

SWINFORD MEELICK MIDFIELD Fr Dermot Meehan Phone: 094-9251790/Urgent Calls: 087-1338200		
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		17th – 24th Dec 2017

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 16th	6.30pm	Swinford: Martin & Bridget Muldowney & dec'd Family, Tullinacurra John Hennigan, Cloonlara
Sunday 17th	12 noon	Swinford: Tom & Bridgie Byrne, Derryronane Dec'd of the Kilgallon & Keane Families, Carnacul & Longford
Monday 18th	10.00am	Swinford: P.J O'Malley, Carracanada Nuala McManus, Carracanada
Tuesday 19th	10.00am	Swinford: Delia & Sonny Oliver, Esker Paddy & Della McGloin, Cloonfinaune
Wednesday 20th	10.00am	Swinford: Human Life International Ireland Maureen Devaney, Culmore
Thursday 21st	10.00am	Swinford: Bridie & Tom Rowley & son Séan & dec'd Family, Cloonacannana Kitty & Tommy Neary & Tony ferguson & dec'd Family, Culmore
Friday 22nd	10.00am	Swinford: Jim & Agnas Roughneen, The Courthouse & dec'd of McGivern & Roughneen Families & Michael & Bridie Ronayne, Park Rd & dec'd of Kelly & Ronayne Families
Saturday 23rd	10.00am	Swinford: Eileen Greaney, Church View House

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 23rd	6.30pm	Swinford: Josie & Joe Maloney, Santa Maria & son-in-law Paddy Kelly Annie & James Munnelly, P.J & Joan & Eileen & Babies Josh & Ruben & dec'd Family, Ballina
Sunday 24th	12 noon	Swinford: Maureen Mullarkey, Brabazon Heights Mary & Paddy & Kate Reddington & dec'd Family, Cartoon
Sunday 24th	9.00pm	Swinford: FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS
Sunday 17th	9.00am	Meelick: Pat ward, Bothaul Jimmy & Kathleen Conwell, Tullyroe
Sunday 24th	9.00am	Meelick: Edward & Mai Horkan Margaret Ward, Bothaul (MM)
Sunday 17th	10.30am	Midfield: Bea, Michael & Bríd Gavin & dec'd Family, Tullinahoo Nancy Gibney, Kinaffe (MM) & her husband Tony & dec'd Gibney Family & Annie & Paddy McDonagh & sons Tom & Joe
Sunday 24th	10.30am	Midfield: Nano Peyton, Midfield & her cousin Jim Murtagh Woods John & Kate Morley, Midfield & John & Margaret O'Brien & son Michael, Ballymote

Please pray for Maureen Cavanagh, Bollingbrook Drive, May she rest in the peace of Christ.

We welcome into the Christian community

Siún Olive Megan Cavanagh, Ballintemple who was baptised recently in Meelick Church.

Bishop Brendan Kelly, who has been Bishop of our diocese of Achonry for the past ten years, was appointed Bishop of Galway by Pope Francis on Monday last. We pray for Bishop Kelly as he prepares to move back to his native diocese and wish him every blessing in his new appointment. He will continue as Bishop of Achonry until his Installation in Galway Cathedral on February 11th. After Bishop Kelly's Installation as Bishop of Galway one of the priests of our diocese will be chosen as Diocesan Administrator until the Pope appoints a new Bishop of Achonry. The process of appointing a new bishop will very likely take some time and in the meantime, we pray God's guidance on our diocese and on all involved in the process of appointing the new bishop.

Church Decorating for Christmas: Volunteers are needed to help in decorating Swinford Church on Sunday, December 17th at 7p.m. All help will be most welcome.

Mass times for Christmas: The First Mass of Christmas will be celebrated in Swinford Church on Christmas Eve, December 24th at 9p.m. On Christmas Day, Mass will be celebrated in Meelick Church at 9a.m., in Midfield Church at 10.30a.m. and in Swinford Church at 12 noon.

Confessions for Christmas: Visiting priests will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Swinford Church on Sunday, December 17th from 5-6p.m.

Free ECCE Preschool Places January 2018 at County Montessori, Collagh, Swinford.

Registration will open shortly. Children who turn 3 on or before Dec 31st 2017 will qualify for their free ECCE Preschool Place from January 1st 2018. Places are available please contact Mary on 086-1773935.

Heartfulness, Relaxation and Meditation

Monday 18th Dec at 7pm in the Parochial House Swinford. Free and open to all over 16 years. Contact 086-0700681.

GAA 50/50: This week's draw was held in Bolands and Patricia Maloney of Curryane,

Swinford won €460. Next draw is in Melletts on the 19th December.

Swinford Golf/Soccer 250 Draw No 1 was held in the sheepwalk Bar on Sat 25th Nov; €1000 was won by James Henry, Ballydrum.

€300 was won by Peter Killeen, Scardaun Claremorris.

€200 was won by Carmel Timoney, Renbrack. Thanks to all for supporting our draw.

GAA National Club Draw: National Draw

Tickets are now available, please contact a club officer. Tickets are €10 each with the club retaining all proceeds and Croke Park putting up all the prizes.

Swinford Community Lotto: Results for 11th Dec Numbers: 10 12 22 29; €70 Local Shopping Voucher Winners; Mr. McNamee, Sancta Maria; Bernie Cafferkey, Sarnaught Castlebar; 3 Number Winners; M.G.L. Feeney, Ballyglass; Diane Ryan, Carracana; James O'Hara, Tullinacurra; Anne Forkan, Lislackagh; Lisa Rowley, c/o Mace; T. Coleman, Ballydrum; Jackpot €15,800; Draw on Monday 18th Dec in Mellett's Bar.

Killasser/Callow Annual Christmas Party is on Dec 17th in Frank's place. Three course meal served at 6 o'clock followed by music. Contact any of the Killasser community care team.

Virginia Gallagher Mayo person of the year Award, Meitheal Award & young Mayo Person of the Year. The deadline for the receipt of nominations for the Mayo Association Dublin Mayo person of the year, Meitheal Award & Young Mayo Person of the year award is Wednesday 20th December. Check out www.mayoassociationdublin.com for details. You can contact Julie Doyle (chair) on 087-9150787 or Grace Heneghan (Secretary) 087-2873250 with any enquiries.

Having a Christmas clear out: Friend's Finds Charity Shop, Kilkelly. Opening Hours: Mon - Fri 10:30am-5:00pm & Sat 10:30am-2:30pm. Looking for clean good quality clothes and bric-a-brac, Contact 094-9370653.

Computer & Office Skills course: Small classes and individually tailored for your needs. Contact: Castlebar@nlm.ie; (094) 9022770; NLN, Breafoy Road, Castlebar.