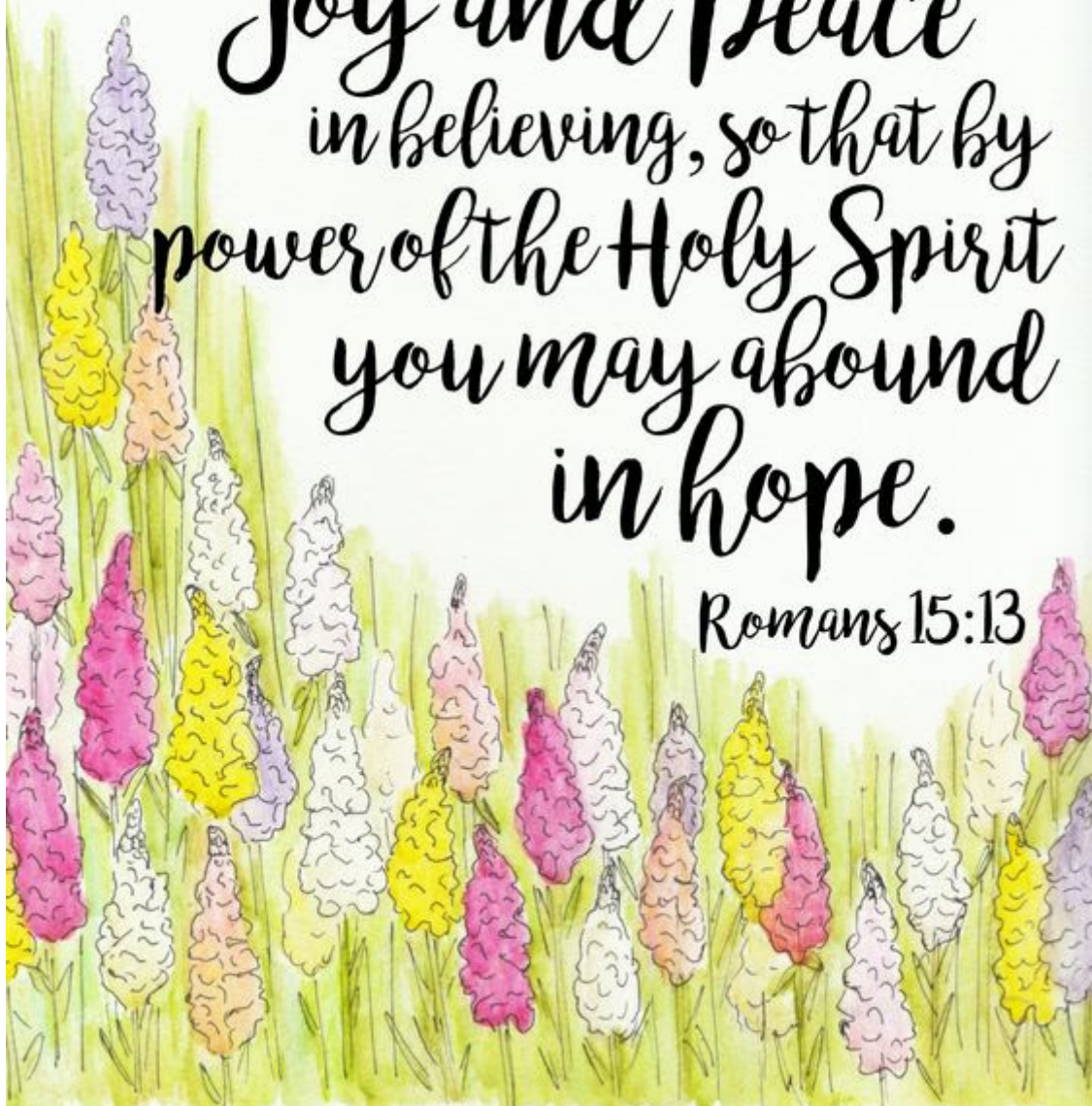


Parishes of Swords Clonmethan
Kilsallaghan Donabate and Lusk
Newsletter Summer 2020

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Romans 15:13



Notes From The Rector

Re-opening of Churches

Our churches will re-open on the 5th of July for Sunday morning services, which is a very welcome development. Some measures have been put in place to allow us to safely return to worship, and to build confidence for everyone. See below for more details on this. It is hoped to continue with online services throughout the summer for those who wish not to return to worship just yet.

Online Services

We have been providing online YouTube services over the last couple of months and it is hoped that this will continue during July and August for those who do not wish to return to church at the moment. Sincere thanks to Niall Minto who records and edits the online service each week for the Rector. Many thanks also to all those who have read lessons for the YouTube services and thanks also to David Scott who has sung so beautifully for us each week. Also we are grateful to Andrea Patterson and Brian Scott who have sent out the YouTube Service link each week to all parishioners in this group of parishes.

Online Service with Archbishop Michael Jackson

For our online YouTube service for Sunday the 14th of June, we were delighted to have Archbishop Jackson come and preach for us. His sermon was based on Matthew chapter 9 - The Calling of Matthew, which was very much enjoyed and appreciated by everyone. Brian Scott also came along and read the New Testament reading and David Scott sang:

Ye servants of God, your master proclaim.

Pastoral Care from The Archbishop

The Rector would like to sincerely thank the Archbishop for his pastoral care over the last few months. The Rector really valued his many pastoral phone calls and his words of advice, wisdom and encouragement by email. It was all very much appreciated indeed.

Confirmation Candidates

Please continue to pray for our fourteen candidates who will be confirmed at a future date to be set by the Archbishop. Our young people will be confirmed along with candidates from Malahide and Saint Doulagh's, Balbriggan, Skerries, and Rush. Please keep in your prayers: Christian Coyle, Josh Kennedy, Ruby Barnes, Zoe Cox, Ella Barry, Chelsea Gozie, Molly Kingston, Rachel Foley, Olivia Baker, Harry Goodwin, Chidubem Uzbegbu, Ryan Ennis, Ellen O'Leary, and Rachel Blake.

Pastoral Support

The Rector is going to be on holiday from Monday the 29th of June to Saturday the 4th of July. In his absence, please contact Reverend Norman Gamble on 01 845 4770 or 086 815 3277, or email normanegamble@gmail.com.

A Letter From The Rector
Returning to Worship in our Churches
Important Safety Measures

Dear Parishioners,

Our churches in this group of parishes will re-open on Sunday the 5th of July, which for the first Sunday of the month, there is the usual service in Donabate at 10am and Swords at 11.30am. All services will be Morning Prayer Services until the Autumn time.

They will also be short services, as there will be no hymn singing, which is not permitted at this time due to the risk of infection. However, we may play one hymn or part of a hymn for people to listen to during the service.

We are advising you, if you are in a high risk group, to not attend Church but to continue to participate via YouTube recordings which will be available each Sunday.

Also, *please do not attend* Church if you have any suggested symptoms of Covid-19, e.g. cough, fever or shortness of breath, or if you have been in contact with a coronavirus case in the last 14 days, or have been advised to self-isolate by your GP or public health.

Additionally, please see below a list of measures being taken to try and keep everyone safe whilst at Church:

- ◆ We would advise you to wear a face covering if possible.
- ◆ Hand sanitiser will be available at back of the church for you to use when you come in to services. There will also be tissues placed in each pew.
- ◆ Churches will be marked up to block pews, allowing two metres between occupied pews.
- ◆ Pews will be filled from the front as people come in, and people will leave from the back of the church first, at the end of the service.
- ◆ Please only sit with members of your own household.
- ◆ New service sheets will be placed on pews each Sunday.
- ◆ There will be a contact tracing card to be filled in, in each pew, with your name and number. Please place this in the box at the back of the church when you leave.
- ◆ At the end of the service, please take your service sheet and any rubbish home with you.
- ◆ There will be no tea, coffee, or refreshments at the end of the service.
- ◆ There will be a Retiring collection only. You can alternatively setup a standing order to avoid having to bring cash.
- ◆ We are also advising no congregating at back of church and in the car park etc.
- ◆ If you become unwell during the service with symptoms of Covid-19 and are unable to make your way home, please go to the back of the Church and someone will come and attend to you.

A YouTube video has also been produced by Brian Dobson for the Diocese to give parishioners information about returning to worship. Please see the link below:

<https://youtu.be/vcYyhwFTRKQ>

I look forward to seeing some of you then.

Wishing you all God's Richest Blessings at this time,
Neal

A Prayer in the time of Coronavirus

Almighty and All-loving God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
we pray to you through Christ the Healer
for those who suffer from the Coronavirus Covid-19
in Ireland and across the world.

We pray too for all who reach out to those who mourn the loss
of each and every person who has died as a result of contracting the disease.

Give wisdom to policymakers,
skill to healthcare professionals and researchers,
comfort to everyone in distress
and a sense of calm to us all in these days of uncertainty and distress.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord
who showed compassion to the outcast,
acceptance to the rejected
and love to those to whom no love was shown.

Amen

A Request from the Honorary Treasurer

With regular church services in our parish churches currently unable to take place due to the restrictions imposed during the Covid-19 emergency, I hope you are enjoying the regular services available online from both our parish and from Christ Church Cathedral and other parishes, and are looking forward to the re-opening of the churches on Sunday the 5th of July.

To those of you who contribute regularly to the Parish through Standing Orders, many thanks.

To other parishioners may I suggest that this is the time to set one up. This can be done online or via a simple form which will be sent on request.

Alternatively, your contribution should be lodged to our bank account - please include your name on the lodgement.

The parish bank account details are: IBAN: IE59 AIBK 9312 2540 8420 93
BIC: AIBKIE2D

With many thanks in anticipation,

W. S. Goodwin
Honorary Treasurer
086 1692 375

Church Services For The Month Ahead

Date	Saint Patrick's Donabate	Saint Columba's Swords	Saint David's Kilsallaghan
5th July (4th Sunday after Trinity)	Morning Prayer 10am	Morning Prayer 11.30am	---
12th July (5th Sunday after Trinity)	Morning Prayer 10am	Morning Prayer 11.30am	Morning Prayer 11.30am
19th July (6th Sunday after Trinity)	Morning Prayer 10am	Morning Prayer 11.30am	---
26th July (7th Sunday after Trinity)	Morning Prayer 10am	Morning Prayer 11.30am	---

And finally...

