

Parishes of Swords Clonmethan & Kilsallaghan with Donabate & Lusk Newsletter Summer 2026

Grouped Parishes Coffee Morning.

Rev. Yvonne and Ivan have a beautiful new home in Donabate and warmly invite all parishioners from across the parishes to a coffee morning on Bank Holiday Monday, the 1st of June. It would be great to see you there for a cup of tea or coffee, a chat and a chance to catch up together. Also a chance to have a snoop around their penthouse apartment!! Almost like "Through the Keyhole".

Where: The Gallery, Donabate

When: Monday the 1st of June 10.00am – 1.00pm

Directions




As there is no parking within the complex, why not park at the church and enjoy a short walk over. It's a great chance to get a few extra steps in before and after the coffee morning!

Coming from Turvey Avenue, enter The Gallery development through the walkway (Photo 1). Take the left fork (Photo 2) and continue right down to the end. Turn left into the courtyard, and the glass lobby on your right is the entrance to Block D. Once you enter the development, please give Yvonne or Ivan a call and someone will come down to meet you:

Yvonne: 087 699 8238

Ivan: 087 274 7944

RSVP for numbers to Yvonne, Ivan or Niall



**Everyone has a vocation.
Find yours.**

**United Dioceses of Dublin & Glendalough
Vocation Day
Saturday 27 June 2026
10 am – 1pm (lunch provided)
Crinken Church, Bray, A98 VX58
Email rector@crinken.ie or
suziesharris@gmail.com to book or enquire.**

If you feel a wish to serve God but aren't sure what to do next, then this day is for you. Come as you are, with your doubts and your questions. Everyone welcome!



Congratulations

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2026

Congratulations and every blessing to those who were confirmed from our parishes on May the 2nd in Clontarf



PARISH NOTES

Lay Minister Eric Hughes begins training for ordination in autumn...

Praise 'n' Pizza will be on hiatus for the summer and will return in September...

Lay Reader Niall Minto recently ran the Dublin Half Marathon, which is 21.1 KM or just over 13 miles. He's now in training for the full marathon in October...

St Columba's church in Swords will be open this Sunday, May 31st for services as usual. For some time, it had been the plan to paint the church interior, which would have meant the church had to be closed for six weeks. At the eleventh hour, due to factors beyond our control, this project has had to be postponed. The silver lining is the church stays open for worship...

Girls' Brigade Notes



Our Girls Brigade 2025/26 session ended on Sat 18th April with our display, when the girls got to show off everything they had learned over the session. It was very well attended by family and friends to support the girls on the night.

The girls performed their PE, dance, singing, choral speaking and skipping with lots of enthusiasm and were presented with their well deserved prizes.

We hope everyone has a lovely summer and we will return in September for another session. We hope to see everyone back then and would welcome new members too.

Enquiries can be made by contacting Caron Neale on 086 3893175 or email 45thcoswords@girlsbrigadeirl.ie



Derek Evans remembered



Derek Evans, late parishioner, was remembered in prayer during the Holy Communion service on Sunday the 10th of May, which was led by Rev. Yvonne Ginnelly assisted by long time family friend, Lay Minister David Snow.

Derek's widow Marjorie, two of his sons Mark and Peter, and his daughter Rachael Evans attended the service to mark the anniversary of Derek's passing. David reflected on his experiences as Marjorie and Derek made an attempt to teach him the Apostles' Creed during Sunday School, way back when... the key word being 'attempt.' Well, something in their Sunday School teachings must have stuck since David is a Lay Minister now.

Derek is very fondly remembered in the parish he did so much to support, and he is much missed. It's hard to believe it's been a year already. It was good to see Marjorie and her loved ones despite the sad occasion. We wish them well and will continue to remember Derek, and all his loved ones, in our prayers.



Services for June and July

7 th June	10am	Donabate	Morning Prayer
	11.30am	Swords	Morning Prayer
14 th June	10am	Donabate	Holy Communion
	11.30am	Swords	Holy Communion
21 st June	10am	Donabate	Morning Prayer
	11.30am	Swords	Morning Prayer
28 th June	10am	Donabate	Holy Communion
	11.30am	Swords	Holy Communion
	1pm	Kilsallaghan	Holy Communion
5 th July	10am	Donabate	Morning Prayer
	11.30am	Swords	Morning Prayer
12 th July	10am	Donabate	Holy Communion
	11.30am	Swords	Holy Communion
19 th July	10am	Donabate	Morning Prayer
	11.30am	Swords	Morning Prayer
26 th July	10am	Donabate	Holy Communion
	11.30am	Swords	Holy Communion

And, finally...

