

### **Confirmation 2023**

Confirmation classes will commence Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 7pm 2023 in the Parish Room (Top room in the Parish Halls in Swords). They will run for 5 weeks and will be every Thursday during March.

We are encouraging those wishing to be Confirmed who have sporting commitments on a Sunday morning to attend the family Praise n' Pizza evenings, which are once a month at 6.30pm in the School Hall. Next one is the 26<sup>th</sup> of February, hot food served afterwards. Alternatively, there are other youth and family events you can attend e.g. Sunday Club in Donabate at (10am) or in Swords (11.30am) on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month or the Family Service in Swords at 11.30 am or Donabate Family Service at 10am, both are usually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.

Please email the Rector if you would like to put your child forward for Confirmation 2023. Email address: [nealphair@hotmail.com](mailto:nealphair@hotmail.com)

### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service 2023**

The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service took place in St Columba's Church Swords on Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of January. The theme for 2023 was: *'Be-longing: Praying for Unity amidst Injustice'*, essentially looking at the whole area of racism which sadly very much exists in our world. The Very Reverend Richard Sheehy, Parish Priest of St Cronan's Church, Brackenstown, delivered the sermon on the night. Fr Des Doyle of the Dublin Airport Church, Our Lady Queen of Heaven and Riverstown Parish, was also in attendance. Keith Kingston and his wife Lorraine represented Swords Baptist Church in the absence of Pastor Johnathan Holland who had to attend another event in his Church. Apologies also were from Fr John Collins, Parish Priest of St Colmcilles Swords, due to a family bereavement. It was a wonderful night of fellowship amongst parishioners from all the Churches in the Swords area and we thank everyone for taking part. Stephen Vincent and Hilary Somers participated from St Columba's Church. Thanks to Andreas Markusson, Paul Glendinning and Eric Wolfe for helping on the night with refreshments and preparing the Church for the event. Thanks also to Gillian Haynes for printing the service sheet and to Yvonne our organist for playing that evening.















### **Swords Parish Table Quiz Night**

The parish of Swords, Kilsallaghan and Clonmethan are holding a special fundraising Table Quiz Night on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of February at 8pm in the parish hall (Old Borough School Hall). A raffle for the very many spot prizes will also take place and there will also be a tuck shop and glasses of wine will also be



available. A table of 4 make up a team, which is €40 euros (€10 each). You can also come along on your own or with someone else and join in on a table. Please tell your friends, neighbours and relatives and come along and support this important fundraising parish event. If parishioners could donate any potential spot prizes, that would be very much appreciated. Everyone very welcome!!



A *Praise & Pizza Family Service* took place on Sunday evening, the 29<sup>th</sup> of January at 6.30pm. This was held as usual in Swords Parish Centre in the main hall (Old Borough School Hall). A fantastic crowd of young people with their parents and in some cases grandparents attended the evening and Stephen Vincent very kindly led the informal lively worship. The songs were beamed onto a wall in the hall with the video projector which also had child friendly videos for each one. Thanks to Gillian Haynes and Denise Roberts and any others who helped out on the night. With so many of our young people involved in sporting activities etc. on a Sunday morning, this is a great opportunity for families to come along to an evening service for a time of fellowship and worship and enjoy some delicious Pizza as well!! The next Praise 'n Pizza will take place on the 26th February at the usual time. *Prayers, Songs, Activities, Talk + Pizza* (+ hot dogs) is the format for the evening. For further details contact Stephen Vincent or Gillian Haynes at [gillian.haynes@gmail.com](mailto:gillian.haynes@gmail.com) or the Rector at [nealphair@hotmail.com](mailto:nealphair@hotmail.com)

## **Church Services for February**

**5<sup>th</sup> February – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

Donabate      10am      Morning Prayer + Sunday Club

Swords            11.30am   Holy Communion + Sunday Club

**12<sup>th</sup> February – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent**

Donabate        10am        Holy Communion

Swords           11.30am   Morning Prayer

Kilsallaghan   11.30am   Holy Communion

**19<sup>th</sup> February – Sunday next before Lent**

Donabate        10am        Family Service

Swords           11.30am   Morning Prayer

**22<sup>nd</sup> February – Ash Wednesday**

Donabate        11am        Holy Communion

Swords           8pm         Holy Communion

**26<sup>th</sup> February – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

Donabate        10am        Holy Communion

Swords           11.30am   Holy Communion

Swords Hall     6.30pm   Praise & Pizza

**Illness**

We pray for Laura, Robert, Jean and Joan and all others who are ill.