

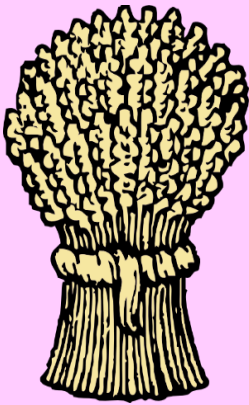
*Parishes of Swords, Clonmethan,  
Kilsallaghan, Donabate & Lusk*  
**NEWSLETTER**

*October 2017*

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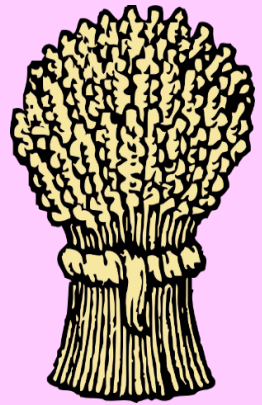
# Harvest Thanksgiving Services



**SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017**

10.00am – Donabate

11.30am - Swords



*Special Preacher:*

*The Very Rev'd Victor Stacey,*

*(former Dean of St Patrick's Cathedral)*

**All welcome**

# ST COLUMBA'S COLF CLASSIC

## FORREST LITTLE GOLF CLUB



*(by kind permission)*

**MON 2<sup>ND</sup> OCT**  
**10.00AM – 12.00NOON**

**TEAM OF 4 = €160.00**



*And if you're not a golfer, why not sponsor a tee  
or donate a prize to the Raffle!*

*For further information, please contact:  
Anne (086-6086343)*

Proceed in aid of Parish funds

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## *Harvest Songs of Praise*

***Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Oct – 11.00am – Swords***

The only service in the parish this Sunday ... .. so do come along!

A great opportunity to come together and sing praises to God on the harvest theme, and perhaps to have a chat afterwards.

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## *Lectio Divina*

Our next Lectio Divina will be held in Eleanor McQuinn's home  
(17, Rivervalley Heights, Swords)  
on Wed. 25<sup>th</sup> October  
from 8.00pm – 8.45pm.

*The Pastoral Committee invites you to come along and spend  
some time reflecting on the Gospel for the following Sunday  
Please contact Eleanor on 086 3285780 if you wish to attend.*

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# SUNDAY CLUB SWORDS

*Activities for the newly formed  
Swords Sunday Club will begin on  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October.*

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

# *HARVEST DANCE*

*(in aid of St Columba's Parish)*

*in St. Columba's Parish Centre, Swords*

***SATURDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER***

*from 8.00pm (Supper at 9.00pm)*

***MUSIC BY***

***JOHN MAGUIRE***

***TICKETS €20.00 EACH***

*Bring your own refreshments*

*Please advise of any dietary requirements*

*Tickets available from:*

*Anne Deane 8402308, Nora Murray 086-8439501,  
Derek Evans 087 2409135, Kelly Coyle 086-1045593,*

## BEREAVEMENT:

We extend our deepest sympathies and condolences again to Nicholas Sparks, Donabate, and to his family, on the occasion of the death of his father, Cecil Sparks, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. Cecil's wife, Gladys, died earlier in this summer (June 16<sup>th</sup>), and so this is another funeral in the family in a very short space of time.

Cecil's funeral service will be held in Zion Church, Rathgar on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept, and will be followed by cremation in Mount Jerome Crematorium. The family 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.

## CHURCH SERVICES IN OCTOBER

Date	Donabate	Swords	Kilsallaghan
<b>Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Oct</b> <i>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (Proper 21)</i>	-----	<b>*** 11.00am ***</b> <b>HARVEST</b> <b>SONGS OF PRAISE</b> <b>All Welcome!</b>	-----
<b>Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Oct</b> <i>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (Proper 22)</i>	10.00am <b>Harvest Thanksgiving</b>	11.30am <b>Harvest Thanksgiving</b> <i>+ Swords Sunday Club</i>	-----
<b>Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Oct</b> <i>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (Proper 23)</i>	10.00am Family Service	11.30am Holy Communion <b>** 6.30pmn **</b> <b>Bangers@MASH</b>	-----
<b>Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct</b> <i>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity (Proper 24)</i>	10.00am Holy Communion	11.30am Family Service + Baptism	11.30am Morning Prayer
<b>Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Oct</b> <i>The Fifth Sunday before Advent (Proper 25)</i>	10.00am Wholeness and Healing Service	11.30am Wholeness and Healing Service	-----
<b>Sun 5<sup>th</sup> Nov</b> <i>The Fourth Sunday before Advent (Proper 26)</i>	10.00am Morning Prayer + Sunday Club	11.30am Holy Communion <b>SWORDS GIFT DAY</b>	-----

**SWORDS GIFT DAY**  
**SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017**

## Ladies Tuesday Club

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct: 8.15pm:  
"History of Swords" with Brian Scott  
ALL WELCOME!



### **SOMETHING TO SMILE AT:**

#### **EMBARRASSING "SENIOR MOMENT"**

Several days ago, as I left a meeting at our church, I desperately gave myself a personal pat down. I was looking for my keys. They were not in my pockets. A quick search in the meeting room revealed nothing. Suddenly I realized that I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the parking lot.

My wife has scolded me many times for leaving the keys in the ignition. My theory is the ignition is the best place not to lose them. Her theory is that the car will be stolen.

As I burst through the doors of the church, I came to a terrifying conclusion. Her theory was right. The parking lot was empty. I immediately called the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen.

Then I made the most difficult call of all. "Honey," I stammered (I always call her "honey" in times like these). "I left my keys in the car, and it has been stolen."

There was a period of silence. I thought the call had been dropped, but then I heard her voice, "Ken," she barked, "I dropped you off!"

Now it was my time to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, "Well, come and get me." She retorted, "I will ... .. as soon as I convince this policeman that I have not stolen your car!"



### **BAPTISM:**

*We were delighted to welcome a new member into the Family of God through the Sacrament of Baptism.*

*She is Freya Daisy, daughter of Paul and Ruth Kelly (Lusk), and she was baptised in St Patrick's Church Donabate, on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept.*

*God bless her all her days.*



### **OLD BOROUGH NATIONAL SCHOOL SERVICE:**

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct, at 11.15am, the pupils of the Old Borough National School will attend a Service of Thanksgiving for the Harvest in St Columba's Church, and will be led mainly by pupils. The readings, prayers and hymn singing are being practised, thanks to the guidance of our teachers. Everyone is welcome along!

### **MOBILITY RAMP IN SWORDS**

For years now it has been quite difficult for people who are wheel-chair bound to get in and out of St Columba's Church, Swords. Not so any more.

We are most grateful to Mr Pat Fitzsimons, Managing Director of **PARFIT**, Old Schoolhouse Works, Cloghran, Swords, for his most generous donation of a wheel-chair ramp to ease access. With over 30 years experience, **PARFIT** is a well-established family run business, specialising in vehicle conversions, adaptations and supply of equipment for the special mobility requirements.

The new ramp is light and easy to use, and is located behind the front door of the church.

## **CONFIRMATION 2018**

We are grateful to Archbishop Jackson that there will be a Service of Confirmation in Swords on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2018, at 3.30pm.

Classes will be held in the 5<sup>th</sup>&6<sup>th</sup> Classroom in The Old Borough National School, on Monday evenings, and they will be starting shortly.

***Please let me know as soon as possible of any candidates who would like to be confirmed***, so that classes can be arranged and we can get the process of preparation going sooner.

## **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.

## **A “How-to-live-life” thought!**

*Live with no regrets;*

*treat people the way you want to be treated;*

*work like you don't need the money;*

*love like you've never been hurt; and ...*

*dance like you do when nobody's watching!”*