

Parishes of Swords Clonmethan
Kilsallaghan Donabate and Lusk
Newsletter February 2020

ST. COLUMBA'S PARISH

TABLE QUIZ

and raffle!

in aid of parish funds

**Friday, 7th February
8p.m.
St. Columba's Parish Hall**

**TEAMS OF 4
€10 PER PERSON**

Bring a team or join a table!



Notes from the Rector

Old Borough School Carol Service

The Parish School, the Old Borough, held their Carol Service in Saint Columba's Church on Friday the 20th of December. The children sang several festive songs and the church was packed to capacity with parents, grandparents and friends who came along to hear the children. Refreshments took place in the hall afterwards. A thank you to the teachers and the children for putting on such a joyful event.

Swords Community Carol Service

Saint Columba's Church Community Carol Service took place on Sunday the 22nd of December at 4pm. The church was filled to capacity with people from all around the Swords area and beyond. A number of clergy from the Swords area were robed for the event which included - Fr Michael Carey from Saint Columcilles, Fr Des Doyle from Our Lady's at the Airport, Fr Paul Thornton from Saint Cronan's and Fr George Begley from Lusk parish, along with the Rector and Lay Reader Addy Patterson. Many thanks go to the ladies of the parish who decorated the church so beautifully. Also to Mrs Margaret Lyons, our thanks for very kindly playing the organ for the carol service. A big thank you also to the Sunday Club who sang beautifully at the service and also to Meriel Deane, Stephen Vincent, Keith Kingston (representing the Baptist Church) and Billy Goodwin who read some of the lessons. Refreshments took place in the Church Hall afterwards.

Kilsallaghan Community Carol Service

Saint David's Church, Kilsallaghan, held their Community Carol Service on Sunday the 8th of December. There was standing room only, as the church was enthusiastically supported by the local community. As usual it was a very joyful occasion and we thank Fr John Keegan from Rolestown Parish for coming along and robing along with the Rector and Lay Reader Addy Patterson. A big thank you goes to Leslie Anderson for preparing the service sheets and to Andy Anderson and his family for helping to prepare for the Carol Service with signage etc. and for helping with parking on the night, and also to Ian and Fran Falkiner for their assistance. Mrs Margaret Lyons played beautifully for the service and we really appreciate her kindness in utilising her wonderful musical gift that evening.

General Vestry Register Revision

The annual Revision of the General Vestry Register takes place on February the 11th. If you are aged eighteen or older, a member of the Church of Ireland, and either a resident or accustomed member of the parish of Swords, Clonmethan, and Kilsallaghan, not currently registered, please contact the Rector for a registration form if you have not already done so. Contact Neal on nealphair@hotmail.com or call 01 895 6747.

Invitation to Come and Celebrate – Diocesan Growth Day



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TO: CLERGY WITH PRIMARY LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITY IN THE UNITED DIOCESES OF DUBLIN AND GLENDALOUGH AND TO PAROCHIAL SECRETARIES

Come and Celebrate – Diocesan Growth Day

You are invited to take part in the second Diocesan Growth Day which will take place in The High School, Dublin, on Saturday February 29. This event is being organised by a small group led by the Revd Alan Breen, rector of Kill O' the Grange and will run from 10am to 4pm with refreshments being provided. The invitation is extended to the rector and members of every parish in Dublin & Glendalough and will focus on celebrating the work which is being carried on in parishes in every part of the united dioceses.

At Synod in October 2019 the findings of Come &C were presented. They were very well received and members enjoyed learning about the diverse ways in which a wide range of parishes responded to the invitation to Intentional Discipleship. The application of the Five Marks of Mission to such an Intentional Discipleship offered people the opportunity to ground their practice in Scripture, thus empowering themselves as individual disciples and their efforts as members of a community of engagement and belonging, as they sought to respond to the invitation in appropriately local and nuanced ways. Members of Synod were assigned to groups and engaged in lively roundtable discussions directed by the themes of Social Justice, the Church and the Environment, Young People and Interfaith Dialogue. The opportunity to engage in this way with fellow members of the united dioceses was most welcome and members appreciated listening to one another's ideas about envisioning Church as we approached a new decade. 'Doing Church' differently is an exciting prospect and one to be welcomed as members clearly indicated without losing any of the best core content of our inherited life and identity.

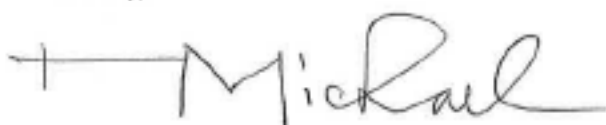
Our next step is to reconvene in a more focused way at The High School event to envision the way in which we move forward by building on our strengths and successes and continue on our journey of intentional discipleship to grow in the image and likeness of God in 2020 and beyond. Dr Maria Feeney, who co-authored with Dr David Tuohy *Growing in the Image and Likeness of God*, the book which grew out of the diocesan Come&C initiative will facilitate the day.

Invitation to Come and Celebrate – Diocesan Growth Day - continued

My wish is that all members of parishes who wish to be part of a diocesan initiative that is entirely within the spirit of the Church of Ireland and the Anglican Communion, be encouraged to come along. Four members from each parish are invited to accompany their rector, although if a parish wishes to send more than four parishioners that can be accommodated. I would ask that you gather names and email addresses of those who you wish to nominate to attend and send this information to Vicki Hastie at office@dublin.anglican.org by **Wednesday 12th February 2020**.

I look forward to furthering our work together on this exciting project.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line extending to the left from the start of the name.

+Michael

Anyone interested in attending the above Come and Celebrate – Diocesan Growth Day, please contact Reverend Neal on nealphair@hotmail.com or call 01 895 6747. Thank you.

Workshop on Supporting Bereaved People

Date: Thursday, 20th February 2020, 9.15am – 4.15pm with presenter Estelle McGinley. The venue is The Irish Hospice Foundation, Morrison Chambers, 4th Floor, 32 Nassau Street, Dublin 2, D02 YE06.

Description: This workshop will explore ways to combine competence and compassion in supporting bereaved people. Contemporary theories and models of grief will be introduced as well as creative ways of working with loss. The workshop will be experiential in part with a focus on practical tips for enhanced bereavement support.

Learning Outcomes: On completion of the workshop participants will be able to:

- identify different levels of bereavement support;
- draw on a range of intervention tools & strategies;
- acknowledge self-care needs and the impact of personal loss.

Presenter Profile: Estelle McGinley works as a Senior Social Worker in Milford Care Centre Limerick where she coordinates the bereavement support service. She has worked in the area of palliative care and bereavement for 15 years and has considerable experience of supporting bereaved adults and children. Her particular interests are working with grieving children and supporting bereaved parents after the death of a child. She recently completed a Masters in Bereavement Studies.

Fee: €100 includes light lunch/tea and coffee. Bookings can be made at www.hospicefoundation.ie. Queries to Iris Murray of the Irish Hospice Foundation on 01 673 0047

The Ministry of Healing's Annual Quiet Day

The Dublin & Glendalough Ministry of Healing host this day of reflection in the Mageough, on Saturday 22nd February, 10.30am, and warmly invite you to attend. The day will be led by Canon Adrienne Galligan. Admission is free but voluntary donations are gratefully received. Full programme details and more information at www.ministryofhealing.ie/events/ or from Felix by email on felixblen@eircom.net or by phone on 087 214 9400.

Date for your Diary – Women's World Day of Prayer

Donabate Church on Friday the 6th of March at 1930 will host this year's Women's World Day of Prayer. The theme this year is “Rise, take your mat and walk” and the programme has been composed by the Women of Zimbabwe. This annual service is an ecumenical, family-focused one as well as a worldwide coming together in fellowship, with local focus throughout the year. Everyone's welcome and the participation of readers and crafty and skilled people who would like to assist is invited. For any queries, please see www.worlddayofprayer.net or contact Mary Jones on 087 1542059.

Church Services for the month ahead

Date	Donabate	Swords	Kilsallaghan
Sunday 2 nd February (Candlemas)	10am Morning Prayer & ** Sunday Club **	11.30am Holy Communion	---
Sunday 9 th February (3 rd Sunday before Lent)	10am Holy Communion	11.30am Morning Prayer & ** Sunday Club **	11.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 16 th February (2 nd Sunday before Lent)	10am Family Service	11.30am Holy Communion	---
Sunday 23 rd February (The Sunday before Lent - Transfiguration)	10am Holy Communion	11.30am Family Service	11.30am Morning Prayer
*** Wednesday *** 26 th February (Ash Wednesday)		Ash Wednesday Group Service 11am	

Quote of the Month

What is required of you, but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?
– Micah 6, verse 8