

15TH JULY 2018

Sunday Message

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

Year B • Season Colour: Green • Psalter Week 3



JESUS SENDS OUT THE TWELVE

(MARK 6:7-13)

SAY

“Give something, however small, to one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could.”

(St Gregory of Nazianzus)

LEARN

“The source of the Church’s mission is the conviction that Christ is risen and fully alive and present to the community of believing Christians.” (Archbishop John Niendstedt)

DO

How can you be of service to God’s people this week? Is there a reluctance in you to volunteer for a worthy parish initiative? How can you support your fellow lay missionaries?

There may have been an atmosphere of excitement and a hint of trepidation amongst Jesus and his disciples as they set out to the villages of Galilee in twos to preach about the forgiveness of sins and to anoint the sick with oil.

The simplicity of this activity, bringing with them only their staff and sandals, is in direct contrast to the difficulties that have crossed their paths in Nazareth. Scripture scholar Ciaran O’ Callaghan, CSsR states that the staff and sandals symbolise the urgency of this missionary journey. There is no time to waste. Unlike missionaries from other religions who travelled the dusty roads of Galilee weighed down by their baggage and possessions, the disciples of Jesus will move quickly from one place to the next. This group of preachers are setting themselves apart from the rest.

They are given their instructions. When hospitality is given in a town, then stay in that place until it is time to leave. However, when the disciples encounter criticism or unwelcome, they are to move on and “as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them”. ■

REFLECT

The pilgrim journey taken by the disciples in today’s Gospel is not unlike the continuous task of the church in its work of preaching, teaching and healing. The argument can be made that the disciples of Jesus’ time had a more successful time in converting minds and hearts than the current missionary activity of the church. Why so, you might ask? The influence of atheists like Jean Paul Sartre and more current voices encourage

the move towards a personal freedom, where the human person refuses to be shackled by religion or by a God who imposes rules on our lives. The famous line by Sartre is quoted frequently: “If God exists, I cannot be free. But I am free, therefore God does not exist.” It follows then that the word ‘I’ overtakes the word ‘God’ in society’s quest for freedom and happiness. ‘I will decide who I will be.’ ‘I decide what I will do.’ With this current desire for autonomy in our world, can you imagine Jesus’ disciples knocking on the doors of people’s houses in the

year 2018 to tell the story of God, who is disclosed in the mystery of Jesus Christ? I wonder what kind of reaction they would get. As favourable as they got in Galilee, or a truly negative response as experienced by Jesus in Nazareth? The church is not working on fertile ground like the disciples of old. But we constantly have an opportunity to preach about freedom – not personal freedom but God’s freedom in electing us as his followers. As Bishop Robert Barron states, “we are set apart for God’s service. Nothing else matters.” ■

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15th – 22nd July 2018

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 14th	6.30pm	Swinford: Patrick & Mary Haran & dec'd Family, Curryane Tom & Kitty Durkan, Derryronane & dec'd Durkan & Philbin Families & Laurence Groarke
Sunday 15th	12 noon	Swinford: Pat & Nora Ginty, Cloonlumney Martin James, Bridie & Philip Cassidy & Kathleen Finn
Monday 16th	10.00am	Swinford: No Intention
Tuesday 17th	10.00am	Swinford: No Intention
Wednesday 18th	10.00am	Swinford: No Intention
Thursday 19th	10.00am	Swinford: Brendan Phelan, Cloongullane & his sister Evelyn Travers & Parents Della & Fintan
Friday 20th	10.00am	Swinford: John & Peggy McCann, Derryronane
Saturday 21st	10.00am	Swinford: No Intention

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 21st	6.30pm	Swinford: Michael Regan, Kilbride Kate Horkan, Ashgrove (1 st anniv)
Sunday 22nd	12 noon	Swinford: Joe & Margaret McDonnell, Sancta Maria Michael Mellett, Newpark/Carramore Lacken

Sunday 15th	9.00am	Meelick: No Intention
Sunday 22nd	9.00am	Meelick: No Intention

Sunday 15th	10.30am	Midfield: No Intention
Saturday 21st	11.00am	Midfield: Michael Kilgallon, Faheens (1 st anniv)
Sunday 22nd	10.30am	Midfield: Mary Muldowney, Carnacul/Crawley Michael & Teresa Lavin, Carnacull/Pontoon

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: Annie Walsh (nee Henry), Cashelsheenaughane and J.P. Heaney, Cashelbarnagh (brother of William Heaney, Cashelbarnagh); Sue McCormack, Letterkenny (Sister-in-law of Kathleen Gallagher, Cullane); Noreen Oliver, Athenry, formerly of Tullinacurra, Swinford; John McCann, Ballaghaderreen and London (brother of Maureen McLoughlin, Midfield and Kathleen Ward, Meelick). May they rest in the peace of Christ.

We welcome into the Christian community Lillian Maeve Daroczi, Lissanumera, who was baptised in Swinford Church recently.

Sunday Card Game: Proceeds from this week's game and those on the 22nd and 29th of July will go towards Siamsa Sraide.

Swinford Tidy Towns – Monday Meitheal: Volunteers needed on Monday evening July 16th to put up the rest of the floral baskets around town and continue weeding the Park Road area. Meet at the Gateway at 7pm.

Bofield Céilí band: The ever popular Seisiun with Bofield Céilí band returns to Fr. Peyton centre Attymass on Thursday 19th July and runs every Thursday until end of August.

Chiropodist: Martin McNally will attend at The Gateway Hotel, Swinford, on Friday, 20th July 2018 from 10.00am.

Table Quiz: will be held in Boland's Pub on Friday 20th July in support of Siamsa Sraide. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Swinford CCE - Scoil Cheoil Siamsa Sraide 2018: Annual week of classes from July 30th to August 3rd will be held in Swinford NS. Tin Whistle, Flute, Fiddle, Banjo, Bodhrán, Concertina, Button Accordion, Singing. One-hour Classes between 4pm and 6pm. Times to be allocated.

If help or advice needed re rental of instruments please contact us immediately. Email cceswinford@gmail.com; Tel. 0877454032

Siamsa Sraide Workshops: Uileann Pipe Classes Mon 30th July 2-4pm for Beginners, over 10's. Uileann Pipe Master Classes commence Mon 30th July 6-8pm. All classes are in Scoil Muire & Teresa. Instructor is Jerry O'Sullivan, New York. All classes are free of charge & pipes are supplied.

Creative Dance Classes: Start 30th July in Scoil Muire agus Teresa at 10am for 1 week. Free of charge. Contact Bríd on 086-8059172 for more information on all classes taking place.

Full of Grace - CD by Caroline Burns:

A collection of songs dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God, including 'Lady of Knock' and 'Ave Maria'.

All proceeds to Pieta House. CDs €10, available from Corrib Oil and Moore's Supermarket, Swinford, or direct from carolineanne.burns@gmail.com

Heartfulness, Relaxation and Meditation:

Monday July 23rd at 7pm in the Parochial House Swinford.

Free and open to everyone over 16 years.

Contact: 086 0700681 for information.

GAA 50/50: This week's draw was held in the White House - Vincent Armstrong won €520. Next draw is in Moore's on the 17th July.

Swinford Community Lotto results for 9th of July 2018:

Numbers, 08 18 23 24. €70 Local Shopping Voucher Winners - Séan Brett, Midfield, Marie Mellett, Swinford.

3 Number Cash Winners - Kathleen Neary, Midfield; Maura Sweeney, Swinford; Lorna Kavanagh, Killasser.

Jackpot €3,600 - Next Draw Monday July 16th, White House pub.

Swinford Cruisers: Fashion show in aid of "Dec's recovery fund" raised €3,090. Thanks to all who supported the event.

KT National Event/Field Evening: Friday 27th July in Ballylahan, Straide, Co. Mayo @ 6.30pm to 8.30pm hosted by Ward Agricultural Consultants. Demonstrations on soil compaction, soil aerating and subsoiling.

Guest Speakers include Gavin Canning, local Young Farmer, Dave Beecher, Soil Biologist and David Hagen & Gary Spence from Devenish Nutrition. This event is open to all and it is also the final chance for any KT participants to get credit for year 2 of the scheme.

Golden Jubilee: On Saturday, July 21st,

Fr. Tom McHugh will celebrate Mass in Meelick Church at 3p.m. to mark the Golden Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood.

Refreshments will be served afterwards in Meelick Community Centre. All are welcome.

Cemetery Masses: Mass will be celebrated in Meelick Cemetery on Sunday, August 5th at 9a.m.; in Kilconduff Cemetery on Monday, August 6th at 6.30p.m. and in Midfield Cemetery on Wednesday, August 15th at 7p.m. (weather permitting).