

<b>SWINFORD MEELICK MIDFIELD</b> <b>FOR PRIEST ON CALL – PHONE 087 1338200</b> <b>PARISH OFFICE- OPENING HOURS: Mon, Thurs 9.30am-2.30pm; Fri 9.30am - 4.30pm;</b> <b>Phone: 094 - 9253607</b> <b>Email: swinews@hotmail.com</b>		
		<b>27<sup>th</sup> Aug – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2017</b>

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Swinford:</b> Pat Devaney, Drumshinnagh, Culmore & dec'd Family Dennis, Kathleen, Matthew & James McCarthy, Kilbride
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Swinford:</b> People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Swinford:</b> Phyllis Pidgeon, Park Road Michael & Breege Gleeson, Cloonlara & dec'd Durkan & Gleeson Families
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Swinford:</b> No Intention
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Swinford:</b> No Intention
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Swinford:</b> No Intention
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Swinford:</b> No Intention
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Swinford:</b> No Intention
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Swinford:</b> No Intention

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Swinford:</b> Mary & Edward Tunney, Cloonlara & Johnny & Maureen Keegan & sons Michael & Gerry & daughter- -in-law Penny, Abbeylara Alice & Lex Creedon, Circular Road
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Swinford:</b> People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>12 noon</b>	<b>Swinford:</b> Attracta Gavin, Park Road Martin & Mary Howley, Ballyglass

<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Meelick:</b> J.P McNicholas, his parents Annie & Michael, his sister Nancy & her husband Liam
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Meelick:</b> No Intention

<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Midfield:</b> No Intention
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Midfield:</b> No Intention

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Swinford Church:** Sundays: 2pm-6pm & Thursdays 10.30am-8pm

**Midfield Church:** Mondays 11am - 12noon

**Meelick Church:** Mondays 7pm-9pm

**Fr Dermot Meehan 094 9251790**

**Fr Gerard Davey 094 9252952**

**Please pray for** Teresa Forkan, Kinaffe and Pádraig Moran, 9 Carrowbeg and Pat Brady, Rabawn. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

**We welcome in to the Christian community**

Jamie Brendan Durkan-Ruane, Tower View, Meelick who was baptised in Meelick Church recently and James Patrick Colleary, Dublin Road who was baptised in Swinford Church recently.

**Farewell to Fr Gerry Davey**

God fill the breadth of your shoulders each day cherishing you as you go on your way, Mary's Son live in you close to your heart the Spirit keep watching and never depart. With the words of that prayer from the Irish tradition for someone leaving home, this weekend we bid farewell to Fr Gerry Davey after five years of service to this parish community. We thank him for his good work among us, so much of it done quietly and without fanfare or fuss. He will be much missed, especially by those to whom he ministered at important moments in their life's journey. We pray God's generous gifts on Fr Gerry as he takes up his new responsibilities in the parish of Carracastle. May he be blessed with good health and much happiness in his continuing service of God and of the people in his new parish.

**A note of Thanks and Farewell from Fr. Gerry**

This weekend sees my final weekend living in the parish community here before leaving on September 1<sup>st</sup> to take up my recent new appointment as Administrator of the parish of Carracastle & Roosky. I am amazed to believe that it will be five years exactly next weekend since I came here as Curate at the end of August 2012. Time goes by so quickly! I clearly remember the warmth of your welcome on that first weekend on arriving here and, ever since, I am very thankful for the warmth of friendship shared and the many times I have received your great generosity of kindness and care to me over these years. I appreciate it all very much.

One of the wonderful privileges enjoyed by priests is to accompany people and be a part of their life's journey; in particular, the celebrations of our faith around daily Mass and those significant moments of Baptisms, First

Holy Communion, Confirmations, Weddings, Funerals, and all the other liturgical celebrations of the year, especially at Christmas and Easter. I am so grateful to have had the honour of sharing these many moments with you all over these five years and it was my joy to be a part of them.

Since my arrival to the parish in those early days of September 2012 and ever since then, I appreciate greatly having worked alongside Fr Dermot and Canon Michael. Their fraternity and kindly support, in every pastoral aspect, was something wonderful and our shared duties never became burdensome. We are realising the present new situation for the community with no other priest replacing me and the change which that will bring. Change is never easy, and as we know, it is very much a part of our lives. With the help of the Lord those changes for the community here in the near future will be met with understanding, courage, and hope.

To all those I worked closely with in ministry- the several individuals and parish groups I had the pleasure of being involved in- I extend my very sincere thanks.

I invoke the Lord to keep everyone in His care as we ask the wisdom of his guidance now and in the future. With renewed thanks to you all. Slán agus beannacht. Gerry

**Thank you:** As they move into secondary school, a word of thanks to last year's Sixth class altar servers for all their help over the past two years. Their commitment to the ministry of serving at the altar is very much appreciated and we wish them well.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** There was a meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council on Monday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at 8 p.m. in the Meeting Room in the Parochial House. The meeting considered changes that will be necessary in the parish, especially in the weekend Mass schedule, now that there will be only one priest serving the parish community. Further detail on those changes next weekend.

**Swinford Tidy Towns:** held our annual Church gate collection last weekend in Swinford. Thanks to everybody who contributed a total of €572.11 was raised. This will be a great help to us to continue future projects around town.

