

Parishes of Swords Clonmethan & Kilsallaghan with Donabate and Lusk Newsletter June 2024

Confirmations 2024

On Saturday the 4th of May, it was great to see our young people from Donabate and Lusk, and from Swords Clonmethan and Kilsallaghan, being confirmed in Saint Andrew's church in Malahide. They were confirmed by Archbishop Michael Jackson and they received wonderful support from Rev Yvonne Ginnelly. Some of the newly confirmed people are shown in the photos. Among the group, we were delighted to have Brooklyn, Cara, Amy and Alex from Donabate's Sunday Club.

Very proud of them all!



Coach to Christchurch Commissioning

On Saturday 22nd of June in Christchurch Cathedral, Dublin, Niall Minto and David Snow will be commissioned as Diocesan Readers. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this evening service.

Donabate and Lusk parish have organised a bus to leave the Roman Catholic Church in Donabate at 4.30 pm. Booking is essential. Tickets will cost €10.

Please contact Jean on 0862331300 as soon as possible if you would like to book a seat on the bus.

Job Vacancy



ACCOUNTS & ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Church of Ireland Dioceses of Dublin & Glendalough wishes to recruit an Accounts & Administrative Assistant.

This is a full time role.

The role will be based in the Diocesan Office, Church of Ireland House, Rathmines.

Key Requirements for this role include having:

- Bookkeeping/accounting experience.
- Good communication, written, and verbal skills.
- A good knowledge of Microsoft Office especially Excel.
- The ability to work on own initiative.
- A general knowledge of Charity Compliance and GDPR.
- The ability to be flexible.

If you are interested, please contact the Diocesan Office for full details.

Girls Brigade



The 45th Company Swords/Donabate Girls Brigade held their 20th Annual Display on Saturday 20th April. It was a memorable night of celebration and the girls enjoyed performing all they had learned for their families and friends. It was lovely to see all the happy smiling faces on the girls as they sang, danced, skipped and recited their poems.

The Captain, Officers and leaders would like to thank everyone who attended to support the girls on the night. We wish all our members a nice summer break and look forward to seeing you all and some new members in September.



Hats off Donabate... or maybe not!

On Sunday the 19th of May, the Parish of Donabate and Lusk, led by our resident events manager, Jean Elleker, organised a Hat Day.

In anticipation of the splendour that might unfold, every man, woman and even child, spent hours on Saturday night preparing hats for the Sunday service like it was Ladies' Day at the Galway Races.

There was no end to the creativity and fun. Rev. Yvonne Ginnelly had to keep a straight face during the service and anybody that ventured in unexpectedly may have thought that the parish was gone "barking mad."

Speaking of which, look out for our next parish event when we will celebrate a service for animals.



Bell Family Visit

Recently at Saint Columba's, we were pleased to have a visit from Mr Peter Bell, seen with his family in the photo. Mr Bell is a descendant of the Telford family, who are to church organs what Rolls Royce are to cars. Mr Bell, who lives in England, and his family were undertaking a tour of all the churches and cathedrals who are lucky enough to have a Telford organ. Ours in Swords wasn't originally built by the Telford firm but almost exactly one hundred years ago, it was rebuilt and extended by Telford's, as a plaque affixed to it records. Our esteemed organist Yvonne played especially for the Bell family, to their delight, and some of them even had a go at powering the organ by use of the hand bellows. In the days before the invention of electricity, operating the bellows during services used to be the job of an unfortunate churchwarden.



Mr Bell has another connection to the parish. His uncle, Canon Greening, was the rector for many years, many decades ago. He, as a staunch pacifist during World War II, got in all sorts of trouble for it, and was nearly excommunicated by his own parishioners! Happily he managed to survive both the parishioners and World War II (hard to say which was the bigger challenge) and he is commemorated by a memorial brass in the nave, as seen in the photo below.

Mr Bell told me a little about Greening. That when Mr Bell (then aged ten) and his mother, Greening's sister, visited Saint Columba's, Greening showed him around the church and even up the square tower. Greening was an academic and journalist as well as being a rector, and upon retirement, used to visit the library in Trinity College every day, eventually passing away peacefully there, surrounded by books. Sounds quite heavenly, in more ways than one. It was a pleasure to meet the Bells.



Sad News and Condolences

Deepest sympathies to Jonathan Foley, who recently suffered the loss of his mother, Thelma Foley (née Woodward).

Deepest sympathies too to Niall Minto, who recently suffered the loss of his mother, Anne Minto (née Doyle).

Sincere condolences to the families, the friends, and all the loved ones of Thelma Foley and Anne Minto, at this very difficult time.

May Thelma and Anne rest in peace and rise in glory.

Church Services for the Month Ahead

Date	Service Type	Donabate	Killsallaghan	Swords
6/2/2024	MP	David/Niall	Closed	David/Stephen
6/9/2024	HC	Yvonne/Niall	Closed	Yvonne/Stephen
6/16/2024	MP	David	Closed	David/Stephen
6/23/2024	HC	Yvonne/Niall	David (by extention)	Yvonne/Stephen
6/30/2024	MP	David/Niall	Closed	David/Stephen