

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

**School and College students  
and their teachers  
and parents and families  
are warmly invited to join us  
for a special**

**BLESSING OF THE  
SCHOOL BAGS  
SERVICE**

**on Sunday the 1st of September  
at 10 a.m.  
in  
Saint Patrick's Church  
in Donabate**

**All Welcome**



# **Pet Blessing**



**Sunday the 8th of September at 10 a.m.**

**Saint Patrick's Church Donabate**

**A call for all pets to bring along their  
well-behaved owners.**

**A special service of music, thanksgiving  
and blessing for friendship, loyalty and  
companionship.**

**Everyone welcome**



## Wedding News



The marriage of Rebecca Wolfe and Bobbie Mahony took place in Saint Columba's Church, Swords on Friday 16th of August. The ceremony was conducted by the bride's uncle, the Reverend John Tanner, Rector of Tullow Parish in Dublin.



Caroline Scott, daughter of Brian and Thelma Scott of Donabate & Lusk parish, married Fabian Bock on 27th July at Leez Priory in England. The celebrant was Reverend Annie McTighe-Clary.

Congratulations to both happy couples! We wish Rebecca and Bobbie, and Caroline and Fabian, every blessing for their future lives together.

## Sad News and Condolences

Deepest sympathies to Stephen Vincent and to Billy Goodwin.

Stephen Vincent recently suffered the loss of his mother, Sylvia Vincent, nee Cain.

Sincere condolences to Stephen, and his wife Gillian whose own father very recently passed away, both their families, and all the loved ones of Sylvia, at this very difficult time.

We were sorry to hear of the passing of Dougie Goodwin of Malahide parish, brother of Billy Goodwin. Sincere condolences to Billy and family in their time of bereavement.

Lord, reward our departed loved ones, and support us in our sorrow, you who are the beginning and end for us all.

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## Safeguarding News

The Church of Ireland is committed to ensuring all children and vulnerable adults are protected from harm. We strive towards the highest standards in Safeguarding with children and vulnerable adults. This commitment is outlined in this website: [www.safeguarding.ireland.anglican.org](http://www.safeguarding.ireland.anglican.org).

The new Safeguarding poster is posted on the parish buildings and has the contact information of the Safeguarding panel members. This'll be on the parish website too.

If you have any concerns at all or even questions, please don't hesitate to make contact in complete confidence.

## Safeguarding Panel Membership Changes

Thank you to Eric Hughes, the churchwarden of Saint Columba's, for agreeing to join the panel. Thank you to Lesley for agreeing to replace Neal during Neal's absence. And thank you to Kieran for continuing in his much appreciated role.

Hilary Somers has recently retired from the Safeguarding panel after many years of devoted service. We want to thank her for all the time, effort, and commitment she put into her duties, and most especially for shouldering this significant responsibility on everyone's behalf for so long. ***Thank you very much, Hilary!***



# HELLO KIDS!



IN OUR PARISH WE WANT  
YOU TO FEEL **HAPPY** AND **SAFE**.

IF SOMETHING IS MAKING YOU FEEL SAD OR  
WORRIED TALK TO SOMEONE YOU TRUST SUCH  
AS A PARENT, OTHER FAMILY MEMBER OR LEADER.

## THESE PEOPLE ARE ALSO HERE TO HELP...



**Rev Lesley Robinson**  
087 909 1561



**Eric Hughes**  
085 761 5276



**Kieran O'Connor**  
085 738 3272



## **Swords Harvest Thanksgiving Preparations**

This year's celebration for Swords will take place in Saint Columba's Church at 11.30 .a.m on Sunday 6th October.

Decorating of the Church will commence from 10.30am on Saturday 5th October. Many hands are needed.

If you are unable to attend on Saturday, donations of fruit, vegetables and flowers are most welcome and can be left at the church on Friday morning between 10am and 12am.

Collection can also be arranged.

After the service, the produce will be donated to the local refuge.

### **Take Care**

New Pedestrian Lights have been installed at the entrance to Saint Columba's Church.

Please take extreme care when exiting the churchyard as pedestrians and those on scooters can suddenly emerge from the lane between the church and the rectory grounds.

Be careful out there!

### **Church Services for September**

#### **1st September**

10 a.m. Saint Patrick's Donabate	Blessing of the School Bags & Morning Prayer
11.30 a.m. Saint Columba's Swords	Morning Prayer

#### **8th September**

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

#### **15th September**

10 a.m. Saint Patrick's Donabate	Holy Communion
11.30 a.m. Saint Columba's Swords	Holy Communion

#### **22nd September**

10 a.m. Saint Patrick's Donabate	Holy Communion
11.30 a.m. Saint Columba's Swords	Holy Communion
11.30 a.m. Saint David's Kilsallaghan	Holy Communion

#### **29th September**

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



Oh, God of Dust and Rainbows,  
Help us to see  
That without the dust the rainbow  
Would not be.

Langston Hughes





## DO YOU WANT TO BE PART OF A NEW MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

Thrive is an international movement that supports communities through engagement and activities that build and nurture our mental health and wellbeing.

It is shaped and led by the local community and supported by Mental Health Ireland.

### CALL FOR NEW MEMBERS

Thrive Swords are looking for people with a range of skills and an interest in mental health to come on board this group.

To learn more, please visit:

[www.mentalhealthireland.ie](http://www.mentalhealthireland.ie)

or scan QR code to learn about Thrive in Ireland



If you are interested in joining us, please contact Caroline at:

[Caroline@mentalhealthireland.ie](mailto:Caroline@mentalhealthireland.ie)

or call 087 254 2158



**Membership is Free.**

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