

Newsletter for the Grouped Parishes of Swords,
Clonmethan, and Kilsallaghan, with Donabate and
Lusk



St Columba's Church Fete

Swords Parish Fete will be held at The Rectory, Church Road, Swords, on Saturday the 10th of June from 2-5pm.

There will be a whole array of attractions at the Fete which will include:

St George's Brass Band, BBQ, Tea/coffee/scones/cake Stand, Prosecco and Strawberries, White Elephant, Books/CDs/DVDS Stand, Fruit/Veg/Plants, Pony Rides, Face painting, Tour of St Columba's Churchyard at 3pm, Raffle for 3 hampers, Guess the number of sweets in the Jar and Childrens Games – catch

the duck in the pond, horse shoe game, splat the rat, Cans and Ball game etc. etc.

If the weather is bad on the day, the Fete will be held in St Columba's Parish Centre. Admission fee will be €2 for adults. Children and senior citizens etc. are free.

We are appealing for a number of items for the Fete which include:
Anything that can sell for the white elephant stand (items can be collected if need be) We also need other items for the rest of the stalls - books /CD/DVDs, fruit, veg, plants, items for hampers (bottles of wine, boxes of biscuits, chocolates etc.) cakes, scones, tray bakes etc. All to be brought to the St Columba's church on the Wednesday and Thursday before the fete from 10am - 12 noon and 6-8pm.
Tray bakes, cakes etc. can also be left in the parish room (top room in Old Borough school) on the Thursday before the Fete from 1pm - 2.30pm.

A meeting for the helpers and volunteers will take place on Monday the 5th June at the Rectory Garden at 8pm.

Please come along and support this important fundraising and social event for the parish at the Rectory on the 10th June at 2pm, everyone very very welcome!!



St Patrick's Church & Glebe Cottage, Donabate

Work is continuing on St Patrick's Church in Donabate and Lusk parish. Now that the roof and the porch ceiling has been repaired, attention now focuses on

the windows and other issues that need to be resolved. It was hoped that a start would be made on the church windows in May, but now this is more likely to materialise in early June. This is an essential part of the restoration works to be carried out, and the Select Vestry is committed to ensuring that the church is in good condition for the parishioners of the parish. Attention will also soon focus on ‘Glebe Cottage’ the new house and gardens which the parish purchased recently from the Farrell family and after improvements are carried out, it is envisaged that this will be a great addition to the parish of Donabate and Lusk in the years ahead.





Commissioning of David Snow

David Snow, parishioner of St Columba's Parish Swords, will be commissioned Parish Reader for Swords, Donabate and Kilsallaghan in Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday the 11th June at 3.30pm. David is the People's Church Warden in Swords and has been the parish Treasurer up until recently. He also regularly reads in church, helps with the administration of Holy Communion, has led services and has preached on a few occasions etc. In preparation for to be a parish reader, along with his practical parish experience in Swords, he completed and passed the Certificate in Theology and Practice (CTTP) run by the Church of Ireland Institute and Trinity College Dublin. David is also enrolled for the Diocesan Lay Reader course and is expected to be commissioned a Diocesan Lay Reader in June 2024. David is a warm and friendly people person with great diplomatic skills and a great sense of humour. He also works full-time as Managing Director of G4S Compliance & Investigations and has written a book on Insurance Fraud and even starred on the Late Late Show! The Rector is delighted to have David as a colleague who will be able to lead services in Swords, Donabate and Kilsallaghan. Please pray for David as he prepares to take on this important ministerial role in these grouped parishes.



Confirmation 2023

Every blessing goes to our young people who were recently confirmed from this group of parishes on the 7th of May in Clontarf and on the 14th May in Taney parish. They were : Noah Barry, Daniel O'Connor, Daniel Dunne, Tadhg Burnby, Evan Siung, Alex Forsyth, Shane Ennis, Anna Gundersen, Kayla Blanc, and Grace Teskey. We pray for them as they continue their Christian journey.



Deepest Sympathy

Deepest sympathy is extended to the Brant family on the passing of Phoebe Brant (née Hamilton), formerly from Artane and the North Circular Road. Phoebe passed away peacefully on May 22nd 2023 at CareChoice Nursing Home in Swords surrounded by her loving family. Phoebe was the loving wife of the late William Brant. We pray for her children - Barbara, Alan, Derek, Gillian, and Grahame, as well as daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, friends, nieces, nephews, extended family, and neighbours. A Service of thanksgiving for her wonderful life was held at St. Columba's Church Swords on the 26th May, followed by burial in Fingal cemetery. Phoebe came to live in Swords with her daughter Barbara a number of years ago where Barbara took exceptionally good care of her which the rest of the family were extremely appreciative to Barbara for. She regularly came to church in Swords and she got to know the parishioners every well and they came to love her. Phoebe also was a very devoted parishioner of St John's Church Coolock, where her husband William was church warden and the parish treasurer. Phoebe loved her membership of the Mothers Union there and really enjoyed playing bowls in the parish which was always a unique social occasion. May the peace of God continue to surround you all in the days and weeks to come.

Swords & Donabate Girls Brigade

The picture below is of all the leaders, officers and the Captain who help to run Swords & Donabate 45th Company Girls Brigade. The picture was taken after the 45th company's recently held 18th Annual Display on Saturday 22nd April in the Old Borough School Hall which was very well supported by Family and Friends. We continue to pray for this team of leaders for all the dedication and the immense commitment they give to the young people of these grouped parishes.



Afternoon Tea, Donabate

An afternoon tea party for Donabate and Lusk parishioners will take place on Saturday the 2nd of September from 2-4pm. Parishioner, Laura Jones, has kindly offered to host this wonderful fellowship event again this year at her house (beside Jones Garden Centre). Her address is: The Spinney, Ballymadrough, Donabate, Co Dublin. We look forward to seeing you there!



Praise 'n Pizza



A *Praise & Pizza Family Service* for this group of parishes took place on Sunday evening the 28th of May in St Columba's Parish Centre, Swords. Many thanks to Stephen Vincent who led this creative service on the theme of Pentecost. Thanks also to Gillian Haynes and Denise Roberts from Swords parish and Liz O'Connor from Donabate parish who helped out in May with preparing the food etc. We also had a celebration party afterwards for all those recently confirmed and we thank Liz O'Connor for baking very yummy cupcakes for the event!! The June Praise 'n Pizza will take place on **the 25th June** at the usual time of 6.30pm. *Prayers, Songs, Activities, Talk + Pizza* 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

Malahide Flower Festival



Church Services for June

4th June – Trinity Sunday

Donabate 10am Morning Prayer + Sunday Club
Swords 11.30am Holy Communion + Sunday Club

11th June - 1st Sunday after Trinity

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

18th June – 2nd Sunday after Trinity

Donabate 10am Family Service
Swords 11.30am Family Service

25th June – 3rd Sunday after Trinity

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

Illness

We pray for Glynis, Jean, Caroline, Anne and Robert at this time.