

CLANN CEOL 2018 CHARITY CONCERT



The date Friday 13th April 2018 will be remembered for a long time by all those who attended the "Clann Ceol 2018 Charity Concert" in the Donaghmore Ashbourne Parish Church. The evening hosted by the local

Ashbourne and District Lions Club was in aid of "Special Olympics Team-Ash" and the "World meeting of families." The huge attendance was welcomed by Steve Trodden President of Ashbourne Lions, Father Derek Darby PP of Donaghmore/ Ashbourne and Joe Bourke Chairman Club Ash. However it was the heart-warming speeches from our Special Olympians Wayne Farrell, Bryan McLoughlan and Eoin Carey that set the tone for the night.

Eurovision Winner Eimear Quinn entered the church (now candlelit) via the main entrance, singing an ancient haunting song a cappella. Thereafter Eimear also performed MC duties and introduced

each of the performances in great detail. The atmosphere in the church was very special as Will Palmer and the Dublin Brass Ensemble, Mamisa, and Schola Hyberniae all took their turn to wow and inspire the audience. A wide and varied programme included Stella Splendens, 3 French Dances, One Day like this, When I'm Sixty Four and Ave Maria. Not to be outdone our local organist Ephrem Feeley and Lion Will Palmer played Three Trumpet & Organ pieces. Eimear Quinn brought this special evening to a close with a superb rendition of her Eurovision

winning song from 1996 "The Voice". An enthusiastic standing ovation from the audience brought about a final encore from all performers and everyone left the Church with a smile on their face.

While the Lions Club look forward to working with Eimear Quinn and Will Palmer again for the next "Clann Ceol" evening 2019, we would like to take this opportunity and extend our very best wishes to our local Special Olympians as they continue their preparations to compete in the Summer games 2018.

