

Parishes of Swords Clonmethan Kilsallaghan Donabate and Lusk

Newsletter September 2019

Notes from the Rector

Welcome Back, Addy!

How wonderful it is to see Addy out and about after such a long spell in hospital. She was much missed. We are grateful to God for returning her to health, and pray that her recovery continues smoothly.

From the Parish Registers

Holy Baptism - Claudia Elizabeth Walshe

We welcomed to the church Claudia Elizabeth Walshe, daughter of Sarah Wilson and Will Walshe, on 11th August. May God bless her all her days.

Funeral - Sheila Champ

Deepest sympathy is extended to the Champ family on the death of Sheila Champ who passed away on June 18th at Beaumont Hospital. Sheila was the loving wife of the late Trevor Champ, who was a stalwart parishioner of Saint Columba's Church. Sheila is sadly missed by her loving daughter Erica, (who gave the wonderful eulogy at Sheila's funeral), and her loving sons Gordon, Andrew, Neville, and Norman, as well as their partners. We send our sympathies to her sister Philomena, and brothers Liam, Anthony, and Johnny, and the grandchildren Eloise, Annabel, Alexander, Jessica, Christopher, and Amelia. Sheila will also be missed by her neighbours and friends who were all very fond of her. Sheila was such a very kind, thoughtful and gracious lady and above all was an amazing Mother, wonderful wife, and a doting Grandmother. A very moving service of thanksgiving for Sheila's life took place on Saturday the 22nd June, which was followed by interment in the adjoining churchyard. May the peace and love of God be with you all in the time ahead.

Get Well Wishes

We pray for a speedy recovery for Mervyn Darlington in Lusk, who had a recent hip replacement, and also to Donald Henderson in Donabate, who underwent surgery on his shoulder and consequently had a spell in hospital in July.

Boys' Brigade

The 7th Dublin Company Boys' Brigade will return after our summer break on Monday 9th September at 6:30pm in the Old Borough School, Swords. We're looking forward to another great year of adventure, games, arts and crafts, gymnastics, in a safe and faith filled environment. If you have a son or grandson that would like to join, please contact our Captain Stephen Vincent (086 8227987) or email us: sevendublin@gmail.com. Following our annual display in May, we've been busy with exciting summer activities including crab fishing, helping at parish summer fairs and outdoor games. A particular highlight this year was the boat trip to Ireland's Eye off Howth, which definitely seemed to make a splash with the boys!



Donabate and Lusk Annual Fete

Niall Minto writes: “The message of love thy neighbour from Saint Luke’s Gospel came to mind as I observed a moment in time at the Annual Donabate and Lusk Fete on the 13th of July. It was a beautiful day and yet again there was a wonderful atmosphere as Saint George’s Brass Band played to the gathered crowd; the kids queued for a horse ride; the BBQ billowed out the summer scent of grilled burgers; and people wandered around exploring the various stalls.

It was simply a lovely day and seemed to be filled with peace and goodwill. This wonderful day doesn’t happen by accident. There were many people involved in the Fete that gave their time, energy and ideas freely and without hesitation. I believe that this happens because people care about each other and want to do things to help each other. Their sense of community is the living action of God’s words 'Love thy neighbour'.

Thank you to everybody from across the parishes that helped out, who visited, who stopped in to say hello, who made it a special day.”

The People's Charter on Dying, Death and Bereavement in Ireland.

The Irish Hospice Foundation asked the people of Ireland what is needed for a good death and for healthy grieving.

3,000 people say

I want to live and die in an Ireland where:

- Death is talked about and not hidden away.
- I can prepare for what lies ahead.
- I can get relief from pain, no matter where I am being cared for or what condition I have.
- I am treated as an individual and my wishes, choices and beliefs are respected.
- I, and the people who care for me, can get the practical services and support that we need.
- I can get information to understand what is happening to me.
- There is the support to help me cope with worries or distress.
- I can die, surrounded by people I love, in a calm and comfortable place. In my home, if at all possible.
- I am supported to stay in control of my own decisions.
- My dignity is respected and maintained to the end of my life, and after my death.



For the people who matter to me, I want an Ireland where:

- People understand grief and do not avoid thinking or talking about it.
- Family and friends are supported during a loved one's illness and after their death.
- People get space and time to grieve, talk and remember.

Help us by rolling out the charter in your community, workplace, family or organisation.

Learn more at hospicefoundation.ie/haveyoursay

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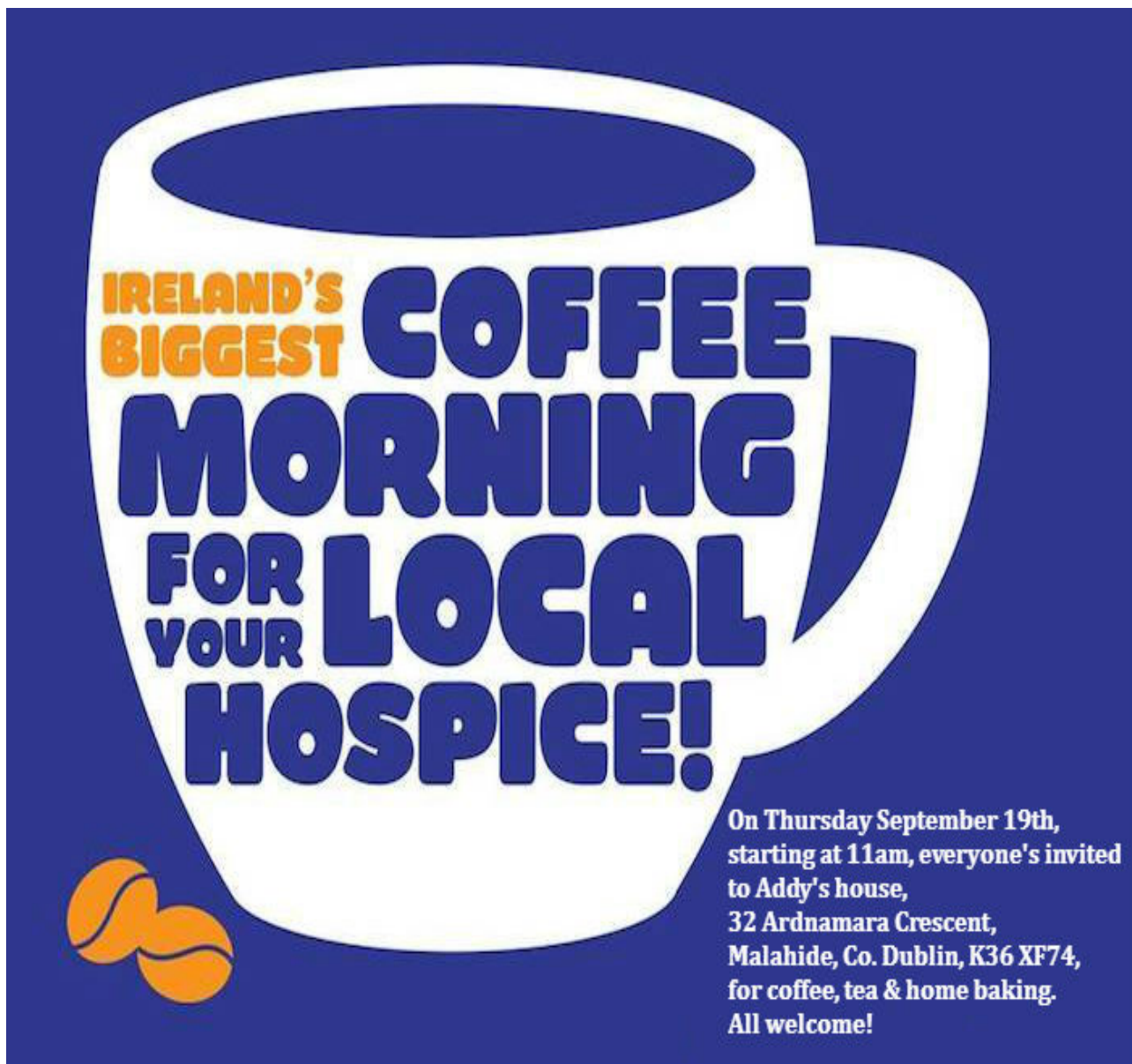


Lectio Divina

The Lectio Divina programme, in which you are invited by the Parish Pastoral Committee to come along and spend some time reading and reflecting on the Gospel for the following Sunday, begins again soon. Please contact Eleanor on 086 3285780 for more information.

William J. Walmsley

Many parishioners will remember Billy, who for many years was a loyal supporter of Donabate and Lusk parish, and an organiser of the Donabate Fete. Having retired to Drogheda, he is now not in the best of health. Anyone who wishes to could send him a message via Addy, or directly at Third Floor East, Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda, County Louth. Please remember him in your prayers. Thank you.



Parish Picnic in Swords



On Sunday 23rd June, after our Family Service, we held our first Parish Picnic in the Rectory garden. Thankfully our prayers were answered and the the rain didn't arrive until all our picnic blankets had been packed away.

It was great to have a crowd of more than eighty parishioners enjoy some food and fellowship before the summer holidays. Many thanks to Lucy, Neal, Gillian, and Stephen who organised the event and provided the BBQ and ice creams.

SEPTEMBER SERVICES	Saint Patrick's in Donabate	Saint Columba's in Swords	Saint David's in Kilsallaghan
1st September 11th Sunday after Trinity	Morning Prayer and *** Sunday Club *** - 10am	Holy Communion - 11.30am	---
8th Sept 12th Sunday after Trinity	Holy Communion - 10am	Morning Prayer + *** Sunday Club *** - 11.30am	Holy Communion - 11.30am
15th Sept 13th Sunday after Trinity	Family Service -10am	Holy Communion - 11.30am	---
22nd Sept 14th Sunday after Trinity	Holy Communion - 10am	Family Service - 11.30am	Morning Prayer - 11.30am
29th Sept 15th Sunday after Trinity	Morning Prayer - 10am	Morning Prayer - 11.30am.	---

Quote of the Month

