

Parishes of Swords Clonmethan
Kilsallaghan Donabate and Lusk

Newsletter

Feb/Mar2018

Confirmation 2018



We welcomed the Archbishop on Saturday 3rd February, in St. Columba's Church, Swords, when he confirmed six youngpeople from the parish, who were joined by six young people from Drumcondra and North Strand Parishes too.

Our Confirmation Candidates this year are Holly Bowbrick, Evan Finnegan, Conrad Love, Emma Cox, Elizabeth Murphy and Zara Ofobuike.

Please continue to remember these young people in your prayers.

The Ladies Tuesday Club:



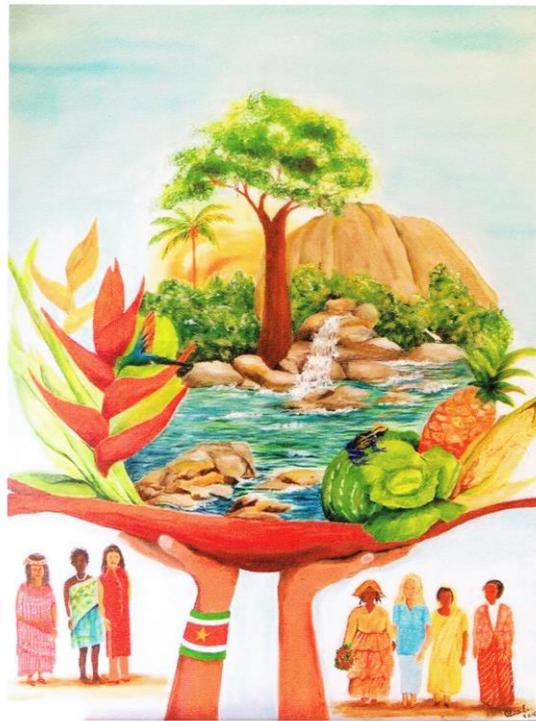
The Club next meets on Tuesday 20th Feb, and this will be a cinema night. Members will be contacted with arrangements in advance.

And then the following club-night will be on Tuesday 20th Mar, for an evening of Astrology!

All ladies welcome.

"All God's Creation Is Very Good!"

Women's World Day of Prayer 2018 from Suriname



Service takes place:

Date: **Friday 2nd March 2018**

Time: **8.00pm**

Venue: **St. Columba's Church,
Swords.**

Tea afterwards.



Five lessons about the way we treat people:

First Important Lesson - Cleaning Lady.

During my second month of college, our professor gave us a pop quiz. I was a conscientious student and had breezed through the questions until I read the last one: "What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?" Surely this was some kind of joke. I had seen the cleaning woman several times. She was tall, dark-haired and in her 50's, but how would I know her name? I handed in my paper, leaving the last question blank.

Just before class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward our quiz grade.

"Absolutely," said the professor. "In your careers, you will meet many people. All are significant ... they deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say "Hello!"

I've never forgotten that lesson ... and I also learned her name was Dorothy.

Second Important Lesson - Pickup in the Rain

One night, at 11:30 p.m., an older African American woman was standing on the side of an Alabama highway trying to endure a lashing rain storm. Her car had broken down and she desperately needed a ride.

Soaking wet, she decided to flag down the next car. A young white man stopped to help her, generally unheard of in those conflict-filled 1960's.

The man took her to safety, helped her get assistance and put her into a taxicab. She seemed to be in a big hurry, but wrote down his address and thanked him.

Seven days went by and a knock came on the man's door. To his surprise, a giant console colour TV was delivered to his home.

A special note was attached. It read: "Thank you so much for assisting me on the highway the other night. The rain drenched not only my clothes, but also my spirits. Then you came along. Because of you, I was able to make it to my dying husband's' bedside just before he passed away. God bless you for helping me and unselfishly serving others."

Sincerely,

Mrs. Nat King Cole.

Third Important Lesson - Always remember those who serve.

In the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less, a 10-year-old boy entered a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him.

"How much is an ice cream sundae?" he asked.

"Fifty cents," replied the waitress.

The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied the coins in it.

"Well, how much is a plain dish of ice cream?" he inquired.

By now more people were waiting for a table and the waitress was growing impatient.

"Thirty-five cents," she brusquely replied.

The little boy again counted his coins.

"I'll have the plain ice cream," he said.

The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill on the table and walked away. The boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier and left. When the waitress came back, she began to cry as she wiped down the table. There, placed neatly beside the empty dish, were two nickels and five pennies.

You see, he couldn't have the sundae, because he had to have enough left to leave her a tip.

Fourth Important Lesson. - The obstacle in Our Path.

In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock.

Some of the King's' wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way.

Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded.

After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway.

The peasant learned what many of us never understand! Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our condition.

Fifth Important Lesson - Giving When it Counts.

Many years ago, when I worked as a volunteer at a hospital, I got to know a little girl named Liz who was suffering from a rare & serious disease. Her only chance of recovery appeared to be a blood transfusion from her 5-year old brother, who had miraculously survived the same disease and had developed the antibodies needed to combat the illness.

The doctor explained the situation to her little brother, and asked the little boy if he would be willing to give his blood to his sister. I saw him hesitate for only a moment before taking a deep breath and saying, "Yes I'll do it if it will save her."

As the transfusion progressed, he lay in bed next to his sister and smiled, as we all did, seeing the colour returning to her cheek.

Then his face grew pale and his smile faded. He looked up at the doctor and asked with a trembling voice, "Will I start to die right away".

Being young, the little boy had misunderstood the doctor; he thought he was going to have to give his sister all of his blood in order to save her.

Donabate Brunch

Sunday 4th March : Jones' Garden Centre – after Church

To book, contact Jean Ellerker 086 233 1300

Swords Jumble Collection in January

Thank you to all who supported Derek Evans's "Saturday Jumble Collection" during January. €271.30 was raised for parish funds. Thank you and very well done to Derek and his helpers who braved some pretty cold days to raise the cash.

Lent 2018

The Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal, Eco-Congregation Ireland and the Representative Church Body of the Church of Ireland (RCB) are joining forces to promote the Lenten initiative #Jars4Journeys.



Bishops' Appeal is inviting people to save an old jam jar or other recyclable container and every time they make a journey that is not by foot or by bike, they can

donate to offset the impact of their carbon footprint. The money raised will go towards three conservation projects around the world that support and help build resilience in communities who are most affected by climate change. Bishops' Appeal and the RCB are match-funding the first €1,000/£1,000 raised. Join us this Lent in being mindful of the impact of our lifestyles on others and on all of creation.

Jam Jar Labels may be downloaded here:

www.bishopsappeal.ireland.anglican.org/get-involved

Church Services in February and March

Date	Donabate	Swords	Kilsallaghan
Sun 18 th Feb 1 st Sunday in Lent	10.00am Family Service	11.30am Holy Communion ** 6.30pm ** Bangers@MASH	_____
Wed 21 st Feb	7.30pm Mid-week Lenten	8.30pm Mid-week Lenten	_____
Sun 25 th Feb 2 nd Sunday in Lent	10.00am Holy Communion	11.30am Family Service	11.30am Morning Prayer
Wed 28 th Feb	7.30pm Mid-week Lenten	8.30pm Mid-week Lenten	_____
Sun 4 th Mar 3 rd Sunday in Lent	10.00am Morning Prayer + Sunday Club	11.30am Holy Communion	_____
Wed 7 th Mar	7.30pm Mid-week Lenten	8.30pm Mid-week Lenten	_____
Sun 11 th Mar 4 th Sunday in Lent	10.00am Holy Communion	11.30am Morning Prayer	11.30am Holy Communion
Wed 14 th Mar	7.30pm Mid-week Lenten service	8.30pm Mid-week Lenten service	_____
Sun 18 th Mar 5 th Sunday in Lent	10.00am Family Service	11.30am Holy Communion ** 6.30pm ** Bangers@MASH	_____
Wed 21 st Mar	7.30pm Mid-week Lenten	8.30pm Mid-week Lenten	_____
Sun 25 th Mar 6 th Sunday in Lent	10.00am Holy Communion	11.30am Family Service	11.30am Morning Prayer
Mon 26 th Mar Holy Week	7.30pm Mid-week Lenten	8.00pm Mid-week Lenten	_____
Tues 27 th Mar Holy Week	7.30pm Mid-week Lenten	8.30pm Mid-week Lenten	_____
Wed 28 th Mar Holy Week	7.30pm Mid-week Lenten	8.30pm Mid-week Lenten	_____
Thurs 29 th Mar Maundy Thursday	7.30pm The Lord's Supper	8.30pm The Lord's Supper	_____
Fri 30 th Mar Good Friday	12.00noon "At the Cross"	2.00pm "At the Cross"	_____
Sun 1 st Apr Easter Day	10.00am Holy Communion	11.30am Holy Communion	1.00pm Holy Communion
Sun 8 th Apr 2 nd Sunday of Easter	10.00am Holy Communion	11.30am Morning Prayer	11.30am Holy Communion