



The **Christingle Service** is an Advent tradition in Saint Columba's Church! It's a family-friendly service (approx. 45 minutes) where a candle in an orange is used as a fun and interactive symbol of Jesus Christ and the positive effect he has had on the world. The word 'Christingle' comes from the German word 'Christkind!' which means 'Little Christ Child'. The Christingle is used to celebrate and symbolise Jesus Christ as the Light of the World. The candles in the Christingles are lit to spread light. This reflects the light that Jesus Christ brings to the world, and gives hope to people living in dark times.

The Christingles are made by the children (with parental supervision & help!) during the service to help teach them about Jesus. Towards the end of the service, the lights are dimmed and the children's Christingles are lit up. It's a magical and reverential moment when the entire church is lit with the glow of the Christingles!

This is a free event and you don't need to bring anything. **To ensure the organisers have enough Christingle materials for all the children, it would be great if you would please RSVP by clicking the link below.**

Featuring Christmas-themed songs, prayers, activities and crafts, this festive gathering will be fun for the whole family.

Join us in **St Columba's church at 6pm on Sunday the 21st of December**



RSVP: <https://forms.gle/dj8rw4Ki3q2LaWg99> or contact Yvonne on 086 354 7206





# Christmas Carol Service

**SAINT PATRICK'S CHURCH  
DONABATE**

Join us to celebrate the spirit of Christmas with our enchanting Carol Service. Gather with family and friends to enjoy the timeless melodies that reflect the joys of the season.

AT 10AM ON SUNDAY THE **14** TH OF DECEMBER

**everyone is welcome!**



# kilsallaghan *Christmas* carol service

★ Join us for a traditional service of  
carols in a lovely country church ★



Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December

*St David's Church Kilsallaghan*  
at 3:30pm - all welcome!





SWORDS

ST COLUMBA'S  
CHURCH

CHRISTMAS  
CAROL SERVICE  
2025

21<sup>ST</sup>  
DECEMBER  
3PM

**ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH, CHURCH RD, SWORDS**

The service will be followed by  
refreshments & mince pies in the hall

**admission free - all welcome!**

Donations of mince pies or biscuits would be gratefully received, and can be dropped into the hall before the service. Thank you.

## Remembrance Service 2025 a report from Clonmethan by Niall Minto

Remembrance Sunday and remembrance services, be they civil or religious or a combination of both, have a poignant moment when it strikes you, that brave men and women fought and died in the two world wars so that we may live in freedom today.



A combined civil and religious service was held in Clonmethan graveyard to remember those in the Fingal region that gave up their lives.

That poignant moment came as The Last Post was played on the bugle, and silence fell.

At that point, we remembered what it was like for these brave souls as they stood on the front line.

As each name was read out by Peter Rooney, you could almost imagine them.

Several of them were only eighteen years old when they were killed in action.

As Peter said, they are not forgotten while we still call out their names.

The following prayer was read for them and their families.

*Almighty and eternal God,  
We pray for the brave women and men, who gave up their lives for our freedom.  
We pray for their families whose sacrifice was often unseen.  
Hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all who we remember this day;  
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;  
and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen*

We also remembered local man Ciarán Smith from Coast Guard Rescue flight 116, who gave up his life, alongside the crew of Rescue 116, to save the lives of others.

Lest we forget.



a request for

# Christmas

## GIFTS FOR \* CARECHOICE \* RESIDENTS

David Snow and Reverend Yvonne Ginnelly plan to hold a **Christmas service in the Carechoice nursing home in Swords on December 13th at 2pm** - everyone, resident or not, is welcome to attend this service - and wish to appeal to the parishioners for contributions of gifts to be distributed at this event, as some of the residents don't have visitors.

Gifts can be small such as socks, shower gel, sweets, etc. There is no obligation, but if you are in a position to chip in with a little something, that would be great. Please write if it's for a lady or a gent on the label and bring it to church any Sunday between now and December 13th so that David and Yvonne can get it to the service and the residents of Carechoice.

If you're not in a position to contribute, please remember the residents in your prayers. Either way, **thank you very much in advance.**





## Services for the Month Ahead

### Sunday 7th December

10 a.m.	Saint Patrick's Donabate	Holy Communion
11.30 a.m.	Saint Columba's Swords	Holy Communion

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December

10 a.m.	Saint Patrick's Donabate	Carol Service
11.30 a.m.	Saint Columba's Swords	Morning Prayer
3.30 p.m.	Saint David's Kilsallaghan	Carol Service

### Sunday 21st December

10 a.m.	Saint Patrick's Donabate	Service & Nativity Play
11.30 p.m.	Saint Columba's Swords	Morning Prayer (short form)
3 p.m.	Saint Columba's Swords	Carol Service
6 p.m.	Saint Columba's Swords	Christingle Service

### Christmas Day – Thursday 25th December

10 a.m.	Saint Patrick's Donabate	Holy Communion
11.30 a.m.	Saint Columba's Swords	Holy Communion
1 p.m.	Saint David's Kilsallaghan	Holy Communion

### Sunday 28th December - Five lessons and carols

10 a.m.	Saint Patrick's Donabate	Morning Prayer
11.30 a.m.	Saint Columba's Swords	Morning Prayer



Wishing you and yours  
a happy and peaceful Christmas

And, finally...

