

Parishes of Swords Clonmethan Kilsallaghan Donabate and Lusk Newsletter April 2023

Glebe Cottage Donabate

Donabate and Lusk parish have bought the residence which was for sale adjoining the church recently. It was owned by the Farrell family which the parish had very good relations with over the years. It will be a wonderful addition to the parish as it will provide many facilities for the parish to utilize in the years ahead. Many thanks to Niall Minto who was the chief negotiator on behalf of the parish in the purchase of this strategic property next door to St Patrick's Church. It has been decided to call property 'Glebe Cottage'.



Mental Health Awareness

The diocese of Dublin and Glendalough are promoting Mental Health Awareness and have organised three different 'Walks of Wellbeing'. The first one will be on Sunday the 2nd of April at the Red Stables, St Anne's Park, Raheny from 3-5pm. The second one is on Sunday the 7th of May, meeting at the Papal cross, Pheonix Park from 3-5pm and the third one is on Saturday the 27th of May, meeting at St Johns Church, Laragh in Glendalough, from 11am-4pm. (please bring a packed lunch and water). For more information about these events please ring : 0860386415 or 0879091561.

Also in regard to this, Mary Jones from Donabate and Lusk parish is offering Mental Health Wellbeing coaching which can be offered online or in person. It would include 4 sessions, 60 minutes each. Cost per session 10 euros. She can be contacted on: dmjones.family@gmail.com

Holy Baptism

On Sunday the 5th of March, in St Columba's Church Swords, we welcomed Scott Alex Cunningham as a member of Christ's Church. Scott is the son of Helen and Thomas Cunningham and is the brother of Holly. The Godparents were Alex Greene and Aisling O'Prey. We wish Scott and this young family every blessing, as Scott and Holly grow up in the life of the Church.



Deepest Sympathy

Deepest sympathy is extended to the Wilson and wider family on the death of Agnes Wilson who passed away peacefully at Anovocare Nursing Home, Swords. Agnes was the beloved wife of the late Samuel Wilson and loving mother of Linda (Chambers), Paul and Mark. She will be very sadly missed also by Jan, Nicola, Lorna and her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and her sister Joan and her many friends. The funeral service took place in St Andrew's Church, Malahide, where Agnes worshipped before Agnes came to reside in Swords Parish. The Rector of Swords preached at the service and performed the Committal in the churchyard. The Rector got to know Agnes very well with his regular visits to Anovocare Nursing Home. Agnes was a devout Christian all her life and played a full role in the life of the church in Malahide, serving as Church Warden and enjoyed her membership of the Mothers Union. She will be deeply missed by everyone. May Agnes rest in peace and rise in glory.



A *Praise & Pizza Family Service* took place on Sunday evening the 26th of March in St Columba's Parish Centre. Stephen Vincent leads these creative services. Thanks to Gillian Haynes and Denise Roberts who helped out in March with preparing the food etc. The April Praise 'n Pizza will take place on **the 23rd April** at the usual time of 6.30pm. *Prayers, Songs, Activities, Talk + Pizza* (+ hot dogs) is the usual format for the evening. For further details contact Stephen Vincent or Gillian Haynes at gillian.haynes@gmail.com or the Rector at nealphair@hotmail.com

Church Services for April

2nd April – Palm Sunday

Donabate 10am Morning Prayer + Sunday Club

Swords 11.30am Morning Prayer

5th April – Wednesday of Holy Week

Swords 8pm Evening Prayer

6th April – Maundy Thursday

Swords 8pm Holy Communion.

7th April - Good Friday

Donabate 11am At the Cross

Swords 3.30pm At the Cross

9th April - Easter Sunday

Donabate 10am Holy Communion

Swords 11.30am Holy Communion

Kilsallaghan 1pm Holy Communion

16th April – 2nd Sunday of Easter

Donabate 10am Morning Prayer

Swords 11.30am Morning Prayer

23rd April – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Donabate 10am Holy Communion

Swords 11.30am Holy Communion

Swords Hall 6.30pm Praise & Pizza

30th April – 4th Sunday of Easter

Donabate 10am Morning Prayer

Swords 11.30am Morning Prayer

Illness

We pray for Phoebe, Anne, Christy and Robert at this time.