

Parishes of Swords Clonmethan & Kilsallaghan
with Donabate and Lusk
Newsletter October 2024



Autumn is here and the Harvest Thanksgiving services are imminent!

The first service is in Saint Columba's church in Swords on Sunday the 6th of October at 11.30 a.m.

The second service is in Saint Patrick's church in Donabate on Sunday the 20th of October at 10 a.m.

The churches need to be decorated beforehand, so if you can help with the decorating, or you can help by dropping off donations of fruit, vegetables and flowers to be used in the decorating, that would be great!

Please give Eric a ring on 086 179 8747 for Saint Columba's, or call Brian on 087 611 5174 for Saint Patrick's, for mutually convenient times and all queries.

Be assured all produce will be donated to charity afterwards – specifically the local shelter for survivors of domestic violence.

“Give thanks to God, for God is good... God turns... a parched land into springs of water. And there lets the hungry live, and... they sow fields, and plant vineyards, and get a fruitful yield.” - Psalm 107



Captain Caron Neale writes, "After a lovely summer break, our 2024/2025 session of Girls' Brigade begins on Wednesday 25th September, 2024 and we are looking forward to seeing all the girls again and to welcoming some new girls also.

As normal, Girls' Brigade will take place each Wednesday in the Old Borough School hall (the parish hall), for all girls as follows:

Tiny Tots (3 and 4 year olds) and Explorers (ages 5 to 8 years old) - 5.30pm to 7.00pm.

Juniors (ages 9 to 11), Seniors (ages 12 & 13), Brigaders (ages 14 +) - 7.00pm to 8.30pm.

We look forward to another fun filled year!"



For any enquiries, please email 45thcoswords@girlsbrigadeirl.ie.

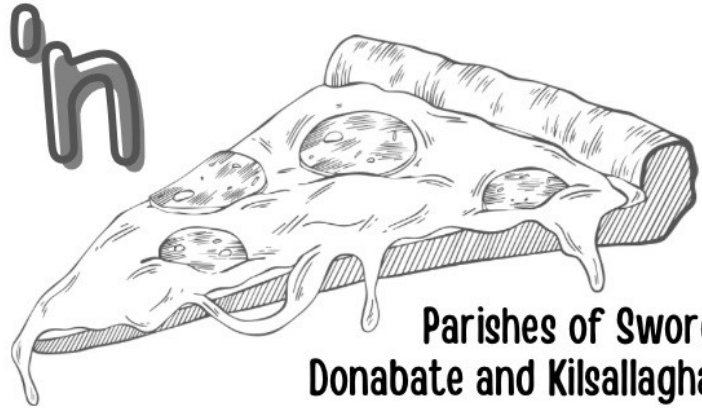
New to the Girls' Brigade? Learn more at www.girlsbrigadeirl.ie.

Praise 'n Pizza is back!

Praise 'n Pizza returns! Starting on Sunday, 13th October.

The Service will run on the **2nd Sunday** of the month from October to June, except in December when we'll have the Christingle Service in the church instead.

**Praise 'n
Pizza**



**Parishes of Swords
Donabate and Kilsallaghan**

An Evening Family Service

Prayers + Songs + Talk + Activity* + PIZZA!

a.k.a. hymns!

*optional for parents! 😊

Sunday 13th October

**Old Borough
School Hall**

| 6:00pm

*(finished by
7:30pm-ish)*

EVERYONE is very welcome!



MARY SNOW

28th May 1943 - 12th September 2024

David Snow writes: "On Thursday 12th September 2024 at 4pm exactly my Mother Mary Snow, exited this world and returned to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Although I am of course most upset at the loss of my Mother, I am most thankful for her life, her love for me, but also having battled Parkinson's for 9 years, the ability to exit her mortal body and to rejoice with Christ, free from pain and discomfort.

On Monday 16th September we held a Funeral Service in Saint Patrick's Donabate, a Church which my Mother loved visiting. Reverend Yvonne Ginnelly was assisted by Parish Reader Niall Minto, together they delivered a most friendly, professional and warm service that truly reflected my Mother's joyful personality. I managed to hold it together and delivered the reflection on my Mother's life.

As I planned and put together my notes, I found great comfort from the words of Reverend Billy Graham; *"If you hear I am dead, do not believe it. I am more alive today, than I was yesterday, I simple have changed address and now reside with the Lord."*

I am truly grateful for the kind and professional support from Carechoice Nursing Home Swords, Saint Francis Hospice and also the many Parishioners who have offered support and kindness. I must mention Kate Hender who made me some delicious shortbread biscuits, I do need to get back to the gym!

I also want to mention Jean Ellerker who visited my Mother and offered these words when my Mum passed. *"David, you are always here for all of us, now we are here for you."* Thank You Jean and Thank you all of you for your many kind words of comfort. I am also most grateful to the many Parishioners who turned out in number to clean and prepare the Church and of course Thelma Scott who provided magnificent flower arrangements.

The Service was videoed due to our many relatives and friends living abroad and can be viewed via this link which will bring you to a private holding area in YouTube."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QDDsOrvEpGc>

THE OLD BOROUGH NS OPEN NIGHT

6pm Tues 1st October 2024

About the Open Night

- Meet and greet the students, staff and PTA
- Tour the school
- Hear about our admissions process
- Principal's Address 6:30 PM

View our Excellent School Facilities

And find out why the Old Borough School is right for your child and you.



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Church Services for the month ahead

Sunday 6th October

10 a.m.	Saint Patrick's Donabate	Morning Prayer
11.30 a.m.	Saint Columba's Swords	Morning Prayer & Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday 13th October

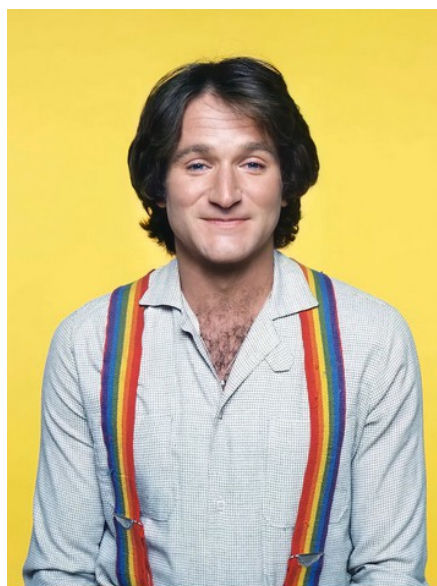
10 a.m.	Saint Patrick's Donabate	Holy Communion
11.30 a.m.	Saint Columba's Swords	Holy Communion
6 p.m.	Swords Parish Hall	Praise 'n' Pizza in the hall

Sunday 20th October

10 a.m.	Saint Patrick's Donabate	Holy Communion & Harvest Thanksgiving
11.30 a.m.	Saint Columba's Swords	Holy Communion
1 p.m.	Saint David's Kilsallaghan	Holy Communion

Sunday 27th October

10 a.m.	Saint Patrick's Donabate	Morning Prayer
11.30 a.m.	Saint Columba's Swords	Morning Prayer



Comedian's Credo

It's a little known fact that the late actor and comedian Robin Williams was an Episcopalian. That is, he was an American Anglican, or in other words, if he had been fortunate enough to be born Irish, he would have been a member of the Church of Ireland.

He once listed "Top 10 reasons to be an Episcopalian" - a list to which many home-grown members of the C of I can perhaps relate.

- 10 No snake handling; no getting incense smoke in your eyes; no speaking in tongues (unless you're trying to order a coffee when on holiday).
- 9 You can believe in dinosaurs if you like.
- 8 No matter what you believe, there's bound to be at least one other Episcopalian who agrees with you.
- 7 You don't have to check in your brains at the church door.
- 6 Pew aerobics are a good workout - kneel to pray, sit to listen, stand to praise!
- 5 Punctuality is rewarded - come early to any service and get a good seat at the back.
- 4 Free wine on Sundays.
- 3 All of the rich traditional pageantry - none of the guilt.
- 2 Male and female, God created them; male and female, we ordain them.
- 1 You don't have to know how to swim to get baptised.