

# Parishes of Swords Clonmethan Kilsallaghan Donabate and Lusk

## Newsletter

May 2018

### St Columba's Church Bicentenary



*To mark the bicentenary of the consecration of the present St Columba's Church, Swords, there will be a Service of Thanksgiving on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018, at 3.00pm, in the church, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall across the road.*

*The celebrant at the service will be the Archbishop of Dublin, The Most Reverend Dr Michael Jackson, and the special preacher will be the Archbishop of Armagh, The Most Rev Dr Richard Clarke.*

*At the reception after the service, a specially commissioned book, entitled "St Columba's 1818 – 2018 A Parish History" and written by Brian Scott of Donabate parish, will be launched and be available for purchase (€5.00). All parishioners are invited to come to the service and the reception, and several clergy and civic representatives from Fingal have also been invited, we know many parishioners from the three local Roman Catholic parishes will also wish to attend (probably those who'd normally go to the Carol Service).*

**N.B:** So we can be some idea of numbers for seating in the church and for catering at the reception afterwards, would you **please to indicate if you (and how many with you) hope to come along on the day.** You should contact Eleanor McQuinn on 086 3285 780 or by email [elemcq@gmail.com](mailto:elemcq@gmail.com) and it would be of tremendous help if you could do so by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May please. Thank you for your assistance in advance.

*I do hope it will be a lovely sunny day and that there will be a full and welcoming church. We look forward to seeing you there and afterwards.*

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### **Lent 2018:**

*Thank you to those who attended the Mid-week Lenten services on a regular basis throughout Lent on Wednesday evenings in Donabate and in Swords. There were retiring collections at each service in aid of The Leprosy Mission. Thank you for your generosity.*

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### **Holy Week and Easter 2018:**

*Throughout Holy Week, the rota of services included Compline on Monday & Tuesday, with Lectio Divina on Wednesday in Swords, The Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday, and "At the Cross", a meditative service on the Passion of our Lord according to St. Matthew Gospel, at 12.00noon in Donabate, and at 2.00pm in Swords.*

*The service on Good Friday in Donabate was ecumenical in nature, starting in St Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in the village at 12.00noon, and then processing and carrying a cross to our parish church.*

*We thank all who attended all the services throughout Holy Week, and for their engaging with the narrative.*

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### **Easter Day:**

*Thank you to those who cleaned and decorated the churches for Easter so beautifully which all helped to make the services so much more sparkling and special for the great celebration of the Easter event.*

*And thank you to all who attended the services on Easter Day. The Resurrection is the most important cornerstone of the Christian faith, and it was good so many joined together to celebrate the occasion.*

### **Easter General Vestry Meetings:**

Swords Easter General Vestry Meeting was held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April, in the Meeting Room, Swords, and Donabate Easter General Vestry Meeting was held in the parish church on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> April.

At each, after the Chairperson's address, each parish received a detailed account of its finances for the year ending 2017. This was followed by the election of the in-coming Select Vestries.

Results for each were:

#### **SWORDS SELECT VESTRY:**

*Rector's Churchwarden:* Sam Essandoh;

*People's Churchwarden:* Olawale Awe;

*Rector's Churchwarden in Kilsallaghan:* Ian Falkiner;

*Rector's Glebewarden:* Billy Goodwin;

*People's Glebewarden:* Andrea Patterson\*;

*Select Vestry members:* Andrea Patterson, Margaret Coyle, Anne Forsyth & Stephen Vincent.

*\* The person originally proposed as Peoples' Glebewarden was unable to serve, and Ms Patterson has volunteered to fulfil the duties of the office for the forthcoming year.*

At a subsequent meeting of the Select Vestry Meeting, Andrea Patterson and Billy Goodwin were elected Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer respectively.

#### **DONABATE SELECT VESTRY:**

*Rector's Churchwarden:* Brian Scott;

*People's Churchwarden:* Niall Minto;

*People's Glebewarden:* Kate Hender;

*Select Vestry members:* Michael Swarbrigg, Glynis Wilcox, Gordon Hempton, Albert Pratt, Peter Maxwell and Sally Beazley.

At a subsequent Select Vestry Meeting, Brian Scott and Peter Maxwell were elected Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer respectively.

### **Boys' Brigade Display:**

*Congratulations to the Captain, Officers, Leaders and boys of the Boys' Brigade Company on their annual display, held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April, in the Parish Hall, Swords. On this occasion, the Rector was invited to be Chief Guest.*

*The Display was of a very high standard, with the boys showing great enthusiasm in the various disciplines of team-games, drilling and gymnastics.*

*After the prize-giving, the Rector was presented with a retirement gift and Mrs Deane with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.*

### **Girls' Brigade Display:**

*Congratulations also are extended to the Captain, Officers, Leaders and girls of the Girls' Brigade Company on their annual display, which was held on Saturday 28th April, again in the Parish Hall, Swords.*

*It too was of a very high standard. All the girls, from tots to seniors, exhibited enthusiasm and gracefulness in all the various disciplines of skipping, dance, singing and recitation.*

*During the Captain's remarks, both the Rector and Mrs Deane were presented with a gift to mark the Rector's forthcoming retirement, and Mrs Deane with another beautiful bouquet of flowers.*

# **Donabate Fete**

## **\*Sat 14th July\***

**from 2.00pm**

**with St. George's Brass Band**

**Cakes and Bakes,**

**plants and veggies,**

**strawberries & cream,**

**pony rides, bric-a-brac,**

**Simon's Burger Bar,**

**and whole a lot more beside!**

**A great family fun day out!**



## 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.*

## Church Services in May 2018

Date	Donabate	Swords	Kilsallaghan
<b>Sun 13<sup>th</sup> May</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	10.00am Holy Communion	11.30am Morning Prayer	11.30am Holy communion
<b>Sun 20<sup>th</sup> May</b> Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)	10.00am Family service	11.30am Holy Communion ** 6.30pm ** Bangers@MASH	— — — — —
<b>Sun 27<sup>th</sup> May</b> Trinity Sunday	10.00am Holy Communion	11.30am Family Service	11.30am Morning Prayer
<b>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b> First Sunday after Trinity	10.00am Morning Prayer	11.30am Holy Communion + Baptism	— — — — —
<b>Sat 9<sup>th</sup> June</b> (St Columba's Day)	— — — — —	3.00pm Bicentenary Service	— — — — —
<b>Sun 10<sup>th</sup> June</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.00am Holy Communion	— — — — —	<b>** 12.00noon **</b> Holy Communion
<b>Sun 17<sup>th</sup> June</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.00am Family Service	11.30am Holy Communion	— — — — —
<b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup> June</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.00am Holy Communion	11.30am Family Service	11.30am Morning Prayer
<b>Sun 1<sup>st</sup> July</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.00am Morning Prayer	11.30am Holy Communion	— — — — —

*Please note above that there will only be two services on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June:  
at 10.00am in Donabate, and at 12.00noon in Kilsallaghan.*

## Now ... time for a smile 😊!

Q: How do you communicate with fish?

A: You drop them a line.

Q: What kind of sandals do frogs wear?

A: Open-toad.

Q: What is a frog's favourite drink?

A: Croakacola.

Q: Where do you take a sick horse?

A: Horse-pital.

Q: What did the grape say when the elephant stepped on it?

A: Nothing – it just let out a little wine!

Q: What is the fastest fish in the world?

A: A motor pike.

Q: What do you call a one-eyed dinosaur?

A: Doyouthinkhesawus.

Q: How do you make an apple puff?

A: Chase it round the garden a few times!

Q: What do you get if you cross a stereo with a refrigerator?

A: Cool music!

Q: What wobbles and flies?

A: A jelly-copter!

Q: Which bear is white and smells of peppermint?

A: A polo bear.

Q: How do you stop a skunk smelling?

A: Hold its nose.

Q: What does an angry kangaroo do?

A: Get hopping mad!

Q: What do you call a man with a spade on his head?

A: Doug!

Q: Why was Cinderella no good at football?

A: Because her coach was a pumpkin!

Q: Why did the tomato blush?

A: Because it saw the salad dressing!

Q: Why did the bus stop?

A: Because it saw the zebra crossing!

Q: What do you get if you cross a cow, a sheep and a goat?

A: The Milky Baa Kid!

Q: Why do barbers make good drivers?

A: Because they know all the shortcuts!