

Saint Columba's Church Swords

HAVE YOUR SAY ON PAINTING PLANS

The interior of Saint Columba's Church is going to be painted very soon. A colour expert has been consulted and samples of the possible paint colours are pinned up in the church where you can view them.

Have a look and, as soon as possible, please let us know what you think. Your feedback is important!

Please let the Church Wardens know your thoughts, or send an email or text - details below. Thank you

text 086 086 6698 or email reachandrea@gmail.com



PRAISE 'N' PIZZA!

6 PM

May date to be confirmed

PARISH OF SWORDS CLONMETHAN & KILLSALLAGHAN

OLD BOROUGH SCHOOL HALL, SWORDS



AN EVENING FAMILY SERVICE
WITH PRAYERS, SONGS, TALK, ACTIVITIES (OPTIONAL
FOR PARENTS 😊) AND OF COURSE, PIZZA!
EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME 😊



Contact Yvonne Howell on 086 354 7206 for date details

Confirmation 2026 Coming Soon



Please remember all those preparing for confirmation and especially from our own parishes: Alexander, Beth, Charlie, Jake, Oisín and Poppy .

The confirmation takes place on Saturday 2nd May, 11.00am at the Church of Saint John the Baptist, Clontarf. All are welcome.

Loving God, strengthen by your Holy Spirit those who are preparing for the sacred rite of confirmation. Grant that, boldly confessing you before others, they may walk steadfastly in the way of life and serve you faithfully all their days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Billy Goodwin Continues To Thrive

Congratulations to Billy Goodwin, parishioner and former Hon. Treasurer to Swords Clonmethan and Kilsallaghan Parish for nearly forty years, who recently celebrated his 90th birthday!

Sincere congratulations to Billy and best wishes to him and his family.

Good Friday Service in Saint Columba's

A reflection by Eric Hughes



On Good Friday, we gathered at Saint Columba's Church to reflect on Jesus' time on the cross, reciting his seven last words recorded in the Gospels.

It was a solemn and beautiful moment, remembering the love and passion of our Lord as he took our sin, shame, and darkness to the cross.

It was also a joyful reminder of the resurrection power that defeated the grave and gave us new life.

IN MEMORIAM: ALEC COBBE CVO

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Alec Cobbe of Newbridge House, Donabate and Hatchlands Park, Surrey. Alec was born and spent his early years in Donabate and although he later moved to the UK, Ireland and Newbridge House remained core to his life. In his younger years he returned frequently with his young family of Frances, Tom, Rosie and Henry, spending long periods at Newbridge and in Termonfeckin, with his wife Isabel's family.

A man of many talents, Alec was a picture restorer, historian, author, interior designer, painter, as well as a talented pianist. He lived a rich and fulfilling life and was widely recognised for his remarkable skills and contributions, including being appointed a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order (CVO) - an honour personally bestowed by King Charles III.

As his life and career developed, Alec retained a deep commitment to Ireland. Following the passing of his uncle Tommy, he played a key role in establishing Newbridge House, in partnership with Fingal County Council, as a house open to the public, helping to secure its future as a place of shared heritage. His work spanned both Ireland and the UK, with significant Irish projects including Charleville, Castletown, Dublin Castle, Hillsborough, Russborough, and Emo Court. These projects provided a natural rhythm to his life, allowing him to be frequently based at Newbridge, where he remained deeply connected to his Irish roots and regarded Newbridge House as home.

His funeral took place at St Patrick's Church of Ireland, Donabate on the 18th of April. The church was filled to capacity as family and friends gathered to celebrate his life. During the service, led by Rev. Yvonne Ginnelly, heartfelt reflections highlighted Alec's love of people, projects and places, with his son Henry offering a moving summary of his life in these three areas.

Alec was laid to rest in the adjoining graveyard beside his cousins, the Maxwells. His remains now rest in his native home, only minutes from Newbridge House that he so dearly loved.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis.



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**Everyone has a vocation.
Find yours.**

**United Dioceses of Dublin & Glendalough
Vocation Day**

Saturday 27 June 2026

10 am - 1pm (lunch provided)

Crinken Church, Bray, A98 VX58

**Email rector@crinken.ie or
suziesharris@gmail.com to book or enquire.**

If you feel a wish to serve God but aren't sure what to do next, then this day is for you. Come as you are, with your doubts and your questions. Everyone welcome!

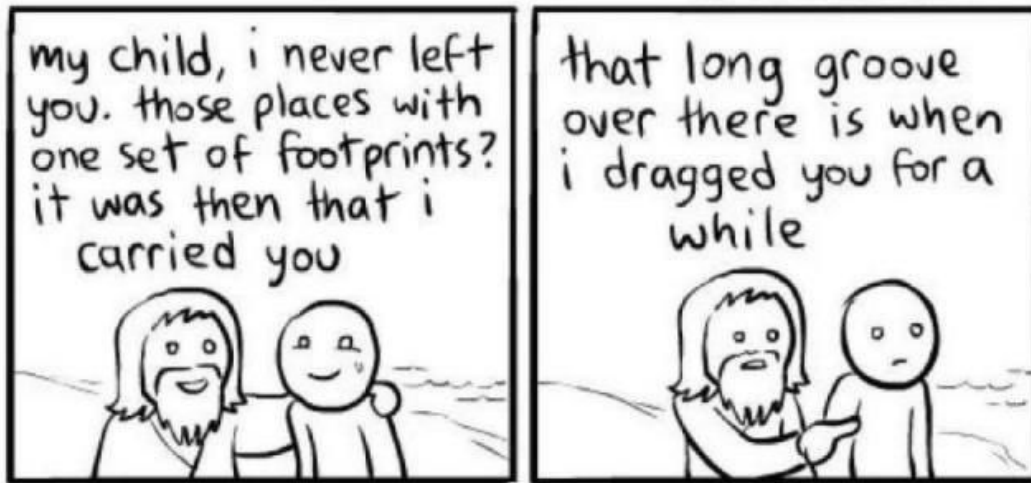
Services For The Month Ahead

May's Services	Donabate	Swords	Kilsallaghan
Sunday 3 rd	10 a.m.	11.30 a.m.	---
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Sunday 17 th	10 a.m.	11.30 a.m.	---
Sunday 24 th - Holy Communion	10 a.m.	11.30 am.	1 p.m.
Sunday 31 st	10 a.m.	11.30 a.m.	---

Date of Praise and Pizza to be confirmed closer to the time! :)

And, finally...

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"YOU MIGHT WANNA PULL UP A CHAIR. I'VE HAD A PRETTY BUSY DAY."