Parishes of Swords Clonmethan Kilsallaghan Donabate and Lusk Newsletter July 2019



Parish Registers

Funeral - Alison Mary Baker, April 1920 to May 2019 - Donabate

Miss Baker lived in a beautiful house which has been in her family since the eighteenth century. She loved nature and animals and was a very distinguished horsewoman. Her mother was the breeder of the famous Arkle and Miss Baker trained him for his first three years until he was sold to the Duchess of Westminster. She met and spoke with the Queen when Her Majesty visited the national stud in 2011. In recent years she was closely associated with the Ward Union Horse Trials. The Baker family gave many clergy to the Church in the past. Her funeral took place in Donabate on 24th May, followed by interment in Clonmethan.

We extend our sympathies to her family and friends.

Holy Baptism - Una Yasna Gwen Clarke - Donabate

We welcomed to the church Una Yasna Gwen Clarke, daughter of George Clarke and Anna Yuschenko, on 2nd June. We all sang three-year-old Una's favourite hymn, "Away in a Manager" on a bright June morning, and it was lovely.

Holy Baptism - Forest Dawson - Swords

Congratulations to Lenka and Samuel Dawson on the baptism of their son Forest in Saint Columba's church on the 16th of June.

Holy Baptism - Benjamin Frej Gundersen - Swords

Congratulations to Diane Forsyth and Bjarke Gundersen on the baptism of their son Benjamin in Saint Columba's church on the 30th of June.

May God bless Una, Forest, and Benjamin all their days.

Swords Parish Pilgrim Walk

The annual Camino pilgrimage took place on Sunday the 9th June at 2pm and as usual was a wonderful ecumenical afternoon. The Rector, Reverend Neal Phair, and his wife Lucy and children Emily and Henry took part.

The pilgrimage is always held on the 9th of June, which is Saint Columba's/Colmcille's feast day.

Saint Cronan, the founder of another local monastery, and Saint Finian, who was made the first abbot of Swords abbey by Saint Columba, were also remembered, as all were names of Churches in the Swords area which participated.

The Swords "Camino" Pilgrim Walk also celebrated Pentecost Sunday. Each church that took part, emphasised a particular Gift of the Spirit:

Saint Finian's Church - Right Judgement and Wisdom Saint Columba's Church - Understanding Saint Colmcille's Well - Courage Saint Colmcille's Church - Knowledge, and Saint Cronan's Church - Wonder and Awe and Reverence.

At each stop, there was a Welcome and a word of explanation, a Reflection from the Book of Psalms on the particular Gift of the Holy Spirit, and Prayer. At the end of the Camino, everyone enjoyed refreshments in Saint Cronan's Church Hall and a great time of fellowship was had by all.



Church Services

Saint Patrick's, Donabate: Every Sunday at 10am

Saint David's, Kilsallaghan: On the second and fourth Sundays, at 11.30am

Saint Columba's, Swords: Every Sunday at 11.30am

Quote of the Month

