

Parishes of Swords Clonmethan Kilsallaghan Donabate and Lusk Newsletter January 2020



Donabate and Lusk Parish news

The Parish of Donabate and Lusk are delighted to have received planning permission for our new Community Hub and ten houses.

After three years of working through the planning process, this was a great Christmas present to receive.

The next phase will look to raise funds for the new Community Hub and repairs to the church and graveyard through the sale/development of the ten houses. Interesting, fun and busy times ahead for the parish!

- Niall Minto

Café Church in Swords

Café took place on Sunday the 17th of November and all those who came along enjoyed this 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 Trusting in God. Refreshments were also served before, during, and after! Café Church will next meet on the 19th January at 6.30pm in the Church Hall in Swords. Everyone very welcome!

Deepest Sympathy

Deepest sympathy is extended to the Skelton family on the death of Hilary who passed away on the 23rd November 2019. She was the beloved daughter of the late June and Leslie, and is sadly missed by her loving son Ben, her partner Christy, her sisters Gillian and Barbara, her brother-in-law Jem, her niece, nephews, relatives and friends. The Rector led a service of thanksgiving for her life on Wednesday the 27th November at Saint Columba's Church, Swords, followed by interment at Fingal Cemetery in Balgriffin. May the peace and love of God continue to surround you all.

Remembrance Services

In November, the Rector took part in two services of remembrance, to remember those who had passed away in the last year and for those who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones. The first one took place in Swords Senior Citizens Centre, where the Rector was accompanied by Father Michael Carey of Saint Colmcille's Church, Swords. The second took place in the Island Golf Club, Donabate, where the Rector led the service along with the Priest in charge of Saint Patrick's Church, Donabate.

The 45th Company Girls' Brigade Swords & Donabate



As we come to the end of 2019, the girls have been very busy over the past few months. We had our enrollment service in Saint Columba's Church Swords on Sunday 17th November which was very well attended.

We had five girls who bravely entered the National Feis competition and sang so beautifully.

Congratulations to Beth Denner on 2nd place and Elsa Ryan on being Highly Commended in the Age 5/6 group.

Congratulations to Amelia Vincent on 3rd place and Megan Cooney on being Highly Commended in the Age 7/8 group.

We also entered a team in the National Choral Speaking competition and were delighted that the girls came in 2nd place. Well done to all the girls and their coach Katie O'Connor.

We held our Christmas party on Wednesday 11th December when all the girls made Christmas crafts and we had a visit from Santa as all the girls had been so good all year.

We wish everyone a very Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year, and hope to see you all back in Girls' Brigade on the 8th January.

- Captain Caron Neale

Christmas Concert in Saint Patrick's Church in Donabate

The parish of Donabate and Lusk held their Christmas concert on the 7th of December. It was a packed house in a beautiful building. Against the backdrop of the wind and rain, David Scott, David O'Shea, Niamh Fitzgerald and Nicholas O'Neill warmed the crowd with classical and Christmas music. It is great to have access to such wonderful talent.



In the photograph, from the left, we have soprano Niamh Fitzgerald, our own David Scott, baritone, and accompanist David O'Shea, of Sand and Milltown

As always, there are many unsung heroes who prepare the church for such events, sell tickets, prepare food and when it is all over, prepare the church for Sunday service again. The church looked amazing. They are God's hands working for the benefit of the community. They contribute and make it happen and we sincerely thank them for that.

Donabate Nativity Service

On Sunday the 15th November, the Sunday Club of Donabate Church put on a fabulous 'Super' nativity play, called A Super Christmas. It was based on a number of super heroes who met Joseph and Mary before and after the birth of baby Jesus. The costumes were wonderful and creative and they sang a number of songs during the play based on different scenes and events. A big thank you to all the children who took part and well done to their teachers - Kelda Barnes, Sarah Scott-Minto, Liz O'Connor - and to all parents who took their children to all the practices and to the Sunday Club each week.



Church Services for the month ahead

Date	Donabate	Swords	Kilsallaghan
Sunday 5 th January (Second Sunday of Christmas)	10am Morning Prayer & ** Sunday Club **	11.30am Holy Communion	---
Sunday 12 th January (Epiphany 1)	10am Holy Communion	11.30am Morning Prayer & ** Sunday Club **	11.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 19 th January (Epiphany 2)	10am Family Service	11.30am Holy Communion in the church 6.30pm ** Café Church ** in the parish hall	---
Sunday 26 th January (Epiphany 3)	10am Holy Communion	11.30am Family Service	11.30am Morning Prayer

Quote of the Month

