

Parishes of Swords Clonmethan
Kilsallaghan Donabate and Lusk
Newsletter December 2019





Christmas Concert in Donabate



**St Patrick's Church of Ireland
Saturday 7th December, 8pm**

Soprano: Niamh Fitzgerald

Baritone: David Scott

Pianist: David O'Shea

Special Guest: Multi Feis Ceoil Winner Nicholas O'Neill

Admission: €10

The Concert will be followed by a reception with
mulled wine and refreshments

Stuart Deane and Sinead Cullen Wedding Celebrations



Congratulations to Stuart Deane and his beautiful bride, Sinead Cullen, who were married in Saint Columba's Church, Swords on Thursday the 24th of October. The Rector officiated at the service. The church was packed to capacity for the event and it was a very joyful occasion. The celebrations continued at the Bellingham Castle Hotel in County Louth, where everyone was treated to excellent food, and profound and witty speeches. Then everyone danced the night away to excellent entertainment.

We wish this happy young family God's richest blessings in their future life together.

Christmas Donations Box in Saint Patrick's church, Donabate

A collection box is available in Saint Patrick's church in Donabate. This collection box will be there for all services in December leading up to Christmas day itself. Everything and anything people are kind enough to contribute, such as non-perishable food items, toys, and gifts, will be delivered in time for Christmas to Aobhneas in Coolock.

Aoibhneas provides a 24-hour support, information and referral service, and access to safe accommodation for women and children who've been forced to leave their home due to domestic abuse. If you're in a position to donate to this worthy cause, thank you.

Gift Day Service

A Gift Day Service took place on Sunday the 3rd of November in Saint Columba's Church, Swords. We would like to thank everyone for their financial contributions to parish funds which is greatly appreciated to help with the enormous running costs of the parish. If you would like to make a donation, please give your financial contribution to Mr Billy Goodwin, Honourary Treasurer or to the Rector of the parish, Reverend Neal Phair. Thank you.

Bangers@Mash Event

The Bangers@Mash event took place on Sunday the 20th of October. A good crowd turned up for the event and it was a very creative informal service in the style of Messy Church, with arts and crafts for the little ones, and for the older children Multi-Media film clips to do with the theme of Prayer - and of course, lively worship and lots of food and refreshments.

It has been decided to give this event a new name - Café Church - and it will next meet on the 19th January at 6.30pm in the Church Hall. Everyone very welcome!

7th Dublin Company Boys' Brigade

Congratulations: Our Company Section (12-18 year olds) have participated in the international competitions - the master team quiz, and badminton - well done boys!

Recent Activities: In recent weeks we enjoyed teaming up with the other BB companies in Dublin (2nd, 10th and 12th) to participate in the Founder's Day games and service in Saint Bridgit's church in Castleknock. We appreciated hearing from our own chaplain Rev Norman from Raheny on the theme of 'Creation' who reminded us that it's not just plants who need water to survive - we all need daily the living water that is Jesus.



Enrollment: For the first time in 43 years, our annual enrollment service took place in All Saints, during the 10am Family Service on Sunday 24th November. This is the original home parish of our new captain Stephen Vincent.



7th Dublin Company Boys' Brigade, continued



BB Bingo: On Saturday, 16th November, we had over 100 attend our first BB Bingo in the Old Borough School Hall. It was a great night for all the family with super prizes and a raffle. Many thanks to all those that came to support us.



Christmas Coffee Morning

Old Borough School Hall
Friday, 13th December 2019
11am - 2pm

**COME FOR A CUPPA *and* BRING A
SHOPPING BAG 'COS YOU'LL WANT
TO STAY FOR THE BARGAINS!**

Christmas gifts and baked goods on sale too!



Admission €5



Christmas Raffle Draw will be held at 12 noon

Church Services for the month ahead

Date	Donabate	Swords	Kilsallaghan
Sunday 1 st December (Advent 1)	10am Morning Prayer & ** Sunday Club **	11.30am Holy Communion	---
Sunday 8 th December (Advent 2)	10am Holy Communion	11.30am Morning Prayer & ** Sunday Club **	** 4pm ** Carol Service – please note time
Sunday 15 th December (Advent 3)	10am ** Nativity Service**	11.30am Holy Communion	---
Sunday 22 nd December (Advent 4)	10am ** Carol Service **	** 4pm ** Ecumenical Carol Service - please note time	11.30am Morning Prayer
Wednesday 25 th December (Christmas Day)	10am Holy Communion	11.30am Holy Communion	** 12.45pm ** (afternoon) Holy Communion - please note time
Sunday 29 th December (Sunday after Christmas Day)	10am Morning Prayer	11.30am Morning Prayer	---

Quote of the Month

"I heard the bells on Christmas Day
 Their old, familiar carols play,
 And wild and sweet
 The words repeat
 Of peace on earth, good-will to all!"

- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow