Marie Casey will speak on summer in the Garden at the next meeting on Tuesday June 19th in the Gateway Hotel at 8.30 pm. All are welcome to attend. Non members €5.

Swinford Community Lotto: Results for Monday 28th May Numbers: 13 15 20 26 €70 Local Shopping Voucher Winners: Lavin Brothers, Castlebawn; Lilian Judson, Cloonfinish 3 Number Winner; No winners; Jackpot €6, 200 Next Draw on 5th June in Quinn's Bar.

GAA 50/50: This week's draw was held in the Sheepwalk and Aoibheann, Adam and Croidh McNulty of Cloongullane, Swinford won €576. Next draw is in Horkans on the 5th June.

Swinford Go Getters are hosting the Go for Life Games in the Cultural Centre Swinford on Thursday 14th June from 10.30 to 12.30. This promises to be a fun event with individuals coming from other clubs and a representative of Mayo Sports Partnership will also attend. Admission €2. Refreshments served.

Swinford AC: Anna Grady, Bohola was last Tuesday night's winner of €208 in our lotto draw. Please continue to support.

RHS Home Care is a Non Commercial Home care Provider bringing professional home care services to those who need assistance to remain living in their own homes. We are now recruiting new Healthcare Assistants in your area and would love to hear from you. Potential applicants must have the required Fetac/QQI level 5 (two modules completed care skills and care of the older person). Please email your CV to jobs@rhshomecare.ie or call Aoife on 090-6625988.

Swinford Tidy Towns urgently needs volunteers to keep the town and its approaches looking good. A lot has been done putting out colourful displays in planters and erecting hanging baskets, but they all need looking after if we are to keep on improving our score every year in the National Tidy Towns competition. There will be a public meeting in the Gateway on Thursday June 14th at 8pm. All welcome.

Healthcare Support Training: Mayo North East is organising a free Healthcare Support Training Course in Swinford for unemployed people or people in part-time employment. On successful completion of the course learners will have gained a Healthcare Support QQI Level 5 Major award. Garda Vetting must be successfully completed. Contact Dolores on 087-7704251 .

God calling! Have you got one hour in the week to spare? Adoration renewal in the parish on Saturday, June 16th & Sunday, June 17th