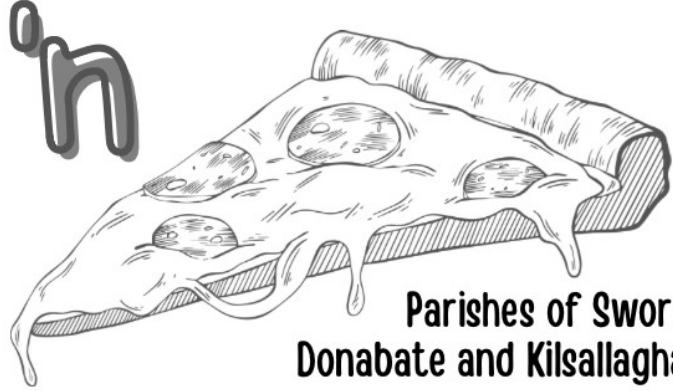


Parishes of Swords Clonmethan & Kilsallaghan with Donabate and Lusk
Newsletter January 2025



Praise 'n Pizza



Parishes of Swords
Donabate and Kilsallaghan

An Evening Family Service

Prayers + Songs + Talk + Activity* + PIZZA!

a.k.a. hymns!

*optional for parents! ☺

Sunday 12th January

Old Borough
School Hall

| 6:00pm

(finished by
7:30pm-ish)

EVERYONE is very welcome!



DONABATE & LUSK PARISH NOTES

APPRECIATION

Leading a service, whether as a parish or diocesan reader or an ordained minister, is a privilege. It reminds us of our role in serving God and His people.

So, you can imagine our surprise when the parishioners organised a collection for us as a thank you. It was entirely unnecessary but deeply appreciated.

We were truly taken aback and can only imagine the many people scheming before and after services in the weeks leading up to the presentation (and perhaps even during a long sermon!) to bring the collection together.

Long after the gift is gone and the card safely tucked away in the attic memory box, the feeling of appreciation will remain, as the sentiment endures forever.

On behalf of Yvonne, David, and myself (Niall), thank you sincerely for adding an extra pep in our step as we march into the Christmas season and beyond, carrying with us a warm glow of gratitude.



The Christmas Spirit of Giving

David Snow writes: “On Saturday afternoon, the 21st December at Carechoice Nursing Home, Swords, Co. Dublin, Reverend Yvonne Ginnelly, Lay Minister David Snow and Resident Sean Galavan delivered a Christmas ecumenical service, which featured a celebration of Holy Communion, combined with Christmas Carols, and it was much appreciated and enjoyed by many of the Residents and employees.

We requested that Parishioners donate a gift for one of the residents, leaving the gift under one of the Christmas trees, in Saint Columba’s, Saint Patrick’s or Saint David’s. These gifts, having been collected and identified for a male or female, consisted mainly of items of clothing, sweets, chocolates, biscuits, shower gels and creams. In total 76 individual gifts were collected. These gifts were then distributed to the residents after the service.

Over the past 18 months, we have been providing an outreach service at Carechoice Nursing Home, with Holy Communion by extension and a Morning Prayer Service being delivered twice a month. This Service is attended by many of the residents who enjoy the service and most receive Holy Communion. In addition some of the residents receive Holy Communion privately in their rooms and also enjoy a chat and friendship, which has grown over the past year.

Sarah Byrne organiser and Carer at Carechoice described the service as magical and so appreciated by both the Residents and the staff. In addition she extended her thanks to the Parishioners for the many kind donated gifts.”



Saint David's Church in Kilsallaghan



Saint David's in Kilsallaghan is 212 years old, and has always had great support from the local community. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our friends and our neighbours, for what they do for our church, ranging from assisting with parking at events, to watching over the grounds of the church, to helping out with our larger projects such as our new columbarium wall.

We have formed a new group to help maintain the graveyard and church grounds called "The Friends of Saint David's." We hope that many people from the community will get involved.

Next year we intend to plant the bank along the front of the road. To do this, we will need some assistance, and we hope that you will give us a '*dig out.*' It is great to see so many community groups using this lovely building and we hope to see many more doing so. Please email "The Friends of Saint David's" for enquiries.

If you would like to become a Friend of Saint David's or just receive our newsletter, please email

stdavidskilsallaghan@gmail.com

Church Services for the month ahead

Sunday 5th January

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

Sunday 12th January

10 a.m.	Saint Patrick's Donabate	Holy Communion
11.30 a.m.	Saint Columba's Swords	Holy Communion
6 p.m.	Swords	Praise 'n' Pizza in the hall

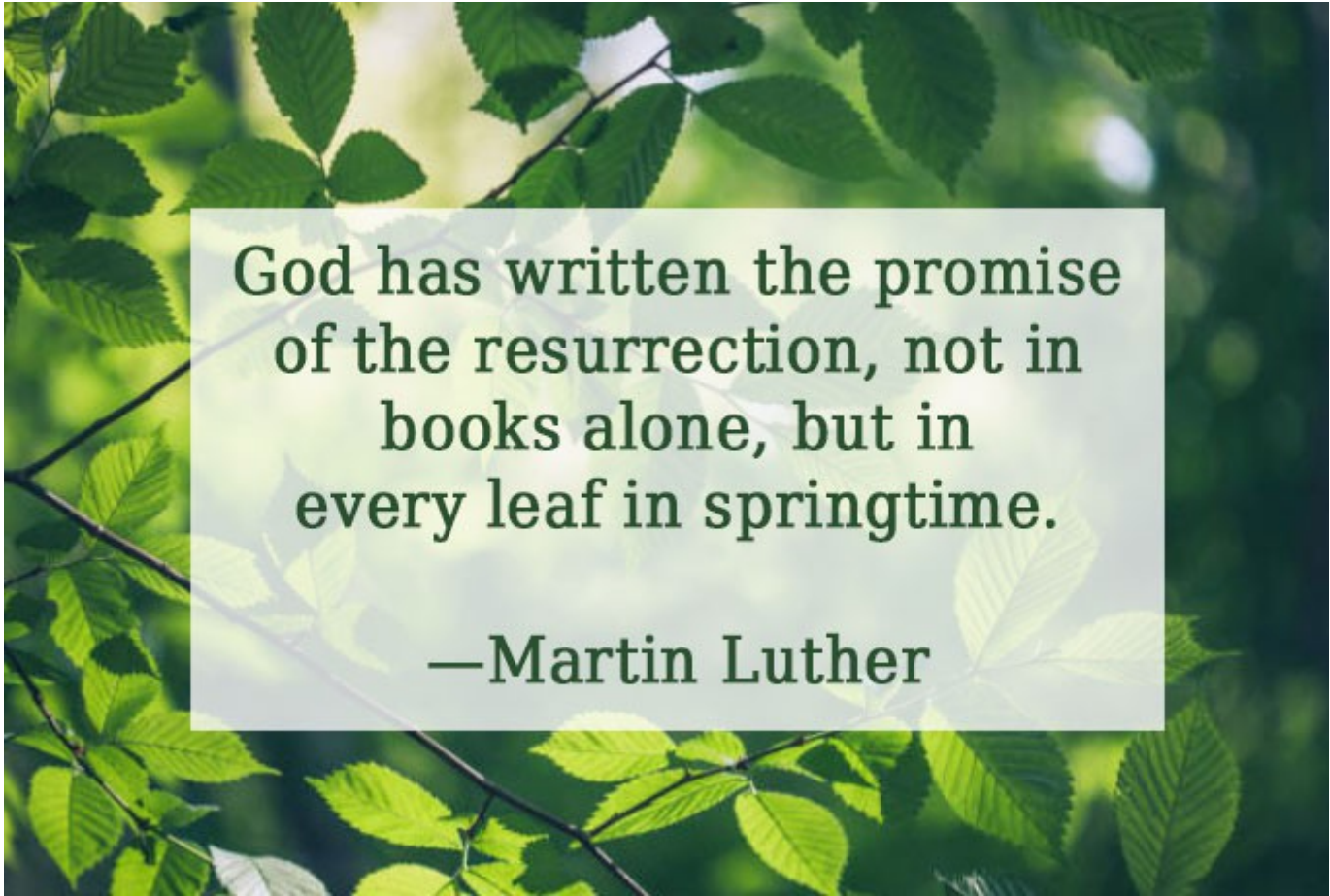
Sunday 19th January

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

Sunday 26th January

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

And finally...



God has written the promise
of the resurrection, not in
books alone, but in
every leaf in springtime.

—Martin Luther

Happy New Year to all!