

SWINFORD MEELICK MIDFIELD

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Saturday 16th	Before Mass	Swinford	CONFESSIONS
Saturday 16th	6.30 pm	Swinford	-Bridget & Michael Muldowney, Cashelsheenaughane. -Jack Irwin and dec'd of the Molloy family, Carracanada. -People of the Parish -Una Harraghy, Oak Drive. -Mark McLoughlin, Fraunhill.
Sunday 17th	9 am	Swinford	-ADORATION (until 6 pm)
Sunday 17th	12 noon	Swinford	-No Intention. -Patrick McLoughlin and dec'd members of the McLoughlin and Durkan families. -No Intention.
Sunday 17th	2 pm	Swinford	-Anthony Gallagher, Carrowreagh.
Monday 18th	10 am	Swinford	-Thomas McNicholas, Market Street and dec'd family members.
Tuesday 19th	10 am	Swinford	-ADORATION (until 8 pm)
Wednesday 20th	10 am	Swinford	-Human Life International, Ireland.
Thursday 21st	10 am	Swinford	-Kathleen Finn, Circular Road, (1st Anniv.) -Mary Basquill, Lisheenabrone (MM)
Thursday 21st	10.30 am	Swinford	-CONFESSIONS
Friday 22nd	10 am	Swinford	-Martin Sweeney, Tullinacurra. -Martin Dunne and his brother Bill and his sister, Bea and their niece, Deirdre Nelson, Cloonfinish. -People of the Parish.
Saturday 23rd	10 am	Swinford	-Denis Deacy and his wife Una, Ashgrove.
Saturday 23rd	11 am	Swinford	-Mary Comer, Rathscanlon.
Saturday 23rd	2 pm	Swinford	-CONFIRMATION MASS
PENTECOST SUNDAY			
Saturday 23rd	6.30 pm	Swinford	
Sunday 23rd	9.00 am	Swinford	
Sunday 24th	12 noon	Swinford	
Sunday 24th	1.30 pm	Swinford	

Sunday 17th	10 am	Meelick	-Paddy & Winnie McGowan and their daughter Mary, Loughtadurkin.
Monday 18th	7 pm	Meelick	-ADORATION (until 9 pm)
Sunday 24th	10 am	Meelick	-Anthony Gallagher and dec'd family members, Carrowreagh. -Pat & Mary Smith, Old Castle and dec'd of the Smith/Kelly families. Paddy Doyle, Church View/Old Castle.

Sunday 17th	11 am	Midfield	-Martin & Winnie Gorman, Woods and dec'd family members. -Annie & George Brogan, their son John and his wife Mary and their grandson John Keevans.
Monday 18th	11 am	Midfield	-ADORATION (Until 12 noon)
Sunday 24th	11 am	Midfield	-Mary & Patrick Campbell, Brackloon and Tom, Bridie and Michael Murtagh, Ballure. -Michael & Babe Muldowney, Carnaculla.

Killala/Achonry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Led by Bishop John Fleming, Bishop of Killala and Bishop Brendan Kelly, Bishop of Achonry. Spiritual Directors: Fr. Tom Doherty, Killala Diocese and Fr John Maloney, Achonry Diocese. Pilgrimage takes place from 23rd to 28th August. Depart for Ireland West Airport Knock, full board in Hotel Aena. Price €709. To book a place, contact the following: Pilgrim Section, Michael Walkin on 086 6080763. Assisted/Invalid Pilgrim Section: Mary Loftus on 096 31462.

Swinford Community Lotto Results: For May 11th. Numbers: 4 12 19 21. **€70 Local Shopping Voucher Winners:** Feeney Family, Park Road, Gulf Staff. **3 Number Winners:** William Groarke, Derryronane, Tom Henry, M McNicholas, Dublin Road, Pdraig Quinn, c/o Quinns, Shane Campbell, c/o The White House, Tim McDonagh, Meelick. Jackpot now €16,800. Draw on Monday May 18th in The Sheepwalk.

Achonry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: Takes place on Sunday, 17th May 2015 beginning in the Basilica at 2.30 pm. All are welcome.

Western Alzheimer's: Paddy & Bernie Campbell would like to thank all those who supported their recent "Tea Day" in aid of Western Alzheimer's in which €270 was raised.

Ladies GFC Collection for ISPCC: Swinford / Killasser Ladies GFC thanks everyone who contributed to their recent Church Gate Collection for the Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children; which raised a total of €561.59.

Fr. Dermot Meehan: (094) 9251790
Fr. Gerry Davey: (094) 9252952

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Death: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Fr Anthony Conlon, Beechpark. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

Midfield Servers: (Sunday 24th May): Danielle Brennan, Shauna Kelly, Gráinne Julian, Joseph Grego..

Meelick Servers: (Sunday 24th May): Sarah Grady, Emer O'Neill, Hazel Lavin, Ciara Forkan.

Our Mission Statement: To be living witnesses to Jesus Christ through whom friendship, compassion and service are given to all in an active and welcoming Church community.

Confirmation: Next Sunday, May 24th, Pentecost Sunday, 51 young people from our parish community will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Brendan Kelly in Swinford Church during Mass at 1.30 pm. All are welcome to attend the Confirmation ceremony. Please keep the young people preparing for Confirmation in your prayers this week.

Retreat for Ministers of the Eucharist/Readers: Will take place on Wednesday evening the 20th May at 8 pm. All who serve our parish community in these ministries are encouraged to attend.

Choral Concert in Swinford Church: As part of the fourth Mayo International Choral Festival, a concert will take place in Swinford Church on Friday, May 22nd at 8.30 pm. Taking part will be Mayo Youth Choir, Grace Notes (Ballyhaunis), the Oban Gaelic Choir and Swinford Church Choir along with Francie McNicholas, Antoinette Byrne and Fr. James McDonagh...a very enjoyable evening of entertainment. Proceeds will go to the Swinford Parish Building Fund. Tickets are €12 with rate for OAPs €10 and under 18s €6. Tickets can be purchased in Mellett's Newsagents, Eurospar, Spain's and Gavaghan's Mace. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

"Why we should not Redefine Marriage": A talk on "Why we should not Redefine Marriage" by Kate Bopp of "Mothers & Fathers Matter" and Fr. Shane O'Sullivan will take place on Monday the 18th May at 8 pm in the Welcome Inn, Castlebar. All welcome.

Copies of the Irish Bishops' Pastoral Letter, *The Meaning of Marriage* are available in churches this weekend. Please take a copy home.

Pilgrimage to Lough Derg -Achonry Diocese: This is a three day pilgrimage from Monday 20th -Wednesday 22nd July. Transport to be confirmed. Island admission: €70 adults; €65 seniors; €59.50; students. Contact Fr. John Maloney -094 9367031 or email: jmaloney@achonrydiocese.org

Mayo Roscommon Hospice: Is appealing for volunteers to help with National Sunflower Days for Hospice -5th and 6th June. Contact 094 9388666 for more details.

Foxford Traditional Singing and Poetry Group: Will meet in The Mayfly Hotel on Thursday, May 28th at 9.15 pm. All welcome.

Coleman Music Centre, Gurteen: Traditional Music Show with Ceoltoiri Coleman on Sunday, May 24th at 8 pm. It will be a great night of music, song and dance. Booking on 071 9182599 or www.colemanirishmusic.com

A Free film: on St. Rita of Cascia will be shown in St. Brigid's Hall, Tubbercurry at 9.15 pm on Thursday, 21st May after an hour of Prayer in St. John The Evangelist Church commencing at 8 pm, to pray God's will be done in the Referendum on her feast day.

Would you like to Host a Spanish Student: Host families required for Spanish Students for the month of July. Families in villages/towns/country -students are in the 15-16 year age bracket and host families should have a child in the same age bracket. This can be a rewarding experience. Please contact Geraldine

"Console": The National Suicide Prevention, Intervention and Bereavement Charity invites all the community to the launch of the "Cosy up to Console" Awareness Campaign on Friday, May 29th at 2 pm in the Cultural Centre, Swinford. Mrs Sabina Higgins -our esteemed President's wife will officially launch. See you there!

GAA 50/50 Draw: Was held in Bolands on Tuesday 12th May. Johnny Burke and Kevin Geraghty won €863. Tickets can be purchased online through www.swinfordgaa.ie. Draw envelopes are available in all business premises for the next draw in Heaneys, Killasser on 19th May.

Midfield Development: Please note that we have a replacement Defibrillator reinstated in Midfield, many thanks to Mary Woodlock, member of "Close to the Heart" for lending us a machine whilst ours is being repaired.

Golf Open Evening: For male beginners on Tuesday May 19th at 7 pm. Just come along and dress for the weather. Enquiries to 085 1996685.

Swinford Mens Shed: In conjunction with Michael Browne of Full Circle Safety will be hosting a Health and Safety Training course in the Gateway Hotel on Thursday, 21st May at 6 pm sharp. This course is open to members of Swinford Mens Shed and registration will take place from 5.30 pm. New members are welcome to join.

Seisiun na nOg: with Rob in the Sheepwalk this Sunday 17th at 6.00 pm. All welcome.

Swinford Agri. Show -Card Game: Will take place in the Gateway Hotel on Sunday, 17th May at 8.30 pm. Proceeds to Swinford Agricultural Show Society. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Scouts Waiting List: Anyone wishing to place their child on Swinford Scouts waiting list may do so by emailing swinford-mayo24@gmail.com - Please include the child's name, date of birth and a contact number. Age groups are as follows - Beavers 6/7/8 years, Cubs 9/10/11 years Scouts 12-15 years Ventures -over 15 years. Spaces will be offered on a first come basis. The availability of spaces in September will also be dependent on having sufficient leaders on board to facilitate weekly meetings and events.

Upcoming Fixtures: Under 12s: Monday, 18th May at 18.30 -Swinford v Shrule/Glencorrib at Robert McCallion Memorial Park. Intermediate championship: Weekend of 23/24th May - Swinford v Burrishoole at Robert McCallion Memorial Park. Any changes will be posted on our facebook, twitter and website.

Results of Swinford Golf/Soccer Draw No. 11: Was held in the Sheepwalk Bar on Saturday, May 9th. €1000 was won by Brian & Ann Rowley, Carrobeg, Swinford. €300 -Padraic McHale, Snugboro, Castlebar. €200 -Teresa Sweeney, Swinford Post Office. Thanks for your support. There are 2 draws every month for 12 months.