

*Parishes of Swords, Clonmethan,  
Kilsallaghan, Donabate & Lusk*  
**NEWSLETTER**

*November 2017*

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# Songs at St Columba's



David Scott  
Baritone

David O'Shea  
Piano



A selection of Irish  
songs, art songs and  
popular favourites

Saturday 4 November, 3pm  
St Columba's Church, Swords  
Tickets: €10 / Concessions: €7

# **SWORDS SUNDAY CLUB**

*Second Sunday of the month.  
Meet in the church for 11.30am,  
and after the first hymn,  
members will go over to the Hall.*

## **Bereavement:**

We extend our deepest sympathies and condolences to the family of Noreen Oliver, following her death in Bons Secours Hospital on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Without doubt, Swords has lost a very good friend.

Noreen's funeral service was held in St Columba's Church, Swords, on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct, having been deferred from the Monday due to storm Ophelia, and was followed by interment in the adjoining cemetery. Noreen's brothers and sisters, George and Ron, and Gertie and Joan, and Noreen's wider family circle are assured of our prayers for them.

May the souls of the faithful departed, in the mercy of God, rest in peace and rise in glory.

## **Ladies Tuesday Club**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov: "CHRISTMAS NIGHT"**

*Please bring a gift for the homeless — socks, gloves, scarfs, hats! All are asked to bring a Kris Kindle present as well (valued €5.00, and wrapped).*



## **Bangers@MASH Services:**

The Bangers@MASH services take place on the third Sunday of the month, again at 6.30pm. Same format as before, *and* with sausages afterwards!! **ALL WELCOME!**



### **Baptism:**

We were delighted to welcome two new members into the Family of God through the Sacrament of Baptism. They are twins, Sarah-Jane Charlie and Daire Dylan, son and daughter respectively of Catherine Gourley and Stephen Russell, Lusk. They were baptised in St Columba's Church Swords, on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. God bless them all their days.

### **Harvest Songs of Praise:**

Back in Easter-time we held a very successful Easter Songs of Praise in Donabate. Another Songs of Praise was organised for Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Oct, this time on the harvest theme, in St Columba's Church, Swords. And although perhaps not so well attended, nonetheless the singing was terrific and we thank all involved. Particularly we thank Yvonne packer who did sterling work on the organ and provided us with fitting accompaniment.

### **Confirmation:**

There will be six young parishioners preparing for Confirmation over the coming months, in preparation for a service of confirmation on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2018 in Swords. They are Holly Bowbrick, Evan Finnegan, Conrad Love, Emma Cox, Elizabeth Murphy and Zara Ofobuike.

Please remember these young people in your prayers as they prepare for the day.

### **Cathedral Residency**

The Rector will be in Christchurch Cathedral on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November, fulfilling cathedral residential duty.

As a result, the service in Swords that day will be Morning Prayer.

# **JUMBLE COLLECTION**

**in aid of  
St Columba's Church**

**Each Saturday in January  
from 11am till 2pm.**

***Please bring jumble bags of  
clothes, etc.  
to St. Columba's Church –  
(as drop off point)***

***Your help with this venture  
will be greatly appreciated.***

**St. Columba's Parish  
Swords**

**Present a**

**TABLE  
QUIZ**

**on**

**FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> NOV. '17**

**in**

**THE MEETING ROOM**  
*(Parish Hall)*

**at 8pm**

**TABLES OF 4 - €40**

***Promises to be an enjoyable evening!***

***All welcome***





## 45<sup>th</sup> Co Girls' Brigade:

The 45<sup>th</sup> Co Girls' Brigade Swords/Donabate will be holding their 14<sup>th</sup> Enrolment Service on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November, in St Columba's Church, Swords, at 11.30am. All are very welcome!

## Church Services in November

Date	Donabate	Swords	Kilsallaghan
<b>Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Nov</b> <i>The Fourth Sunday before Advent</i> (Proper 26)	10.00am Morning Prayer <b>+ Donabate Sunday Club</b>	<b>11.30am</b> Holy Communion	_____
<b>Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Nov</b> <i>The Third Sunday before Advent</i> (Proper 27)	10.00am Holy Communion (Remembrance Sunday)	11.30am Morning Prayer (Remembrance Sunday) <b>+ Swords Sunday Club</b>	11.30am Holy Communion (Remembrance Sunday)
<b>Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Nov</b> <i>The Second Sunday before Advent</i> (Proper 28)	10.00am Family Service	11.30am Morning Prayer <b>** 6.30pm **</b> <b>Bangers@MASH</b>	_____
<b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Nov</b> <i>The Sunday Before Advent:</i> <i>The Kingship of Christ</i> (Proper 29)	10.00am Holy Communion	11.30am <b>45<sup>th</sup> Co Girls' Brigade Enrolment Service</b>	11.30am Morning Prayer
<b>Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec</b> <i>The First Sunday of Advent</i>	10.00am Morning Prayer <b>+ Donabate Sunday Club</b>	11.30am Holy Communion	_____

**SWORDS GIFT DAY –**  
**SUN 5<sup>th</sup> Nov**

# Housing Appeal for Refugees in our Country

To all clergy in United Dioceses, Secretaries of Select Vestries, all Principals of Primary and Secondary Schools in United Diocese, University Chaplains:-

- Last autumn, I made an initial appeal to launch the Diocesan Housing Appeal for Refugees in our country. I now wish to record my very sincere thanks indeed to all who have so far responded to this Diocesan appeal in a generous manner. Our aim with this appeal has been to raise €100,000 over this year and for each of the next two years, making for a €300,000 total figure.
- This Project is being carried through in partnership with the Irish Refugee Council (IRC), and the Association of Missionaries and Religious in Ireland (AMRI). AMRI has been making available to the IRC several of its properties. All these properties are requiring very substantial modernisation, updating and renovation, in order to make them suitable for new and permanent accommodation. This is where funds raised are being directed. IRC is our country's only N.G.O. state agency.
- AMRI'S very generous transfer of their properties has two conditions attached. First, that this new accommodation is to be made available to support our Government's accommodation initiative for Syrian refugees coming to Ireland. And, secondly, to provide first-time accommodation for some of the very many people, long awaiting housing in our Reception centres, and of whom a third are children. At present, about 400 people living in Direct Provision already have full refugee status, but cannot leave, because of the wider housing crisis.
- I can report that the very first housing tranche of this specific Project is now on course to seeing over forty people being newly accommodated by IRC for the very first time. This is greatly encouraging.
- It is particularly important to stress that by supporting this Project, this directly helps the much larger challenge here of the Homelessness crisis itself. This Project's sizeable new accommodation provision means that our own existing and esteemed homeless services and state agencies are not having even further pressure being added to the very heavy demands already being imposed upon them. This specific Project, then, has positive knock-on benefits both ways.
- As it progresses this Project, IRC demonstrates high professional standards and expertise. Its work is intensive, painstaking and often one to one. A whole

range of holistic supports is required in enabling refugees to make this whole transition in to first time housing. The Project's beneficiaries are linked up to various state agencies by IRC, along with helping access to English language classes, psychosocial, cultural and integration supports, and having qualifications accredited in Ireland. The over-riding aim of this necessary process is the goal of further education (if required), full time employment and civic and social integration.

- Regarding the monies raised in the United Dioceses so far this year, it is very encouraging to read various reports in the 'Church Review' of local initiatives such as sponsored cycles and walks, sales of work, music concerts, coffee mornings and bring and buys, as well as direct giving and special collections.

The success of this Project very much depends on the generosity of people within the Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough as it is our specific response to a nation-wide and indeed international crisis. I am very proud of the support that has been given thus far. I appreciate the generosity shown on all sides and I encourage everyone to consider a practical way in which you and your community might be involved. You will all soon be planning initiatives for Advent and Christmas. Why not make this Project your priority for 2017? As well as thinking within your parish, you may be able to influence planning for collections at events such as Carol Services in National Schools and Secondary Schools.

Christmas is about the coming of God to earth and we rightly celebrate this wondrous event. Equally wondrous is the statement of Jesus at the end of St Matthew's Gospel: When I was a stranger, you took me into your home (St Matthew 25.35). The Housing Appeal has to do with homes for those who have neither house nor home. It touches the heart of every one of you.

Please make your donation preferably by:

**Electronic Transfer:**

Bank of Ireland College Green

IBAN: IE50BOFI90001769354878

*(please indicate the funds are for the 'Housing Appeal')*

or cheques can be made payable to 'Diocesan Funds of Dublin & Glendalough' with a note attached indicating the funds are for the 'Housing Appeal'.

*The Most Reverend Dr Michael Jackson.*

*Archbishop of Dublin and Bishop of Glendalough.*

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