

# Congratulations!



to all the 2025  
confirmation  
candidates who  
were confirmed on  
May 4th by  
Archbishop  
Michael Jackson.



God bless!



## Baptisms



Niall Minto writes, “The parish of Donabate and Lusk was delighted to welcome two new members into the Christian community through the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

On 13th April, we celebrated the baptism of Oscar Cecil Anthony O'Brien-Orr. Oscar was accompanied by his parents, Oisín and Emily O'Brien-Orr. Oscar's Godparents were Christian Burgess Orr and Doireann O'Brien.

On 11th May, we had the privilege of welcoming Emily Deirdre Smart, joined by her parents, Alice Unger Smart and Noel Smart. Her Godparents were Tyrone Johnston Unger and Ioli Makriyianni.

Both baptisms were joyful and meaningful occasions, marked by the love and support of family and friends as we welcomed Oscar and Emily into our faith community.

(And yes, a certain forgetful lay reader managed to miss the opportunity to take a photo at Oscar's baptism! But did get a photo at Emily's – see above).”

## Thank you

A swift statement in salute of those selfless souls who supply the skills, who donate time and funds, and who carry out the decoration of the churches, not least when the festivals such as Easter are coming up. It's a variety of people in each church; Lorraine, Pat, and Margaret are the doyennes of decoration in Saint Columba's for example. We are grateful to them. Here are samples of the flowers that help us to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. These were by Lorraine and Pat.



And not forgetting to thank the Easter Bunnies who sprinkled the churches with chocolate treats. Again, it's a variety of people in each church; Barbara came up with these in Swords and they were snaffled in record time.



Thank you!

## Derek Evans



Derek Evans passed away on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of May, a day after celebrating his 80th birthday.

Derek was originally from Arbour Hill in Dublin. He emigrated to London as a young man and developed his love of angling from fishing in the rivers, lakes and canals around the city. In time, he returned to Ireland and got a job as a printer with The Irish Times. Derek worked in printing at the newspaper for more than two decades, before becoming its angling correspondent.

Derek and his wife Marjorie had a long and devoted marriage, and together they raised their sons Mark, Peter, Simon and David, and their daughter Racheal. Derek and Marjorie were later blessed with thirteen grandchildren.

Derek was Saint Columba's primary fundraising expert until ill health prevented him from continuing in the role. It's not an overstatement to say that his input was crucial to the parish. The events he ran over the years were famous as community events as well as fundraisers, and his family and friends helped out with running them, notably the quizzes.

Derek gave many dedicated years of service as a Select Vestry member in Swords. His unflappable, farsighted, and charming personality made him both a pleasure to work with, and an inspiration as a colleague.

Lay minister David Snow, a family friend, assisted Reverend Yvonne Ginnelly in conducting Derek's funeral in Saint Columba's on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May. The packed and overflowing church was a testament to the high esteem in which Derek was held by so many.

Derek will be greatly missed.

May his soul rest in peace and rise in glory.



## **Easter Vestry Elections and Appointments 2025**

### **Parish of Donabate and Lusk**

Rector's churchwarden:	Brian Scott
People's churchwarden:	Niall Minto
Glebewarden:	Brian Allen
Treasurer:	Peter Maxwell
Secretary:	Brian Scott
Select vestry members:	Glynis Wilcox Gordon Hempton Donald Henderson Laura Jones Michael Swarbrigg

### **Parish of Swords Clonmethan and Kilsallaghan**

Rector's churchwarden for Kilsallaghan:	Ian Falkiner
People's churchwarden for Kilsallaghan:	Andy Anderson
Rector's churchwarden for Swords:	Andreas Markusson
People's churchwarden for Swords:	Barbara Scanlan
Rector's glebewarden:	David Snow
People's glebewarden:	Andrea Patterson
Treasurer:	Eric Wolfe
Secretary:	Andrea Patterson
Select vestry members:	David Butler Anderson Yvonne Howell Eric Hughes

## **An Ecological Invitation**

Eco-Congregation Ireland (ECI) encourages churches of all denominations to take an eco approach to worship, lifestyle, property and finance management, community outreach and contact with the developing world.

Our neighbours Brackenstown Roman Catholic Parish have been invited to host the Eco-Congregation Ireland (ECI) Climate Justice Candle, and to mark the occasion are hosting a small event on Wednesday 11th June in St. Cronan's Catholic Church, Brackenstown, Swords, K67 FK22, at 11.00am.

Father Richard Sheehy, Priest of Brackenstown Parish, wishes to invite you to this event.

Sister Anna Byrne from Eco-Congregation Ireland will formally present the candle, there will be one or two short speeches, and the choir from the local primary school will sing a couple of songs. A native Irish tree planting in the grounds of the church will be followed by a small reception in the adjoining parish centre.

For catering reasons, if planning to attend, RSVP to [brackenstownparish@gmail.com](mailto:brackenstownparish@gmail.com) or call 01 840 1188. Thank you.

## Church Services for the Month Ahead

Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> of June

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

Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> of June

10 a.m.	Saint Patrick's Donabate	Holy Communion
11.30 a.m.	Saint Columba's Swords	Holy Communion

Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> of June

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

Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June

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

Sunday the 29<sup>th</sup> of June

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

And, finally...

