

1ST SEPTEMBER 2019

# Sunday Message

22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

Year C • Season Colour: Green • Psalter Week 2



**YOU'RE IN  
THE WRONG  
SEAT!**

(LUKE 14:1. 7-14)

### SAY

**The Lord hears the cry of  
the poor (Psalm 34)**

In the opening line of our Gospel reading today, there are three warnings that the atmosphere of the occasion is hostile: first, it takes place on a Sabbath day; second, Jesus has gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; third, the people there were watching him closely.

However, there must have been an attitude of mutual respect between Jesus and his Pharisee host, since, according to the understanding of table-fellowship, that is, sharing a meal, a person could not eat with someone with whom they had a quarrel. Jesus, though, is just as eagle-eyed as the others, and uses their behaviour to present his teaching.

Throughout Luke's Gospel, there is a radical theme that God's Kingdom involves the normal order of human values and judgments being turned on their head. The truly important people in God's eyes are those who are left out of the feast, those who are pushed to the margins of civic and religious society. The first lesson Jesus gives is that God will humble those who think themselves better than others, and that God will give those who are excluded a place of honour.

Jesus also challenges his hearers to move out of their comfort-zone. The practice of his day was to invite people to dinner and then they were expected to repay your hospitality with a similar invitation. Giving without looking for anything in return should be the mark of the person who is putting the true teaching of the Law (and so of the Gospel) into practice. ■

### LEARN

The Sabbath is usually the setting for a hostile confrontation between Jesus and the religious authorities, represented by the scribes and Pharisees.

The expression "will be humbled" means 'God will humble'.

"Watched him closely" suggests that the persons concerned are ill-disposed towards Jesus.

### DO

What is your parish doing to help those in need in your local area? What can you do to help?

### REFLECT

In Luke's Gospel, there is a sense that Jesus does not care much for the distinctions we human beings tend to make among ourselves. Titles and order of precedence are of little interest to him. While a person's function within the community may seem to be apparently more important, and certainly more obviously prominent, that does not put the individual above anyone else. People used to talk about those of a higher

social class as their betters. Maybe we do not speak like that anymore, but the idea that people should know their place, whether in civic society or in the church, has not disappeared. A sense of being entitled to a place of honour can be a great temptation. To move out of our comfort-zone is always a challenge; but that is what Jesus is inviting us to do. He tells his host, the Pharisee, that he would do much better by caring for the people whom society pushes out of sight. People

today who are the equivalent of the poor, the crippled, the blind, the lame are the likes of those suffering from addiction, runaway teenagers, single mothers driven to use foodbanks: they are the poor today of whom the Bible speaks, and they are the focus of God's especial care, simply because they are in need. If there is a reward, perhaps it should be in the feeling that we are doing the right thing. ■

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**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

<b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Swinford:</b> Denis, Kathleen, Matthew, Fiona & James McCarthy, Kilbride Mary & Edward Tunney, Cloonlara, their daughter Rosaleen & Johnny & Maureen Keegan, their sons Michael, Gerry, Jimmy & daughter-in-law Penny, Abbeylara
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Swinford:</b> John & Nora Graham, their son Thomas, Roscrea, their grand-daughter Martina Doran, Thurles, & dec'd Graham & Spoonen Families Michéal Campbell, Chapel Street
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Swinford:</b> Special Intention
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Swinford:</b> No Mass
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Swinford:</b> No Intention (Padre Pio Devotions after Mass)
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Swinford:</b> Janet Galvin Matt Thompson & dec'd Thompson & Tiernan Families
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Swinford:</b> Patrick & Bridget Sweeney, their sons Kevin & Patrick, Tullinacurra Kathleen & Andy Foley, Derryronane
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Swinford:</b> Barney Groarke, Bridge Street (1 <sup>st</sup> anniv) Julie Boland, Bridge Street

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Swinford:</b> Thomas Moore, Collagh, Meelick Alice & Lex Creedon, Circular Road James & Mary Kate McNulty, Esker
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Swinford:</b> Paddy & Úna Brennan, Carracanada & Marie Moore Attracta Gavin, Park Road

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<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Meelick:</b> No Intention
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Meelick:</b> Patrick & Mary Quinn & dec'd Quinn & Walsh Families William & Bridget Gallagher, Tullyroe, their daughter Vera, their sons Billy & John & Billy's wife Eileen Page

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<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Midfield:</b> Patrick, Bridget, Tony, Andy, Teresa, Mary & Ann Lavin, Faheens Peter Gallagher, UK/Cullane
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Midfield:</b> Mary Lavin, Woods (MM) The Kennedy, Jordan & McDonagh Families, Brackloon & Kinaffe

**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** Noel Rosney, Cloghan, Co Offaly (brother of Nancy Lawless). May he rest in the peace of Christ.

**Please note** there will be no 10a.m. Mass on Tuesday September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**First Saturday Devotions** are being hosted in Knock Old Parish Church next Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Starts at 11.00am with Rosary, meditations, and concludes with Holy Mass at 12.00 noon, Confessions and Enrolment of the free brown scapulars. Everyone is invited to attend to benefit from Our Lady's heavenly promises.

**Bereavement Support Group:** Life after bereavement can feel empty and lonely. A Bereavement Support Group meets at the Family Centre, Knock every Wednesday morning at 11am. Anyone is welcome to drop in any week. Contact Monica Morley at the Centre on 094-9375320.

**Music, Singing and Dancing Classes:**

Registration for Michael Davitt CCE (Swinford Comhaltas) classes will take place shortly. We are in the process of organizing tutors and times which should be ready for next week. Thank you to all the parents and children who have supported our classes over the years. We intend to provide all the usual classes again this year as well as a conversational Irish class.

**Féile na Samhna:** organized by MI. Davitt Branch CCÉ, Swinford, will take place over the October Bank Holiday weekend. In association with the celebration of Swinford 250 there will be a competition to select a newly composed tune for the Swinford 250 Perpetual Trophy and a cash prize. The tune must be a reel, jig, hornpipe or polka, which has the name Swinford or Béal Átha na Muice in the title. Composers may submit only one tune which must be original and should not have been published or recorded previously. The closing date for receipt of tunes, which must be accompanied by the official entry form, is 11<sup>th</sup> October. The Competition will be adjudicated in Swinford on Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup>. For Entry Forms and Rules of the Competition email [cceswinford@gmail.com](mailto:cceswinford@gmail.com) or call to Swinford 250 office on Market Street.

**Recovery and the Family-Shine:** If you are a Family member/friend/supporter of someone who goes through challenges with their mental

health, this free course is for you. Every Tuesday beginning 10<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30-8.30pm in Mayo Recovery College GMIT Castlebar. You must register in advance. Contact Karen on 086-0294901 or [emailrecovery.educatormrc@hse.ie](mailto:emailrecovery.educatormrc@hse.ie)

**Lough Derg Day Pilgrimage:** A one day pilgrimage to Lough Derg has been arranged for Tues. 10<sup>th</sup> September. The fee for the day is €75 which includes the cost of the boat and meals and services on the island (€45) as well as the bus fare and a meal on the way home. The bus will leave Ballina at 6.30am, Foxford at 6.45am, Callow at 6.55am and Swinford at 7.05am. Please book your place as soon as possible by contacting Maureen on 087-2389786.

**Swinford Go Getters** are starting a new programme of games on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September at the Cultural Centre Swinford from 10.30 to 12.30. Refreshments served. Admission €3 All welcome.

**One Day Retreat:** Kiltimagh Parish One Day Retreat in Lough Derg is on Monday September 9<sup>th</sup>. Contact Mary G Duffy 089-4995599 for more details.

**Swinford Golf/Soccer 250 Draw:** Draw No.12 which was held in the Sheepwalk Bar on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. €1000 was won by Siun O.Connell, Main Street Swinford.

€300 was won by Keith Howley, Attymas  
€200 was won by Emily Ronayne, Brabazon Heights, Swinford.

**Swinford Community Lotto** Results for 26<sup>th</sup> Aug Numbers 03 08 14 17; €70 Local Shopping Voucher Winners: Debra Grogan; Winnie Foote  
3 Number Winners: Niall Armstrong , Wavelengths; Jo Costello; Tim Short, Swinford; Andy Foley, Derryronane; Paddy and Bellina O'Neill; Mary Redington, c/o Moores; Next Draw for €4200 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September in Julians.

**Swinford AC:** Ireland West ¾ Marathon and 5k takes place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September starting at 10a.m. Traffic diversions will be in place on the day.

**Education Grants** are now available from St Vincent De Paul Education fund. To qualify you must be in receipt of SUSI Grant. Please text your name and address to 087-9227552. Please state if you are a first time applicant.