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#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6.30pm	<b>Swinford:</b> Josie & Joe Maloney, Santa Maria & son-in-law Paddy Kelly Annie & James Munnelly, P.J & Joan & Eileen & Babies Josh & Reuben & dec'd Family, Ballina
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	<b>Swinford:</b> Maureen Mullarkey, Brabazon Heights Mary & Paddy & Kate Reddington & dec'd Family, Cartron
<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST</b>		
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.00pm	<b>Swinford:</b> First Mass of Christmas
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	12.00am	<b>Swinford:</b> Christmas Day Mass
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	<b>Swinford:</b> Michael O'Boyle, Oznam Place/Lisheenabrone (1 <sup>st</sup> anniv)
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	<b>Swinford:</b> Annie Duffy, Cullane (1 <sup>st</sup> anniv)
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	<b>Swinford:</b> Michael Heneghan, Chapel Street Frank Carolan, London
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	<b>Swinford:</b> Martin Nyland & dec'd Family, Sweetwell Bea & Willie Mellett & dec'd Mellett & Roddy Families & Mary Hopkins
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	<b>Swinford:</b> Paddy Oliver, Larch Hill (1 <sup>st</sup> anniv)
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	<b>Swinford:</b> Padraic Durkan & parents Paddy & Mary, Forth Village, Kinaffe Anne Duffy & dec'd Duffy & Commins Family
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	12 noon	<b>Swinford:</b> Patrick Joseph Gallagher, Carrowreagh Brian & Kathleen McNulty & dec'd Family, Cloongullane

Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	<b>Meelick:</b> Margaret Ward, Bothaul (MM) Edward & Mai Horkan, Ballintemple
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	<b>Meelick:</b> Christmas Day Mass
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	9.00am	<b>Meelick:</b> Thomas Mulroy, Laughtadurkin
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	<b>Midfield:</b> Nano Peyton, Midfield & her cousin Jim Murtagh, Woods John & Kate Morley, Midfield & John & Margaret O'Brien & son Michael, Ballymote
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	<b>Midfield:</b> Christmas Day Mass
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	<b>Midfield:</b> Dec'd members of the Kennedy, Jordan & McDonagh Families, Brackloon & Kinaffe James Walsh, Kinaffe

**Please pray for** Tom McNulty, Ozanam Place and formerly Cloongullane and Stephen Slattery, Potter's Bar, London (son of John and Noreen Slattery, Beech Park). May they rest in the peace of Christ.

**Please note:** There will be no adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Swinford Church on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Mass during Christmas Week:** From St Stephen's Day until Saturday, December 30<sup>th</sup> morning Mass will be at 11a.m. each day.

**Venerable Patrick Peyton CSC:** On December 18<sup>th</sup>, Pope Francis declared Father Patrick Peyton as 'Venerable', an important step on Fr Peyton's road to beatification and canonisation. Patrick Peyton was born in the parish of Attymass in our diocese of Achonry in 1909. When he was nineteen, he emigrated to the United States and joined the Holy Cross Congregation to study for the priesthood. During his studies he became seriously ill and through praying the Rosary was restored to health. As a result, after ordination, he devoted himself to encouraging people, especially families, to pray the Rosary daily. In the 1950s and 1960s, he organised Rosary Rallies all over the world which were attended by vast number of people. Rallies in Sao Paulo in Brazil and Manila in the Philippines attracted more than two million people at each venue. He became famous for two sayings: 'The family that prays together stays together' and 'A world at prayer is a world at peace'. Known as 'The Rosary Priest', following his death in 1992, many cures have been attributed to his intercession. These cures and his life will now be examined by the Vatican Congregation for the Saints and, in time, he may be declared 'Blessed' and 'Saint'.

**The Collectors of the Gort Self Help Africa Collection** which took place at Midfield Church on 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec would like to thank

everyone who donated to the collection. A sum of €137 was raised.

**St Stephen's Day Walk/Run:** The annual 5Km/10Km walk/run on St Stephen's Day will begin this year at Killasser Community Centre at 12 noon. Everyone is invited to this fun event and to enjoy some refreshments afterwards. The proceeds from the walk will be given to the Killasser Church Jubilee fund to help with the refurbishment work which will begin soon.

**GAA 50/50:** This week's draw was held in Melletts and Margaret McHale of Parke, Castlebar won €517. Next draw is in the Whitehouse on the 27<sup>th</sup> December.

**Swinford Community Lotto:** Results for 19<sup>th</sup> Dec Numbers: 7 11 14 29; €70 Local Shopping Voucher Winners: Teresa Costello, Scoil Muire agus Padraig; Anna Forkan, Tubbercurry; 3 Number Winners; Katie Rowley & Kevin Powell, C/o Quinn's; Anne Reynolds, Brackloon; Angela Moore, Meelick; M. Smith, C/o Julian's; Jackpot €16,000; Next draw is Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Dec in Julians.

**The First Saturdays Devotion** is being hosted in Knock the first week of the New Year on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January. Starts at 11.00am concluding with Holy Mass at 12.00 noon and Enrollment of the free brown scapulars. Everyone is invited to attend to benefit from Our Lady's heavenly promises. Follow the signs on entrance.

**Swinford F.C.** presented a cheque for €500 to the Swinford Branch of St. Vincent De Paul on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. The donation was the proceeds of a charity match played on Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Dec at Cloonaghboy. All the senior players and supporters took part each playing their part in this fundraising. It is hoped to make it an annual event. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all our supporters.

***A very happy and peaceful Christmas to all parishioners and to all who are visiting our parish to be with family and friends over these special days***