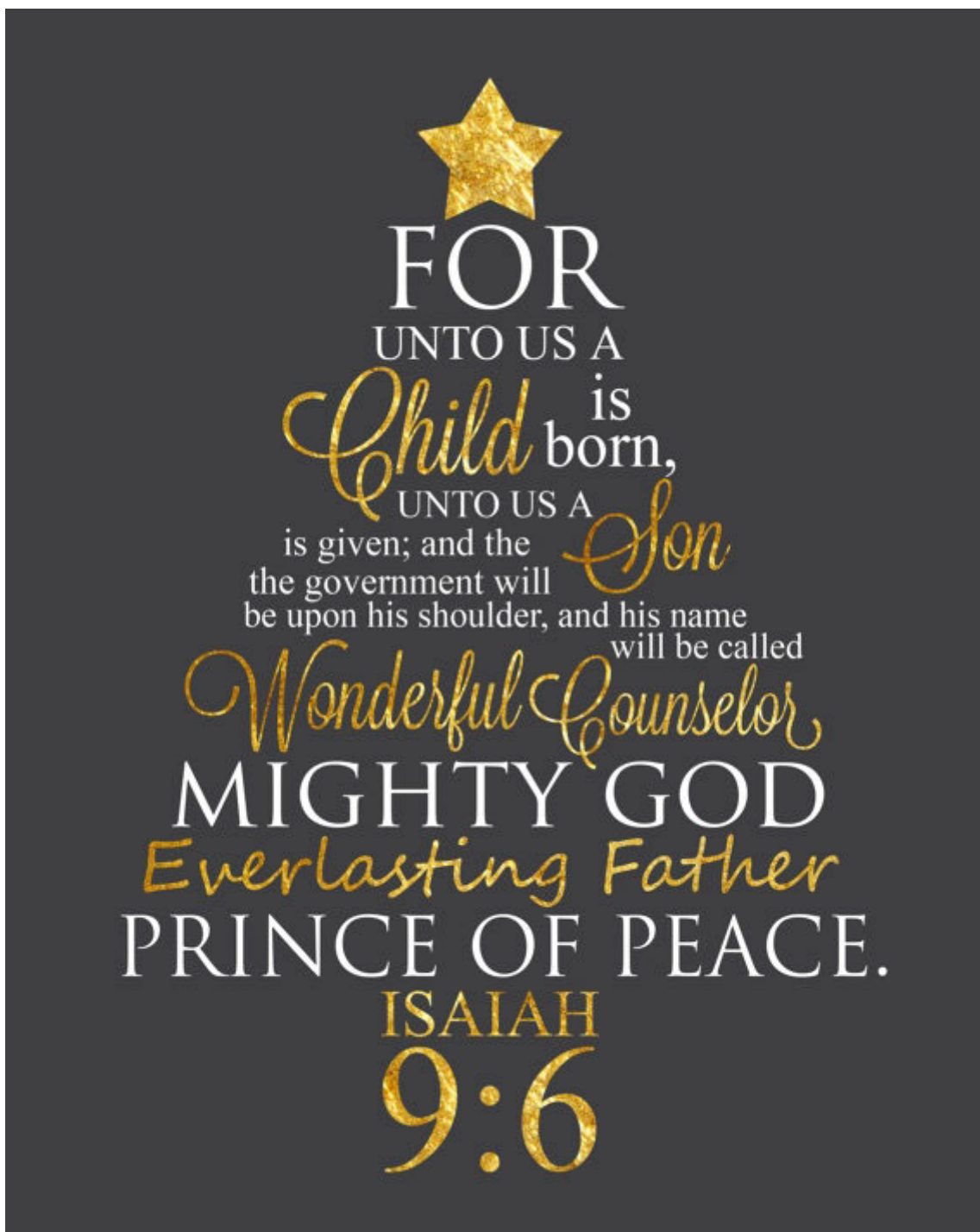


Parishes of Swords Clonmethan  
Kilsallaghan Donabate and Lusk  
Newsletter December 2018



Wishing you and yours a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year!

## The Last Fundraising Event of 2018



### Sunday Club

Sunday Club is a children's activity whereby children learn about God in a fun and relaxed setting, It's the modern version of Sunday School. New children are always welcome to join in. For more information, call Kelda Barnes (01 8435 984) in Donabate or Gillian Haynes (086 854 1079) in Swords.

The children in Saint Columba's church in Swords had their first Club meeting on Sunday the 11th of November. Meanwhile in Donabate, on Sunday the 4th of November, the children enjoyed "Perplex the Preacher," and our celebrant Mark Acheson rose to the challenges. The Donabate club is currently rehearsing the Nativity Play which will be presented at the service on 16th December.

Old Borough N.S.

# CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday, 1st December  
12 - 3pm

Old Borough School  
Church Road, Swords

Entrance through the MAIN school doors

Gifts  
Raffle  
Santa's  
Grotto  
Lunch &  
Festive  
Treats  
Games  
Books  
Wheel of  
Fortune  
Cakes  
Toys  
and  
much  
more!



Admission  
€2 Adults  
Children FREE!



All proceeds go to school funds.



# The 45th Company Girls' Brigade Swords & Donabate & The 7th Dublin Company Boys' Brigade



The 45th Company Girls' Brigade Swords & Donabate, and the 7<sup>th</sup> Dublin Company Boy's Brigade, held their joint Enrolment Service on Sunday the 26th November, in Saint Columba's Church, Swords, which was full for the occasion.

The service was conducted by the Archdeacon David Pierpoint, assisted by Diocesan Lay Minister Addy Patterson.

Yvonne Packer, our organist, helped David preach the sermon via some musical accompaniment. The girls and boys led most of the service and acquitted themselves excellently, including some very fine singing.



Following the service, everyone was treated to refreshments in the hall, which were very much enjoyed.

Well done, girls and boys!

And many congratulations to the officers and the parents, who must be very proud.

### **Carol Services**

Saint David's church in Kilsallaghan	3pm on Sunday the 9 <sup>th</sup> of December
Saint Patrick's church in Donabate	10am on Sunday the 23 <sup>rd</sup> of December
Saint Columba's church in Swords	3.30pm on Sunday the 23 <sup>rd</sup> of December

Refreshments afterwards in both Donabate and Swords. Donations of mince pies would be most welcome, please. There'll be many friends from the wider community there - and we hope we'll see you there too!

### **Christmas Gifts**

Children are invited to bring a Christmas present to Church for children less fortunate than themselves. And it would be all the nicer if it were wrapped up in Christmas paper, marked on the outside whether for a boy or a girl, and for what age group. Please bring your present with you to one of the Carol Services, so that they can be distributed in time for Christmas. A really big THANK YOU in advance from those who will receive them.

### **Register of Vestry Members**

Each year, at the January meetings of Swords and Donabate Select Vestries, the Register of Vestry Members for both parishes are revised and updated.

One benefit of being on the register is that you have a vote when it comes to the election of the Select Vestry and who serves on it, which election happens each year at the Easter General Vestry. Another benefit is that you are also eligible to let your name go forward for election and to serve on the Select Vestry, a duty each parishioner should positively consider, although of course attending the Easter General Vestry does not oblige you to agree to serve.

If any parishioners would like their name to be added to the register next January, please contact the Churchwardens as soon as possible about registration, and request a registration form for completion.

### **New Fingal Newsletter**

A new monthly email newsletter is being set up to advertise parish and community events in North Dubin, particularly in Fingal Rural Deanery. If you would like to receive this newsletter, just drop a note to [fingalnews@gmail.com](mailto:fingalnews@gmail.com) asking to be added to the distribution list.

## Arrangements During the Vacancy for Services and for Pastoral Care

Services are being conducted by the Reverend Ken Sherwood (01 803 8485) and Lay Minister Mrs Addy Patterson (01 845 3984), kindly assisted from time to time by Mark Acheson, Willie Black, Victor Black, Anthony Kelly, and Cecil Hyland, amongst others. The Archdeacon, David Pierpoint (01 830 4601), is covering pastoral duty and arranging services. Please check the website [www.swords.dublin.anglican.org](http://www.swords.dublin.anglican.org), or call the Churchwardens (Ian Falkiner on 01 840 5129 for Kilsallaghan, Brian Scott on 087 611 5174 for Donabate, and Sam Essandoh on 086 265 4214 or Olawale Awe on 087 761 3971 for Swords) before making a special journey. Thank you.

### Church Services

Sunday	Donabate	Swords	Kilsallaghan
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> December</b> <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	10.00am Morning Prayer Addy Patterson	11.30am Holy Communion Rev. Ken Sherwood	-----
<b>9<sup>th</sup> December</b> <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	10.00am Holy Communion Rev. Ken Sherwood	11.30am Morning Prayer Addy Patterson	*** 3.00pm *** CAROL SERVICE Rev. Lesley Robinson Addy Patterson
<b>16<sup>th</sup> December</b> <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	10.00am Morning Prayer and Sunday Club's Nativity Play Addy Patterson	11.30am Holy Communion Rev. Ken Sherwood	-----
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> December</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	*** 10.00am *** CAROL SERVICE Rev. Ken Sherwood Addy Patterson	*** 3.30pm *** CAROL SERVICE Rev. Ken Sherwood Addy Patterson	-----
<b>24<sup>th</sup> December</b> <i>Christmas Eve</i>	-----	NO MIDNIGHT COMMUNION	-----
<b>25<sup>th</sup> December</b> <i>Christmas Day</i>	10.00am Holy Communion Rev. Ken Sherwood	11.30am Holy Communion Rev. Ken Sherwood	1.00pm Holy Communion Rev. Anthony Kelly
<b>30<sup>th</sup> December</b> <i>First Sunday of Christmas</i>	NO SERVICE	11.30am GROUP SERVICE Carol Singing Rev. Ken Sherwood Addy Patterson	-----

### Quote of the Month

May you have the gladness of Christmas which is hope;  
The spirit of Christmas which is peace;  
The heart of Christmas which is love.  
~Ada V. Hendricks