

Parishes of Swords Clonmethan
Kilsallaghan Donabate and Lusk
Newsletter March 2023



Swords Parish Table Quiz Night

The parish of Swords, Kilsallaghan and Clonmethan held a special fundraising Table Quiz Night on Friday the 24th of February at 8pm in the parish hall (Old Borough School Hall). A raffle for the very many spot prizes took place and there was also a tuck shop and glasses of wine were available too. A huge thank you to everyone who came along and supported the evening and also thanks to all those who donated spot prizes and the Quiz prizes or who gave financial donations towards the event. Many many thanks to Derek Evans for preparing and running the Table Quiz on the night, also thanks to his son Peter and additionally Barbara Scanlon who helped out with the running of the Quiz that evening. Thanks also to Marjorie Evans, Sarah Evans, Emily and Henry Phair, David Snow, Olivia Snow, Andreas Markusson, Eric Wolfe, Lucy Phair and anyone else who helped out in any way. It was a great night of fun and fellowship and everyone really enjoyed it. Another one is being planned for November.

Confirmation 2023

Confirmation classes will commence this Thursday the 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 to attend some of the family and children's events in our churches. For example you can attend 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. If you have sporting commitments on a Sunday you could attend the Praise n' Pizza

evenings, which are once a month at 6.30pm in the Old Borough School Hall. Next one is the 26th of March, hot food served afterwards. There are also the Morning Prayer and Holy Communion Services in Donabate, Swords and Kilsallaghan (Kilsallaghan 2nd Sunday of Month at 11.30am) and the Wednesday Services during Lent in Swords at 8pm.

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



A *Praise & Pizza Family Service* took place on Sunday evening the 26th of February. These are always held in St Columba's Parish Centre in the main hall (Old Borough School Hall). Stephen Vincent very kindly leads this informal lively worship. The lively songs are beamed onto a wall in the hall with the video projector which also has very child friendly videos for each one. Thanks to Gillian Haynes and Liz O'Connor who helped out in February with preparing the food etc. With so many of our young people involved in sporting activities 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 food as well!! The next Praise 'n Pizza will take place on **the 26th March** 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 March

5th March – 2nd Sunday of Lent

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

8th March – Wednesday

Swords 8pm Evening Prayer
Preacher: Pastor Johnny Holland (Swords Baptist Church)

12th March – 3rd Sunday of Lent

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

19th March – 4th Sunday of Lent

Donabate 10am Family Service
Swords 11.30am Family Service

22nd March – Wednesday

Swords 8pm Evening Prayer
Preacher: Fr Des Doyle (Dublin Airport Church)

26th March – 5th Sunday of Lent

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

Illness

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