

Parishes of Swords Clonmethan Kilsallaghan Donabate and Lusk Newsletter November 2019

Gift Day Service

A Gift Day Service will take place on Sunday the 3rd November at 11.30am in Saint Columba's Church, Swords. We are asking everyone in the parish of Swords to give generously to this appeal to help with the enormous running costs of the parish. If you can't make the service, we would really appreciate it if you could give your financial contribution to Mr Billy Goodwin, Hon. Treasurer, or send it to him at Wyestown, Oldtown, County Dublin. Thank you.

Harvest Celebrations

Saint Patrick's Donabate and Saint Columba's Swords Harvest services took place on Sunday the 29th of September. The two churches were decorated beautifully for the occasion and we thank everyone who gave of their time and effort to make the churches look so beautiful for these services. Also we thank all those who gave donations of fruit, vegetables and flowers. A brunch lunch was held after Donabate Harvest in the Airport View Hotel and there was refreshments in the church after the harvest service in Swords. The food from the harvest went to Aobihneas in Coolock, a centre of support for women and children who've experienced domestic abuse.

Old Borough School Harvest Service

The Old Borough School Harvest service took place on Friday the 4th October in Saint Columba's Church. The church was packed to capacity for the service. The children sang lots of songs, read the readings, and lead the prayers at the service. The Rector did a creative talk with a number of gardening implements about growing things and spoke about how God wants us to help him grow his Kingdom by sowing the seeds of love and kindness to everyone we meet.

Parish Registers - Bereavement Daphne Brewster 1929 to 28th September 2019

Daphne was the daughter of Edward and Daisy Brewster of Kimmage. As a young girl, she was a member of the Girl Guides, and was always proud of the badges she obtained then. She was a patient in Saint Ita's hospital in Portrane for many years. Reverend Adam Pullen, Rector of Stranorlar, had visited Daphne over the years. He joined our Rector for her funeral on Thursday the 3rd of October in Saint Patrick's Donabate and preached at the service. May Daphne rest in peace and rise in glory.

Parish Registers - Holy Baptism Christopher Trevor Champ

Christopher Trevor Champ was baptised in Saint Columba's Church, Swords on Sunday the 6th of October. He is the first child of Norman and Antoinette Champ, and it was a very joyous occasion indeed where a large crowd of family and friends came to celebrate Christopher's baptism. His aunt Erica Champ read one of the lessons and her partner Chardney read the other. Celebrations continued after the service with refreshments in the church followed by lunch in the Old Street Restaurant in Malahide. We wish Christopher every blessing in his journey of faith.

Tuesday Club

Here's the programme for the 2019 to 2020 season. The club operates with no membership fees and all are welcome.

Nov 12th 7.30pm - Movies@Swords 42nd Street live performance. €15 adult. Tickets will have been arranged for anyone who has connected with the club through social media and who wishes to attend - however - hopefully Movies@Swords will still have some available for anyone else who might enjoy the night out locally and with minimal fuss! We'll post the pre-showing plans nearer the date.

Friday November 29th - Christmas Dinner; venue TBC. Come out and have a good night before the lunacy kicks in!

Tuesday 4th February- Cinema Night TBC but stick it in your diaries now!

25th April - Malahide Castle Tour, followed by a meal and probably somewhere for a few after! A fun day out.

26th May - Menopause the Musical 2 in the Gaiety Theatre. Details to follow

We would encourage individuals or groups who wish to join us for any of the following events, or who would like more information, to please get in touch.

Search 'Tuesday Club Swords' on Facebook, or feel free to call or text Mealla Barry on 087 287 3349.

Church Flowers and Cleaning

Volunteers to help with cleaning Saint Columba's church and with flower arranging are sought. Please contact the Rector on 01 895 6747 if you can assist. Thank you.

Confirmation 2020

The Confirmation Service for this group of Churches will take place on Saturday the 2nd May 2020 at 3pm in Saint Columba's Church, Swords. Confirmation candidates from Malahide parish will join with us on this occasion. Anyone interested in being confirmed, please let the Rector know on 01 895 6747 as soon as possible.

Advance Notice - Christmas Concert in Donabate

A Christmas Concert will be held in Saint Patrick's Donabate on Saturday 7th December at 8pm. The concert will feature David Scott, baritone, Niamh Fitzgerald, soprano, and David O'Shea accompanist - plus friends! Admission €10

Poppies for Remembrance Sunday

Poppies will be available on Sundays 3rd and 10th November at the services in Donabate.

Church Services for the month ahead

October	Donabate	Swords	Kilsallaghan
3 rd November (the Fourth Sunday before Advent)	10am Morning Prayer and ** Sunday Club **	11.30am Holy Communion and Gift Day	---
10 th November (Remembrance Sunday)	10am Holy Communion	11.30am Morning Prayer and ** Sunday Club **	11.30am Holy Communion
17 th November (Second Sunday before Advent)	10am Family Service	11.30am Holy Communion 6.30pm ** Cafe Church ** in the parish hall	---
24 th November (Christ the King)	10am Holy Communion	11.30am Family Service	11.30am Morning Prayer

Quote of the Month

“Goodness is the only investment that never fails.”

- Henry David Thoreau