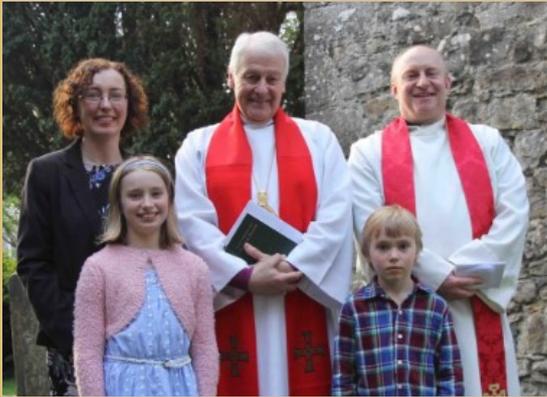


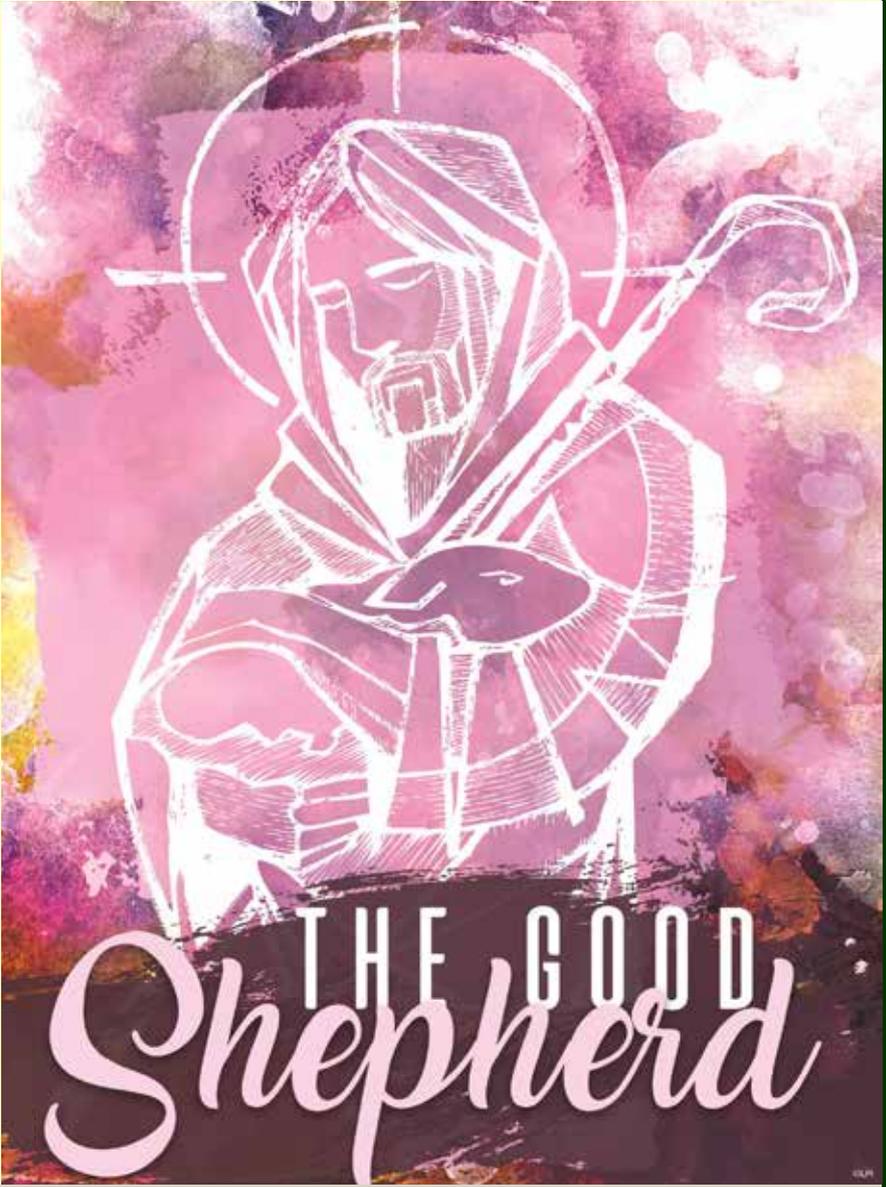
Parish Newsletter

12th May 2019 ✘ 4th Sunday of Easter ✘ Year C

WELCOME



The Revd Neal Phair (right) with his wife Dr Lucy Jessop and their children, and Archbishop Michael Jackson at Neal's institution on Wednesday 1st May as the new Rector of Swords, Clonmethan and Kilsallaghan with Donabate and Lusk. We wish Neal and his family every blessing as he starts his new ministry in North County Dublin.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We ask that you remember in your prayers, the boys and girls of St. Cronan's Junior School who will receive their First Holy Communion next Saturday

Morning Mass on

Saturday 11th May is at 8:45am

Also to remember in your prayers, the boys and girls of Gaelscoil Bhrian Boromhe, Swords & Thornleigh ETNS who will receive their First Holy Communion the following Saturday

Morning Mass on

Saturday 18th May is at 8:45am

This weekend of 11 and 12 May, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday. This Sunday will continue to be an irreplaceable occasion to reflect on the importance of the ministerial priesthood and on prayer for vocations to the priesthood. This is an urgent call for the future of our diocese.

There will no longer be special collection today as it is - with the smaller number of seminarians - the funds collected over the past years are now sufficient for the near future.

In his message for the World day of Prayer for Vocations Pope Francis says that there can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! He encourages us, especially the young, not to be deaf to the Lord's call. *'If he calls you to follow his path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Do not yield to fear, which paralyses us before the great heights to which the Lord points us.'*

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS	PRAY FOR	10 AM MASSES NEXT WEEK
6:30pm: Josephine Slevin (7A)	Mary Maples (MM)	Mon: Special Intention
9:00am: Altar List of the Dead	Denis Ryan (1A)	Tues: Philip & Sarah McCauley (A)
11:00am: Dr. Joe Cox (A)	Philip Cunningham (2A)	Wed: Patrick & Bridget Caulfield (A & BR)
12:30pm: John Ryan & Anne Reilly (A)	Colette Murphy (19A)	Thur: Richard & Eva Kearns (A)
5:30pm: Jack & May Hughes (A)	Nikki Murphy (10A)	Fri: Thanksgiving Mass to the Blessed Trinity
		Sat: Special Intention

Letter to priests and parishes from Archbishop Martin

I wish to let you know of a change regarding Sunday collections in the coming weeks.

On the weekend of 11 and 12 May, we will celebrate *Good Shepherd Sunday*. This Sunday will continue to be an irreplaceable occasion to reflect on the importance of the ministerial priesthood and on prayer for vocations to the priesthood. This is an urgent call for the future of our diocese.

There will no longer be special collection on that day because as it is - with the smaller number of seminarians - the funds collected over the past years are now sufficient to cover such expenses for at least five years. The funds already collected will be devoted exclusively to the original intention and especially to the fostering of vocations.

On the following weekend, 18/19 May, we will for the first time hold a new collection which will be called the *Ministry Sunday Collection*.

This new annual collection will replace the Share Collection and will be devoted to support the building up of new forms of lay ministry in our parishes. The work of spreading the Gospel of Jesus in our changing religious culture will require more lay men and women working in various ways alongside our priests at the heart of parish communities.

We are already blessed with many people who give of themselves generously in various ministries in parishes. These include our Parish Pastoral Workers. We also count on an increasing number of parish catechists, attending to the faith development of young adults and young families and to the catechetical needs of the increasing number of children who do not attend Catholic schools.

The *Ministry Sunday Collection* is about ensuring that we will have the people we need - men and women who will be to the fore in making our parishes vibrant faith communities into the future.

While many of those involved will be volunteers, we will have to equip and train leaders and provide facilities for formation. We want to work towards a situation where all parishes in this Archdiocese benefit from their gifts and expertise. The new collection is one-step in that process.

In the second reading on *Ministry Sunday* our God says, 'I am making all things new'. This is a powerful challenge to us to trust in God's future. I hope that today's appeal will inspire a generous response in your hearts for our future as vibrant communities of faith.

+Diarmuid Martin,
Archbishop of Dublin

St. Joseph's Young Priests Society

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday May 14th at 10:30am in the Parish Centre. All welcome.



HOLY LAND: 13th—21st September



€1,765.00
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The Pilgrimage will be led by Fr. Paul Thornton and will visit all the main places in the life of Jesus. It will be some years before there will be another pilgrimage from the Parish. Limited places available.

Contact MAP Travel for booking
01 8783111

A LOOK AT THE NEW ALTAR, AMBO AND CHAIR

Below is the proposed design for the different pieces of Altar furniture. There will also be two servers stools, an ambry for the holy oils, a new tabernacle lamp, candle holders, flower stands and the radiators along the back of the sanctuary will be covered.



Learn to Jive & Keep Fit

Jiving Lessons starting this Wednesday 15th May
Applewood Community Centre at 8:15pm
Great exercise & fun — no partner required
For more details, contact Declan from
Get Up And Jive on 087 755 7163



Children's Faith Space



Have you noticed our new space in the church for our younger parishioners? As well as showing what our Family Mass group have been doing, there are a variety of faith based books you can share with your child. You are welcome to use it at any time.

ROSARY Each day in May 2019, thousands of people from all around Ireland will gather at their local Grottos to recite the Rosary for Faith and Life in Ireland. To sign up your local Grotto, text/call 087 278 6552 or at www.coastalrosaryireland.ie

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PARISH DIARY

DATE	EVENT
MAY 2019	
18th	8:45am Morning Mass
18th	10am First Holy Communions Gaelscoil Bhrian Boroimhe
18th	12noon First Holy Communions Swords & Thornleigh ETNS
27th	7:30pm Service of Light Swords & Thornleigh ETNS
JUNE 2019	
8th	9am Morning Mass
8th	11am Confirmations Swords & Thornleigh ETNS

THE PARISH DIARY IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

FAMILY OFFERING

Thank you for your support and generosity to the ongoing running costs of the Parish.

March Standing Order: €3152.00

Family Offering: €905.21

First Collection: €1298.23 (€361.70 for tax reclaim)

Share Collection: €1030.00 (€267.80 for tax reclaim)

Easter Dues

EASTER DUES: the envelopes have been included with the receipts in an effort to use less paper. There will be Dues Envelopes also available at the back of the Church. This contribution together with the First Collection supports Fr. Paul and Fr. Bibin and the sick and retired priests in the Diocese. Please return in the collection on Sunday or to the white post boxes. We are very grateful for your generous support.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Mon: 10.30 am – 11.30 am

Wed: 6.00 pm – 11.00 pm

Fri: 10.30 am – 5.45pm

Sat: 10.30am – 11.30am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on the last Sunday of every month from 4pm—5pm. Can you stay 1 hour with me? We encourage new people to come & join us.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer Books, Rosary Beads, Rosettes, Medals, Souvenirs etc. for First Holy Communion & Confirmation available in main porch after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses.

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS!

If you could give 20-30 minutes per month you could do a lot to spread the Good News. Help needed to deliver the free Catholic Paper "Alive!" in a number of areas of the parish eg. St. Cronan's Estate and Swords Manor etc. Information from Legion of Mary members in main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses.

THE ROSARY

Praying for a special intention? Praying for peace? The Rosary Statue was blessed for use in the homes of the Parish at the recent Candlelight Procession. If you would like to pray the rosary and have the rosary statue in your home for a week, or get more information, please contact a member of Legion of Mary in main porch after Saturday evening or Sunday morning Masses.



'LIKE' Legion of Mary Brackenstown Swords

Praying with God's Word

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER: First Reading: Acts 13:14,43-52; Second Reading Rev 7: 9,14-17; Gospel John 10:27-30

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER: First Reading: Acts 14:21-27; Second Reading: Rev 21:1-5a; Gospel John 13:31-33a, 34-35



How do we come to know God?

We are sometimes tempted to think that it must have been easy for those who met Jesus face-to-face in first century Palestine. And, yet, we read in the Gospels that only a minority recognised him for who he was; many walked away from him, finding his claims too hard to take. Others sought to kill him because he threatened the religious equilibrium of the day; the crowd succeeded in having him crucified. Recognizing Jesus for who he was is not



all that obvious, even among his friends and acquaintances. I don't think we are at any greater disadvantage than they were. The challenge we face is similar to theirs: how do we recognise God? How do we come to know him? Where do we look; how do we go about it? One approach to

this question is to think about how we come to know another person. Two things are essential in that process: the other person must be willing to be known and we need to spend time with them, allowing ourselves to be known in turn. It is very much a two-way process.

Applying that human experience to our relationship with God allows us to see certain parallels and, of course, radical differences. First of all, does God let himself be known? Yes, he does in two different ways. One way is through creation, that is, both nature and other people. The other way is through what we technically call 'revelation'. Revelation is the lifting of the veil that enables us to get glimpses of God but the veil is never removed completely so that our knowledge of God is always partial.

Faith Questions from *Columba Books* is edited by Leahy & Marmion

Quote of the week

As Pope John XXIII said: "I never met a pessimist who managed to do something good". The Lord is the first not to be pessimistic. He constantly tries to open up paths of resurrection for all of us.

– Pope Francis



Challenge:

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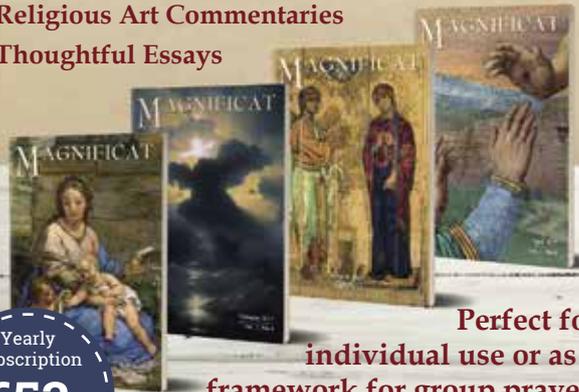
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