

Parishes of Swords Clonmethan
Kilsallaghan Donabate and Lusk
Newsletter July 2018



An invitation from the Rector:

The annual Donabate Fête will be held on Saturday 14th July starting at 2pm.

All the usual stalls and attractions will be present... cakes and bakes, plants and veggies, strawberries and cream, pony rides, bric-a-brac, Simon's Burger Bar, and a whole lot more besides!

And enabling the afternoon to go with some swing, Saint George's Brass Band are sure to entertain and sound a wonderful fête note to the proceedings!

It's a great family fun day out ... so why not come along, and bring your friends?

Parish Registers: Bereavement

With sadness, we recount the death of Mrs Stella Smith, Corballis House, Donabate. Stella was a great lady, a stalwart of the parish, and a friend to all.

She died, in her ninety-second year, following a relatively short illness, borne bravely. Her funeral service was held in St Patrick's Church, Donabate on Friday 8th June.

We extend our deepest sympathies and condolences to her daughter, Hilary, and her son, Henry, as well as to her large extended family, and her many friends.

May the souls of the faithful departed in the mercy of God rest in peace and rise in glory. Amen.

Arrangements During the Vacancy for Services and Pastoral Care

Arrangements have been put in place to ensure cover for liturgical and pastoral ministry in the parish during the vacancy.

Reverend Ken Sherwood (01 803 8485) and Lay Minister Mrs Addy Patterson (01 845 3984), assisted by other Diocesan Lay Readers, will be conducting services from the 1st of July, and the Archdeacon, the Venerable David Pierpoint (01 830 4601), will cover pastoral duty.

Parishioners will be informed in the event of details being changed.

A Parish Prayer

Father, we pray for your blessing on our parish.
Give each one who worships in this place, grace to grow in faith,
that we may live and work to your glory.
Fill us with your Spirit and bind us together,
that, in all we do, we may seek to build each other up in love.
Be with us as we come together to give witness in our community.
Help us to look beyond ourselves
and to reach out to those in any kind of need;
always remembering to put our trust in you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen



Dear Parishioners of Swords, Clonmethan, Kilsallaghan, Donabate & Lusk

I wish to thank you for your support to date and advise you that at our June meeting we allocated:

- €6,000 to a literacy project in Bangladesh through Feed the Minds
- £10,555 to a safe schools/safety for children educational programme in Uganda via Fields of Life
- £12,000 to a coffee farmers co-op project in Kenya through Christian Aid
- €15,000 to refugee learning centres in Lebanon through Tearfund Ireland
- €10,000 to provide seeds for landless tribes in Uganda through Self Help Africa and
- £14,000 to emergency response to displaced people in South Sudan through CMS Ireland

Other funds were also allocated to support those in the grips of continuing famine in Ethiopia, and to the crisis in Yemen, as well as to self-help groups in Malawi.

Hopefully you will be able to support Bishops' Appeal over the coming months. Thank you again for your support in the past.

Kind regards

Geoffrey McMaster

Diocesan Representative for Bishops' Appeal

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Service of Thanksgiving to mark the Bicentenary of the Consecration of the present Saint Columba's Church, Swords

A Report by the Rector

The service was held on Saturday 9th June 2018, at 3pm, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. The celebrant at the service was the Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Reverend Dr Michael Jackson, and the special preacher was the Archbishop of Armagh, the Most Reverend Dr Richard Clarke.

At the reception after the service, a specially commissioned book, entitled "Saint Columba's 1818 – 2018: A Parish History," written by Brian Scott of Donabate and Lusk parish, was launched by Archbishop Jackson, with a reply being given by the author. During the course of the reception, a celebratory cake was brought out, bearing three candles spelling out 200. Olivia did the honours and blew the candles out.

The celebration was attended by local clergy from Fingal and Swords, Syrian Orthodox and local Roman Catholic parishes, and many from the parish and the local community. It was a joyful occasion, and afterwards the Rector thanked the Archbishops, all who assisted with the service, and those who organised and provided for the reception. Billy Goodwin, Hon. Treasurer of Swords and Kilsallaghan, "bushwhacked the Rector" with a speech and a farewell presentation of a generous gift to both Anne and the Rector, and for once the Rector was at a bit of a loss for words. All were thanked for their best wishes, generosity, and thoughtfulness.

Presentations to the Rector on His Retirement

On Sunday 3rd June, after Morning Prayer in Donabate, a presentation was made to the Rector to acknowledge his retirement. Members of Donabate Sunday Club brought forward a framed drawing of Newbridge House, a ceramic cross, two framed collage pictures made by Sunday Club members, and a very generous holiday voucher. People's Churchwarden, Niall Minto, made a speech, to which the Rector replied and thanked the parish for the very kind gifts.

In Swords, on the 9th June, Swords parish made a generous and handsome presentation (see above).

The Rector's last Sunday on duty in the parish, Sunday 10th June, concluded with two celebrations of Holy Communion in Donabate and Kilsallaghan, followed by lunch in a parishioner's home. However, the Rector was "bushwhacked again" by the Rector's Churchwarden in Kilsallaghan, Ian Falkiner, who took the opportunity after the service to speak and make a presentation to the Rector and to Anne Deane, this time on behalf of Kilsallaghan. The Rector thanked Ian and Fran Falkiner for all they do for Kilsallaghan, and thanked the parishioners there for their best wishes and generosity.

Church Services for July

Please note that some services are still to be organised by the Archdeacon, the Venerable David Pierpoint (01 830 4601).

Services with either Ken Sherwood, Addy Patterson, or the Archdeacon listed as conducting the service are definitely going ahead, DV. For other services, please check the website www.swords.dublin.anglican.org or the Facebook page facebook.com/swordsdonabateandkilsallaghan for updates.

Please call Ian Falkiner on 01 840 5129 before making a special journey.

Apologies for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.

Sunday	Donabate	Swords	Kilsallaghan
1st July <i>Fifth Sunday</i> <i>after Trinity (Proper 8)</i>	10.00am Morning Prayer Addy Patterson	11.30am Holy Communion Ken Sherwood	-----
8th July <i>Sixth Sunday</i> <i>after Trinity (Proper 9)</i>	10.00am Holy Communion Ken Sherwood	11.30am Morning Prayer Addy Patterson	11.30am Holy Communion CANCELLED
15th July <i>Seventh Sunday</i> <i>after Trinity (Proper 10)</i>	10.00am Family Service Addy Patterson	11.30am Holy Communion Ken Sherwood	-----
22nd July <i>Eighth Sunday</i> <i>after Trinity (Proper 11)</i>	10.00am Holy Communion Ken Sherwood	11.30am Family Service Addy Patterson	11.30am Morning Prayer
29th July <i>Ninth Sunday</i> <i>after Trinity (Proper 12)</i>	NO SERVICE	11.30am Group Holy Communion Archdeacon	-----