

# Parishes of Swords Clonmethan Kilsallaghan Donabate and Lusk Newsletter May 2019

## **A Message From Reverend Neal Phair**

"I am really looking forward to becoming your Rector and also getting to know you all in the parishes of Swords, Clonmethan, and Kilsallaghan with Donabate and Lusk. Lucy and I really love that part of County Dublin and my children Henry and Emily are very lucky to have the opportunity to grow up in such a significant and beautiful area in the midst of so many wonderful people. I know Dublin very well indeed, having taught, ministered and studied there, so it will be great to catch up with old friends and make lots of new ones. Until May... "

## **Thank You**

Mrs Noreen Oliver, a loyal parishioner over many years, passed away in 2017. In her will, she left a generous bequest to Saint Columba's, reserved for the restoration and maintenance of the church and the square tower. The Select Vestry gratefully acknowledge her forethought, kindness, and generosity.

## **Institution Service**

The institution of the new rector will be held at 8pm on Wednesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of May in Saint Columba's church in Swords, and followed by a reception in the parish centre across the road. All are welcome.

## **Confirmation Service**

The confirmation service will be held at 3pm on Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> of May in Saint Columba's church in Swords. All are welcome.

## **Parish of Donabate and Lusk Development Project**

The Parish of Donabate and Lusk have lodged the planning application for the new community hub and housing. The planning reference is F19A/0128. Plans can be viewed on the Fingal County Council website, [www.fingal.ie](http://www.fingal.ie). The application represents a tremendous amount of work by the Select Vestry and sub committee. We look forward to seeing this project progress to the next stage.

### **Parish of Donabate and Lusk Easter General Vestry**

The meeting took place on the 10th of April. It was chaired by Archdeacon Pierpoint.

The following were appointed or elected to parish offices -

Rector's Churchwarden:	Brian Scott
People's Churchwarden:	Niall Minto
Glebewarden:	Kate Hender

The following are Select Vestry members: Brian Allen, Sally Beazley, Arthur Griffen, Gordon Hempton, Peter Maxwell, Albert Pratt, Michael Swarbrigg, and Glynis Willcox.

At a short Select Vestry meeting following the Easter Vestry, Peter Maxwell was elected Honorary Treasurer and Brian Scott Honorary Secretary.

We are very grateful to Archdeacon Pierpoint, Reverend Ken Sherwood, and Lay Reader Addy Patterson for their care during the vacancy.

### **Swords, Clonmethan, and Kilsallaghan Parish Easter Vestry**

The meeting took place on the 8th of April. David Pierpoint, the Archdeacon, chaired the meeting, and thanked all who had helped with the running of the parish and with leading services since our last rector retired, especially Addy and Ken on whom much of the workload had fallen.

The following were appointed or elected to parish offices -

Saint David's Rector's Churchwarden:	Ian Falkiner
Saint Columba's Rector's Churchwarden:	Olawale Awe
Saint Columba's People's Churchwarden:	Sam Essandoh
Saint Columba's Rector's Glebewarden:	Billy Goodwin
Saint Columba's People's Glebewarden:	Andrea Patterson

The following are Select Vestry members: Margaret Coyle, Anne Forsyth, Eleanor McQuinn, John Mattins, and Stephen Vincent.

At a short Select Vestry meeting following the Easter Vestry, Billy Goodwin was elected Honorary Treasurer and Andrea Patterson Honorary Secretary.

### **Church Services**

Saint Patrick's in Donabate:	On Sunday at 10am.
Saint David's in Kilsallaghan:	On the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 11.30am.
Saint Columba's in Swords:	On Sunday at 11.30am.

Due to the institution of the new rector, it's possible some services may be re-arranged, so please check with the Churchwardens before making a special journey. The Churchwardens are: Ian Falkiner (01 840 5129) for Kilsallaghan, Brian Scott (087 611 5174) for Donabate, and Sam Essandoh (083 304 1758) or Olawale Awe (087 761 3971) for Swords. Thank you.