

Christmas Day Services 2022

We look forward to seeing you all on Christmas Day as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ. The services for Christmas Day are:

Donabate	10am	Holy Communion
Swords	11.30am	Holy Communion
Kilsallaghan	1pm	Holy Communion

Everyone is very very welcome!!



Confirmation 2023

Confirmation classes will commence Thursday 2nd March at 7pm 2023 in the Parish Room (Top room in the Parish Halls in Swords). They will run for 5 weeks and will be every Thursday during March.

We are encouraging those wishing to be Confirmed who have sporting commitments on a Sunday morning to attend the family Praise n' Pizza evenings, which are once a month at 6.30pm in the School Hall. Next one is the 22nd of January, hot food served afterwards. Alternatively, there are other youth and family events you can attend e.g. Sunday Club in Donabate at (10am) or in Swords (11.30am) on the 1st Sunday of the month or the

Family Service in Swords at 11.30 am or Donabate Family Service at 10am, both are on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Please email the Rector if you would like to put your child forward for Confirmation 2023. Email address: nealphair@hotmail.com

Remembrance Service, The Island Golf Club, Donabate

A Remembrance service was held in the Island Golf Club, Donabate, recently to remember all those who passed away over the past year. The Rector and Fr Augustine Fokchet led the service. Many parishioners from Donabate and Swords are members of the Golf Club. A great time of food and fellowship materialised afterwards in the club house.

Donabate Christmas Concert

St Patrick's Church, Donabate, Concert of Carols and Festive Favourites took place on Saturday the 10th of December 8pm and refreshments were served afterwards. The brilliant baritone singer David Scott, accompanied by Rachael Conaghan mezzo soprano and Catriona Grimes who played the piano. Rachael replaced Deirdre Arratoon also a mezzo soprano, on the night, as Deirdre's flight from Heathrow was grounded due to the severe weather conditions. Thelma Scott and Sarah Minto also took part in the proceedings. A great crowd turned up for the event despite the weather and everyone was in a very festive mood by its conclusion. Thank you to everyone who supported the very enjoyable evening.









Donabate Nativity Service

Donabate Nativity Service took place on Sunday the 11th December at 10am. The Nativity was called 'A Christmas to Believe in'. The children were dressed in a beautiful array of traditional nativity dress for that period in time. They each performed their parts very well indeed and the play was very witty in nature within a modern context which really helped to emphasise the significant nature of this amazing story. We thank and the children for taking part and thanks also goes to Kelda Barnes, Sarah Minto and Liz O'Connor for preparing the children for this special event.











Kilsallaghan Community Carol Service

Kilsallaghan Carol service took place on the 11th December at 3pm. It was great having a full-blown community carol service again after the limitations of the pandemic era. Minister Darragh O'Brien, accompanied by his wife and daughter, were in attendance and Deputy O'Brien read a lesson at the service. We thank Rev. Yvonne Ginnelly for assisting the Rector at the service and her husband Ivan for reading a lesson. Refreshments were held afterwards in the church. Many thanks to the Anderson family - Andy, Collette, David and Peter, for preparing the service booklet, and for organising the parking and the church and the refreshments after the service. Thanks also to Ian and Fran Falkiner for their help with the arrangements for this great community event which was packed that afternoon.



Swords Community Carol Service

Swords Community Carol service took place on the 18th December at 4pm. Local politicians and public representatives included -The Mayor of Fingal - Cllr Howard Mahony, Duncan Smith TD and also Cllr Ian Carey and his wife and family came along. Fr Richard Sheehy (Brackenstown), Fr Des Doyle (Airport & RiverValley) and Pastor Johnny Holland (Swords Baptist) and his family were also in attendance. The clergy all read lessons. Thanks to Stephen, Eric and Olivia who also read. Many thanks to those who helped with the tea and helped set up the hall – Margaret, Karen, Nora, Andy, Eric, Ruby, Olivia, Lucy, Emily, Henry and any others who gave a hand. Thanks also to Yvonne for playing the organ and to Paul, Fred, David, Billy and Eric who helped out before, during and after the service. A wonderful crowd turned up for this special occasion and a great time of fellowship was had by all. A huge thank you to everyone for coming along and supporting this important event. A collection was lifted during the service for St Columba's Church.







Donabate Community Carol Service

Donabate Carol service took place on the 18th December at 10am. Thank you to everyone who read – Dorothy, Sally, Albert, Cathy, Robben, Andrew and Valerie. Many thanks to Thelma for putting up such a wonderful display of Christmas decorations which had been up since the Christmas concert. Thanks also to Cathy for putting up and decorating the Christmas tree and for organising the crib and thanks also to Jean for helping with the decorations as well. Further thanks goes to Brian Scott for organising the music and printing out the lessons and for organising the readers. Andrew's help was also much appreciated with the music on the morning. It was a wonderful joyful event with a packed church. Thank you one and all for making it a memorable occasion.



A *Praise & Pizza Family Service* took place on Sunday evening, the 27th of November at 6.30pm. This was held in Swords Parish Centre in the main hall (Old Borough School Hall) (across from St Columba's Church). A great crowd of young people with their parents attended and Stephen Vincent led the informal lively worship. With so many of our young people involved in sporting activities etc. on a Sunday morning, this is a great opportunity for families to come along to an evening service for a time of fellowship and worship and enjoy some delicious Pizza as well!! The next Praise 'n Pizza will take place on the 22nd January at the usual time. *Prayers, Songs, Activities, Talk + Pizza* (+ hot dogs) is the 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 January

1st January – 2nd Sunday of Christmas

Donabate	10am	Morning Prayer
Swords	11.30am	Morning Prayer

8th January – Epiphany Sunday

Donabate	10am	Holy Communion
Swords	11.30am	Morning Prayer
Kilsallaghan	11.30am	Holy Communion

15th January – 2nd After Epiphany

Donabate	10am	Family Service
Swords	11.30am	Family Service

22nd January – 3rd After Epiphany

Donabate	10am	Holy Communion
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Swords 11.30am Holy Communion
Swords Hall 6.30pm Praise & Pizza

29nd January – 4th After Epiphany

Donabate 10am Morning Prayer
Swords 11.30am Morning Prayer

Illness

We continue to pray for Robert and Jean and indeed all others in this group of parishes who are ill.

Wishing you all a very happy New
Year!



