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First wedding takes place in Swords Castle chapel

Fingal County Council is delighted to announce that the first civil ceremony took place in the Swords Castle chapel on Saturday, 12 January.

Alan Duffy and Vivian Bom were the first couple to be married by civil ceremony in the chapel in the 800 year old medieval castle.

The castle was built around 1200 by the Archbishop of Dublin, John Comyn as a residence and administrative centre and is the best surviving example of an Archbishop’s palace in Ireland.

The chapel has undergone extensive reconstruction since 1995. The renovations include a new oak beamed roof, a timber gallery leading to the Chamber Block and new windows. The north window depicts a Jesse tree, inspired by windows in Chartres Cathedral.

Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Anthony Lavin said: “Swords Castle is an important historical and cultural site for Fingal. The chapel is a beautiful setting for a civil ceremony and I would like to congratulate Alan and Vivian on being the first couple to be married in this unique venue.”

Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, Paul Reid said: “I’m delighted that we were able to facilitate Alan and Vivian’s wedding. Swords Castle is an important heritage site and I look forward to the chapel’s continued use as a wedding venue.”
Fingal County Council is delighted to help couples plan their wedding. Those interested in availing of the chapel should note that civil ceremonies need to be approved by the HSE well in advance of their wedding. The HSE register marriages and carry out all civil service ceremonies. For more information, please see: https://www2.hse.ie/services/births-deaths-and-marriages/how-to-get-married-in-ireland/how-to-get-married-in-ireland.html

Those interested in getting married at the chapel can make initial enquiries to Fingal County Council by emailing Swords.Castleevents@fingal.ie

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Photo caption: Alan Duffy and Vivian Bom on their wedding day in Swords Castle Chapel