

NEWS — *from the* — PEWS

It's nothing short of amazing what the mind throws up from time to time from that great store of memories we all bank.

In a conversation this morning at the school, during the planning of services for Holy Week, I was transported back in time, by the most fleeting of thoughts, into the red-cushioned pews of St. Ann's Church, Dawson Street. I remembered a particular Good Friday vigil from 12noon to 3pm during which the full narrative of the Passion of Jesus was read, interspersed by reflections, prayers and hymns.

As a child of ten or eleven years of age, nestled snugly against the large frame of my Father, I remember being utterly embarrassed by the fact that I was quietly crying. My upset was simply explained, in words that surfaced suddenly during this morning's conversation; 'They had killed him (Jesus), and I loved him.' Even to a child, the words and actions of this beautiful man made perfect sense; they seemed to sit right in the grand context of things. His was a way to live that obliterated division and fear.

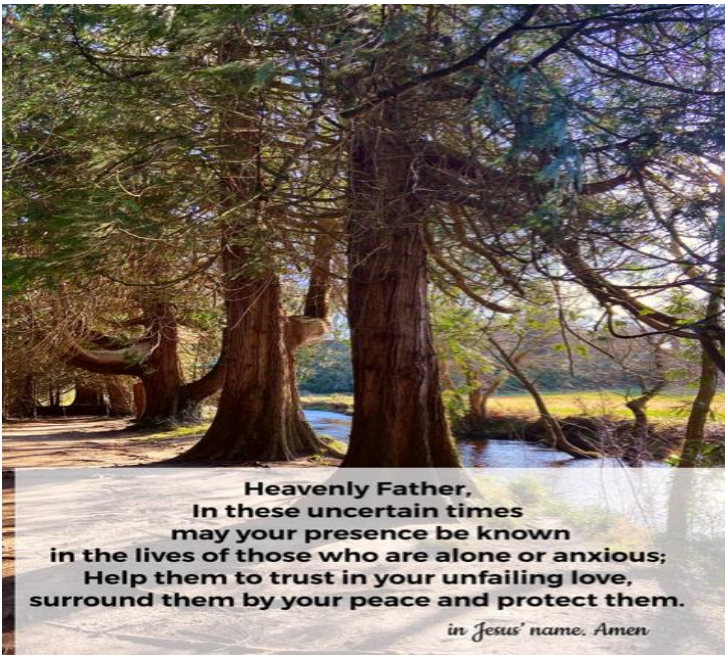


The Gospels for each Sunday in Lent are chosen to provide a clear picture of the person and teachings of Christ from his temptation, through conversation with the intelligent Pharisee Nicodemus who learns the difference between the worldly and the spiritual

and this Sunday (15th) the woman at the well who experiences acceptance from one who 'knows everything I have ever done!'

As our journey continues through Lent, we invite you to join us for our Sunday Services and Family All-Age Worship Services (22nd March – Mother's Day) and a variety of events and Services throughout Holy Week and Easter Day as we mark this significant time in our Church's year and celebrate the teachings and person of Christ.

LET US KNOW.... During these uncertain times, please don't hesitate to call if you need assistance; particularly if you live alone. Please make contact with someone you know from the parish or the Rector (086 3583104). We would be delighted to help in any way we can.



Press Release



Church of Ireland Guidance in Relation to Novel Coronavirus (COVID – 19)

The following advisory guidelines for the Church of Ireland's response regarding the novel coronavirus (Covid–19) reflect previous advice provided by the Church as a response to pandemic flu. The guidelines offer a general framework to parishes, subject to further approval or other advice that may be considered appropriate by the diocesan bishop.

- 1. Follow all public health guidance provided by state authorities**
- 2. Physical interaction during services, including the Sign of Peace, should be suspended.**
- 3. Stay at home if you feel ill and display influenza-like symptoms.**
- 4. The Church's duty of care extends to members of the clergy.** If you have influenza-type symptoms, do not call the clergy for pastoral visitation. Pastoral support for parishioners who are unable to attend church services should be provided by telephone or online (e.g. Skype).
- 5. Everyone administering Holy Communion should wash their hands or use alcohol-based hand gel before beginning.** Holy Communion should be administered only in one kind (bread) and

placed into the hands only and not onto the tongue. Only the celebrant should drink from the chalice. Holy Communion is normally received in both kinds separately – bread and wine – but may be received in either kind, and those who are incapable of receiving the sacrament are to be assured that they are by faith partakers of the body and blood of Christ and of the benefits He conveys to us by them (Book of Common Prayer, p.440).



ECUMENICAL LENTEN PROGRAMME 2020

1). Evening Lenten Series: "PEACE - Learning to Sit with God"

Powerscourt Parochial Hall

Written and led by Rev. Cathy Hallissey

Thursdays: March 19th and 26th at 8.15pm

2). Daytime Prayer Sessions: "SITTING WITH the GOSPELS of LENT"

Venue 1. St Mary's Church, Enniskerry (Prayer Room)

Monday Afternoons: March 16th, 23rd and 30th at 1.45 pm.

Tea and biscuits at 1.30 pm (babysitting provided).

Venue 2. St Mochonog's Church, Kilmacanogue

Wednesday Mornings: March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, and April 1st. at 10.30am.

As part of our Lenten observance, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish is hosting a series of sessions, "Sitting with the Gospels of Lent". There will be five weekly sessions during which people will be invited to participate in a quiet, prayerful reflection on the Gospel reading for the following Sunday.

This is an excellent way in which to prepare for Easter and to move deeper into the richness and beauty of the Scriptures.

The meetings will be based on the simple but profound approach to reading the Bible, called *Lectio Divina*. This method is easily accessible to everyone regardless of previous experience. All are warmly welcomed.

PARISH LUNCH – CANCELLED

Parish Lunch held in the Powerscourt Arms will be cancelled this month due to the COVID- 19 restrictions. Thank you for your understanding.

POWERSCOURT MUSIC GROUP - *Back on Mother's Day!*



The worship group will be providing music for the family service on Mothering Sunday and welcome any new members.



HOLY WEEK and EASTER

Powerscourt with Kilbride

Tuesday, 7th April

Service of Wholeness and Healing

Kilbride Church at 8pm

Wednesday, 8th April

Tenebrae

The Passion Narrative

Kilbride Church at 8pm

Thursday, 9th April

Seder Meal and Holy Eucharist

Powerscourt National School at 8pm

Friday, 10th April

Ecumenical 'Way of the Cross'

Leaving from St. Mary's Church, Enniskerry at 11am

UPDATING OF THE REGISTER OF VESTRY MEMBERS

It is that time of year again as we prepare for the Easter General Vestry Meeting by updating our Register of Vestry Members.

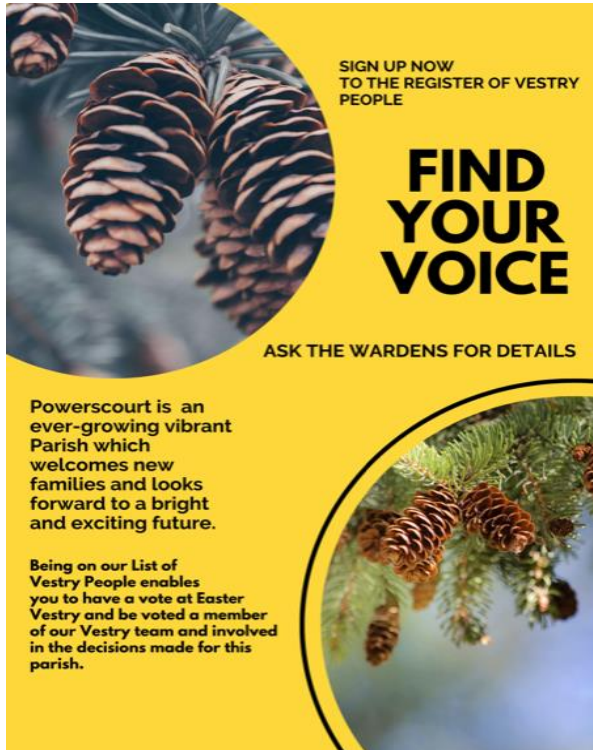
Being a member of General Vestry for this parish gives you a voice and the right to nominate / vote (or to be nominated or elected) at Easter General Vestry meeting, in the election of Select Vestry members.

An alphabetised list of registered General Vestry members is held in the churches. If you are not sure whether you are already registered, please contact Judy Cameron on 01 2860122 and this can be checked for you.

If you wish to be added please fill the Form of Declaration available from the Parish Office or in the Churches.

Forms may be returned to Churchwardens or Select Vestry secretary (Barbara Davis).

If you are in the register and **wish to be removed** (e.g. if you are moving away and / or you wish to be added to the register in another parish) please submit your request for removal in writing to the Select Vestry Secretary or the Parish Secretary



SIGN UP NOW
TO THE REGISTER OF VESTRY
PEOPLE

FIND YOUR VOICE

ASK THE WARDENS FOR DETAILS

Powerscourt is an
ever-growing vibrant
Parish which
welcomes new
families and looks
forward to a bright
and exciting future.

Being on our List of
Vestry People enables
you to have a vote at Easter
Vestry and be voted a member
of our Vestry team and involved
in the decisions made for this
parish.

EASTER GENERAL VESTRY MEETINGS

- Powerscourt Monday 27th April at 8pm in Powerscourt NS
- Kilbride Thursday 23rd April 8pm in Parish Room.

SIZZLE SERVICE: Sizzle Service that was scheduled for this Sunday 15th March will unfortunately not go ahead.



KILBRIDE NEWS The church has been enhanced with some new lights – thanks to Rory for supplying same and to Terry for organising the electrician to place them.

The parish table quiz is on Friday 20th March at 8p.m. – venue to be confirmed. Tables of 4 €40. First prize €200, 2nd prize €100. We will also have a raffle.

Congratulations to all the recently confirmed parishioners – in particular Adam Johnson from this parish. He received his first communion in Kilbride on the 1st March albeit no wine as per restrictions due to Covid virus.

The church will be decorated and cleaned for the Easter festival on Saturday 11th April at 10a.m. Helpers very welcome.

Easter Vestry is on Thursday 23rd April at 8p.m. in the Parish Room. A short meeting of the Select Vestry will take place after this meeting.

We continue to remember in our prayers those parishioners who are sick at home or in Hospital.

CHARABANC NOTES contact Marjorie Mold on 2083499.



We are looking forward to our birthday lunch on 27th March when we hope some will bring a friend to celebrate the birthdays of the month.

We are still hoping Anna and Sheila will be well enough to come along.

At the moment we are keeping our fingers crossed we are not stopped by the virus running around. So will keep it monitored.

Submitted by Marjorie Mold

PASTORAL CARE contact Joyce Roe 2862645 or Marjorie Mold 2863499.



We are hoping to hold our Sunday Lunch on 29th March all going well on the infection front.

We aim these lunches at those who are normally alone or those who would like a gentle Sunday lunch and good company and we keep our numbers down to about 28 to make it more personal.

We will phone round in good time, but if you are not on the list and would like to be included do call either Joyce or Marjorie

We continue to think of all those who are unwell at the moment and wish you well.

Submitted by Marjorie Mold

PARISH VISITS

Please let us know if you would like a Parish visit by contacting Rev. Cathy on 086 3583104 or Mandy in the parish office on 2863862.



ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE contact Joyce Roe 2862645



Our dinner was a great success and hopefully everyone went home well fed

and fully entertained on the night Thanks to Richard we now have a resident magician in the parish, who knows what he will pull out of the hat in the future.

We certainly enjoyed the night and have had very complimentary reviews so

far.

Next up will be the summer BBQ in the tent so watch this space.

Submitted by Marjorie Mold

FLOWER GUILD contact Marjorie Mold 2863499

Flowers in church this month will be by Mrs. Mold on 15th and Mrs Sutton on 22nd and 29th March.

Should anyone want memorial flowers in church on any Sunday do please call Marjorie any time.

We are also open for orders for wedding flowers if you are thinking of the special occasion.



Submitted by Marjorie Mold

MOTHERS UNION

Bethany Stanley gave us a “teenagers insight” on her trip to the Holy Land. Her love of cats became very apparent in her slide show. Rev. Baden Stanley was also on hand to help with the presentation. Next meeting is on Monday 20th April when there will be a talk on climate change and bee-keeping. Anyone interested in the Mothers Union can contact Georgina on 01 2614036



TABLE TENNIS



Please come along and join the (small) group playing in the Parochial Hall at 8p.m. on Monday nights. A number of us have also joined Kilternan – they play on Wednesday night from 8p.m. in the Parish Centre.

SUNDAY COFFEE LIST

Contact Joyce Roe 2862645 or Marjorie Mold 087 6472668.

Those on list for the coming weeks as follows:

Should you not be available on any of your days please call Marjorie or Joyce.



Sunday 15th March 2020

Mrs. Chandler and Marjorie Mold

Sunday 22nd March 2020

Mrs. Slazenger & Mrs. McGovern

Sunday 29th March 2020

Mrs & Mr. Chambers

MARCH LECTORS SCHEDULE:

MAR	SERVICE	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	LECTOR 3
1	Holy Communion with Mustard Seeds	Susan Forsythe	Barney Austen	Rev. Cathy
8	Morning Prayer	Judy Lovett	Colin Walker	Ronan Scanlan
15	Holy Communion with Mustard Seeds	Adrianne Pullen	Brendan Allen	Rev. Cathy
22	Family Service	Oran Allman	Kaitlyn Molloy	Rev. Cathy
29	Service of the Word	Ruth-Anne Chambers	Tom Dalton	Rev. Cathy

PARISH WEBSITE

Our new Parish website has been launched. Naturally there will be a few teething problems and we appreciate your patience and tolerance. If there is anything that you would like to add to the website, please email Mandy in the Parish office on office@powerscourtns.ie.

AND FINALLY....

Our next News from the Pews will be issued on March 27th, 2020. We would welcome news or articles on events or stories you may have and wish to share with the community. If you would like to be included in this Newsletter please contact Mandy Berkeley, School and Parish Secretary, at **(01) 2863862**.

KILBRIDE WORSHIP TIMES AND SERVICES

Sunday	10.00 am
1st Sunday of the Month	Holy Communion One
2nd Sunday of the Month	Family Service
3rd Sunday of the Month	Holy Communion One
4th Sunday of the Month	Morning Prayer Two
5th Sunday of the Month	Service of the Word

POWERSCOURT WORSHIP TIMES AND SERVICES

Thurs	Morning Eucharist
10:00am	Holy Communion and Prayer for the Sick
Sunday	
8:30am	11.30 am
1 st Sunday of the Month	Holy Communion Two
2 nd Sunday of the Month	Family Service
3 rd Sunday of the Month	Holy Communion Two
4 th Sunday of the Month	Morning Prayer
5 th Sunday of the Month	Service of the Word

Parochial Hall Organisations - Bookings Marjory Dalton 086 160 1721

Monday	Brownies	5.45 - 7.00	Betty Prender	087 6860260
	Table Tennis	8.00 - 10.00	Joyce Roe	086 8191209
		09.30 -	Susan	
Tuesday	Zumba Gold	10.30	O'Brien	087 2449875
		09.30 -	Susan	
	Zumba	10.30	O'Brien	087 2449875
	Bridge Club	7.30 - 10.30	Vonny Kelly	086 7956355
Wednesday		10.00 -	Carol	
	League of Health	12.00	MacNeaney	01 2824463
	Lego Club	2.30 - 4.30	Karl Quinn	089 2544784
			Ethni	
	Gardening Club	8.00 - 10.00	Seymour	086 8092211
Thursday	Tai Chi (2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Wednesday)	7.30 - 9.00	David Marshall	087 2072792
		09.30 -		
	Parents & Tots Entertainments	11.00	Carol Bird	01 2767807
	Committee	8.00 - 9.30	Joyce Roe	086 8191209
	Yoga	7.00 - 8.15	Mel	086 2210567
Friday			Marjorie	
	Charabanc	2.30 - 4.30	Mold	01 2863499
Saturday		10.15 -	Breeda	
	Irish Dancing	12.15	Finnerty	087 4198988
Sunday	Local Crafts	10.00 - 6.00	Ray Cranley	086 0779514