

# CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES

*10 a.m. Saint Patrick's Donabate*

*11.30 a.m. Saint Columba's Swords*

*3.30 p.m. Saint David's Kilsallaghan*

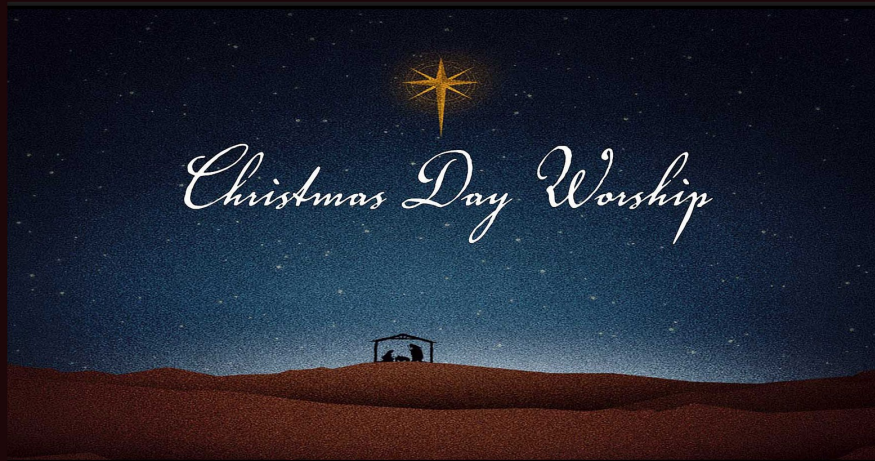


*SUNDAY  
DECEMBER  
15th*

*Nine Lessons  
& Nine Carols  
for Christmastime!*

*Admission free*

*ALL WELCOME!*



*Christmas Day, the 25th of December,  
this year is a Wednesday.*

*Each of our services for Christmas Day  
is Holy Communion.*

*The times are*

*10 a.m. Saint Patrick's Donabate  
11.30 a.m. Saint Columba's Swords  
1 p.m. Saint David's Kilsallaghan*

*Come and celebrate the birth of Jesus  
with us. See you there - and Happy  
Christmas!*

# CHRISTINGLE SERVICE



Sunday  
8th December  
6pm  
St. Columba's Church  
Swords

The Christingle Service is an Advent tradition in Saint Columba's Church! Brought to you by the Praise 'n' Pizza people, it is a family-friendly service (approx. 45 minutes) where a candle in an orange is used as a fun and interactive symbol of Jesus Christ and the positive effect he has had on the world.

The word 'Christingle' comes from the German word of 'Christkindl' which means 'Little Christ Child'. The Christingle is used to celebrate and symbolise Jesus Christ as the Light of the World.

The candles in the Christingles are lit to spread light. This reflects the light that Jesus Christ brings to the world, and gives hope to people living in dark times.

The Christingles are made by the children (with parental supervision/help!) during the service to help teach them about Jesus. Towards the end of the service, the lights are dimmed and the children's Christingles are lit up. It's a magical and reverential moment when the entire church is lit with the glow of the Christingles!

To ensure the organisers have enough Christingle materials for all the children, it would be great if you would please complete this *very* short survey if you're coming along.

Here's the link to the survey:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSebCkqE-fmqeKvqNkbg6uiy3SbHUPy7q0qO24pyfyYzK1smsw/viewform?pli=1>

If you have any questions, call Gillian on 086 854 1079. Thank you.





### **Remembrance Event Clonmethan 2024**

In the hustle and bustle of daily life, it is easy to lose sight of the past as we focus on the present. Yet, Remembrance Sunday serves as a poignant reminder that it is because of the sacrifices of the past that we have the lives we lead today. It is a day to honour the soldiers and their families who gave so much during the First and Second World Wars, ensuring we have the freedoms we now enjoy.

This year, Andy Anderson, Stephen Vincent, and Niall Minto from the Grouped Parishes of Swords, Clonmethan and Kilsallaghan, with Donabate and Lusk, joined Peter Rooney and other members of the Friends of Clonmethan to pay tribute to the brave soldiers from the Fingal area who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The remembrance service was a fitting tribute, bringing together the community to reflect on the enduring legacy of these individuals. As each name was read aloud, their memory was brought vividly to life, bridging the gap between past and present.

Niall Minto read the ode and some prayers, while Stephen Vincent laid a wreath in their honour. We also remembered Ciarán Smith who died on Rescue 116. He made the supreme sacrifice “That Others May Live” - Go Mairidis Beo. There is a headstone dedicated to the Ciarán’s memory in the graveyard.

Special thanks go to Andy Anderson and the Friends of Clonmethan for organising this meaningful event and providing the parishes with an opportunity to participate in this act of remembrance. Their efforts ensure that the sacrifices of these soldiers and their families are never forgotten, and their legacy continues.



## Cor Fingal Christmas Concerts

**Cór Fingal  
Christmas Concerts**

*Celebrate the season with Cór Fingal's festive Christmas concert,  
featuring beloved classics and joyful holiday tunes!*

**Saturday 14th December**  
**St Andrew's Church**  
**Malahide, 7.30pm**  
*In aid of the Church Organ Fund.*

**Sunday 15th December**  
**St Columba's Church**  
**Swords, 4pm**  
*Joined by Swords Youth Choir*

**Tickets available on Eventbrite.**

A local choir will be presenting concerts in Malahide and Swords this year. Tickets cost €22 each and are available to purchase on Eventbrite.

### **Readers sought**

People to read the lessons at church services are sought. Please contact your nearest churchwarden who will be delighted to arrange for you to do either an once-off, an occasional, or a regular reading, as you prefer.

## Register of Vestrypersons

The Register of Vestrypersons is updated at a Select Vestry meeting in January every year. If you want to add to, subtract from, or edit any of the information on the Register, contact any churchwarden who will be pleased to assist you.

## Church Review Subscriptions 2025

The editorial team of Church Review magazine wishes to inform you as follows: "The Church Review Annual Subscription has remained at €40 since 2009. Even with subscriber numbers decreasing and escalating paper prices, we have been able to keep the operating costs of producing the magazine at a minimum. Unfortunately, it is now necessary to revise the annual subscription and from 2025 it will be €45. We are sorry to have to do this."

## Church Services for the month ahead

### Sunday 1st December

10 a.m.	Saint Patrick's Donabate	Morning Prayer & Advent Service
11.30 a.m.	Saint Columba's Swords	Morning Prayer & Advent Service

### Sunday 8th December

10 a.m.	Saint Patrick's Donabate	Holy Communion
11.30 a.m.	Saint Columba's Swords	Holy Communion
6 p.m.	Saint Columba's Swords	Christingle service brought to you by the Praise 'n' Pizza people

### Sunday 15th December

10 a.m.	Saint Patrick's Donabate	Carol service featuring David Scott as Cantor
11.30 a.m.	Saint Columba's Swords	Carol service
3.30 p.m.	Saint David's Kilsallaghan	Carol service

### Sunday 22nd December

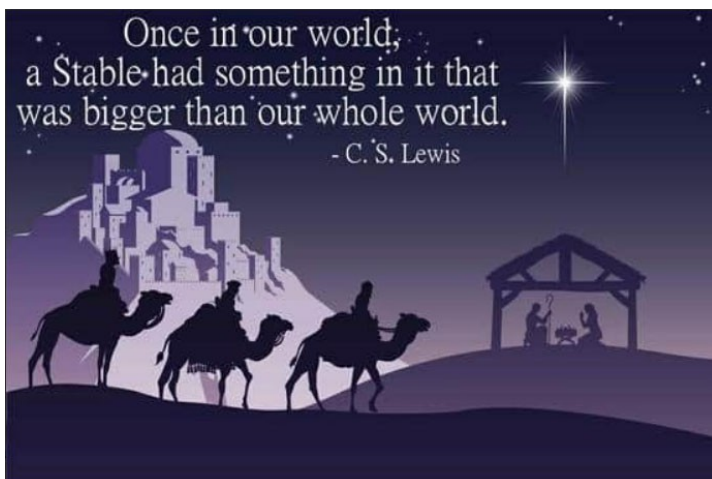
10 a.m.	Saint Patrick's Donabate	Morning Prayer & Nativity Play
11.30 a.m.	Saint Columba's Swords	Morning Prayer

### Christmas Day Wednesday 25th December

10 a.m.	Saint Patrick's Donabate	Holy Communion
11.30 a.m.	Saint Columba's Swords	Holy Communion
1 p.m.	Saint David's Kilsallaghan	Holy Communion

### Sunday 29th December

10 a.m.	Saint Patrick's Donabate	Morning Prayer
11.30 a.m.	Saint Columba's Swords	Morning Prayer



Merry Christmas, everyone!