

NEWS — from the — PEWS

News from the Pews 17th April 2020

FROM BENEATH THE PINES...

It took a little while, but Fr. Bernard and the parishioners of St. Mary's Church were more than willing to come together to produce the little video made for Good Friday. It is one of the most significant events in

the ecumenical life of our village to walk the Cross from St. Mary's church up to St. Patrick's in Powerscourt.

In order to adhere to the restrictions, it was decided that Fr. Bernard, following a short address, would carry the cross to the doorway, Sally Phalan would carry it to the gate and our Ed would collect same and drop it to me outside St. Patrick's.



What came together was a poignant little piece reflecting the empty streets of Enniskerry and yet, declaring the resilience of prayer and good will among our two churches and the community at large.



As the dawn broke on Easter Day, two figures could be spotted in the Paddock next to Powerscourt Graveyard. One held a torch



and a piece of paper, the other struggled with a lighter and a pascal candle; then there was the small fire, firelighters and an elusive match. It wasn't a far cry from some elaborate 'Two Ronnie's' sketch.

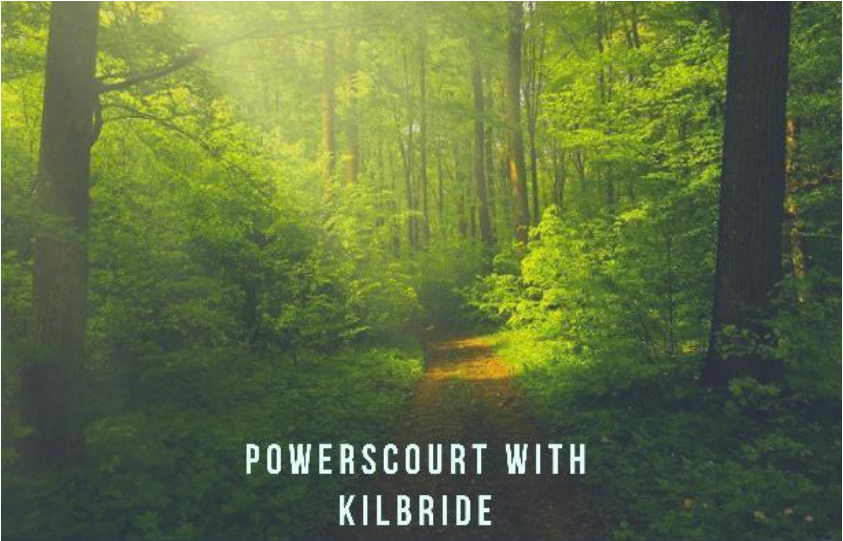
Whatever was produced by my ever-patient and more than willing spouse and myself, it was a lot less jumbled and 'all over the place' under the title 'Greeting the Dawn' on film than in the damp grass of early morning fumbling and giggling in the dark surrounded by almost deafeningly sweet birdsong. 'Ah if only' I heard him say 'If only we had one more pair of hands!



The 42 takes for any given recording are becoming quite the norm in our house and the surrounds. It's startling for many passing to witness what appears to be a lady in a collar and a monkey in the grounds of the Rectory or (dare I say it) the Graveyard! These days a multitude of creative ways are needed by which to bring church out into social media and I have to say that it is a new and exciting process at the most difficult of times. Already, throughout the Dioceses of Ireland, Clergy with a broad variety of different styles are producing equally different versions of Worship and each is being visited by hundreds more people than would ever enter our churches. It is possible that, at such a harrowing time for many, other doors are opening by which comfort is given. It would be a prayer of mine that we never completely return to the way we were before where church is concerned. I mean this as no criticism but merely an eagerness to continue to reach people through social media with the message of Christ. What I hope will happen in the future, when the world reopens itself to public gatherings, is that those who have begun to engage through social media will seek further communication in the form of religious worship gatherings. The question I might ask all of you is 'how do we incorporate the use of this type of outreach into our new lives when they occur?'

This page gives me the opportunity to thanks our Care Group who constantly reach out to those more isolated in our parish and provide, in doing so, the priceless treasure of friendship and companionship. You are all constantly held in prayer, remembering in particular the families whose members are front-line at this time or the family with relatives in Nursing Care or who are ill at present. May God bless you all and keep you safe and well in the weeks to come.

Every blessing, Cathy



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WORSHIP WITH US ONLINE!

Every Sunday Morning
on our Website and Facebook

Powerscourt with Kilbride (Website))

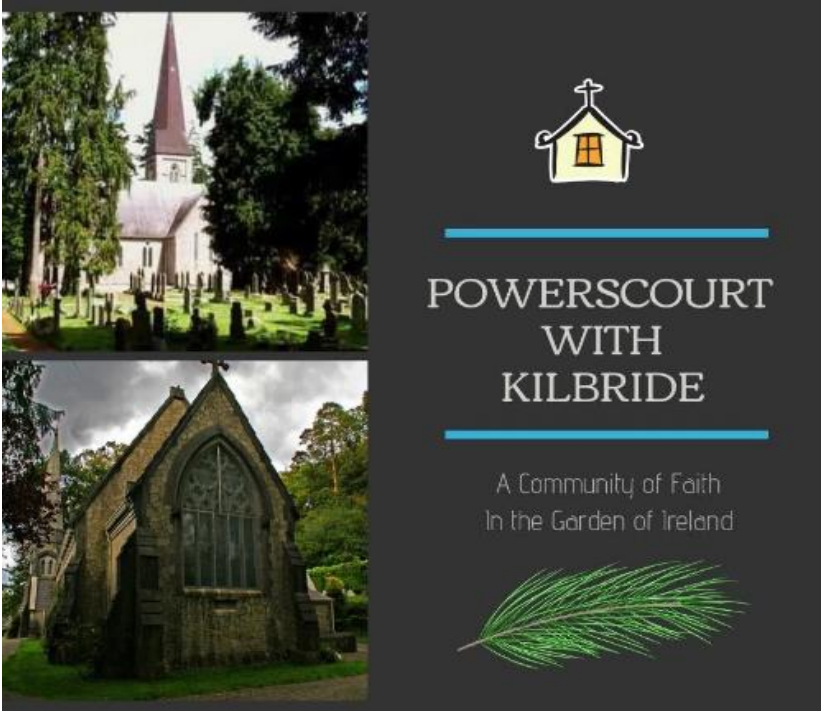
The Grouped Parishes of Powerscourt with Kilbride
(Facebook)



We have emailed to the Parish today 'God's word for this Week', which is the service sheet for the Second Sunday of Easter, 19th April 2020.



SUNDAY WORSHIP



Easter Sunday Service will be available online from early Sunday morning. Please follow the below links to view the service.

<https://www.facebook.com/The-Grouped-Parishes-of-Powerscourt-with-Kilbride-1514315732033467/>

<http://www.powerscourt.glendalough.anglican.org/test/sunday-worship/>



HIDDEN TREASURES BY MAGGIE PREMAVESIE

When the fields are empty, brown and bare
and lanes still streaked with mud.
For nature's beauty don't despair-
there's treasure in the wood.

It's not the gold of kings and queens
Long buried, ages deep;
This treasure lies between the trees
Where brambles twist and creep.

The pretty blooms are far more fair
Than golden rings or silver studs
So take an walk, see if you can spot
the treasure in the wood



Hymn for the Day and Sunday Self-Service

As part of our offering in the current situation, we are encouraging everyone to join us in singing our Hymn for the Day, found below, updated daily Monday to Saturday usually in the early afternoon. The words will appear on screen as the music plays. The full playlist can be found [here](#).

For Sundays, we will be supplying Sunday Self-Service: a short service including hymns, readings, and prayers, which you can find updated each week at the bottom of this page. You will be able to follow using the order of service which accompanies the recording.

RSCM Hymn of the Day & Sunday Service

[Church Music Dublin](#)

[Facebook](#)

CHARABANC contact Marjorie Mold 2863499 or 087 647 2668



As we are not meeting these days, we can just keep in contact by Phone etc so don't be afraid to pick up the phone and call Anne or Marjorie any time

PASTORAL CARE contact Joyce Roe 2862645 or Marjorie Mold 087 647 2668

In these difficult times it is important to keep in touch and we will phone round from time to time just to say 'Hello', while we are all locked in our homes.

It is wonderful to have so many of the young people looking out for those who are not able to go out. THANK YOU.



If you haven't had a call, do pick up the phone any time we will be glad to hear from you.

At least the weather is lovely so we can get in the gardens and the flowers are in bloom, so it is not all so bad.



Just to pass a few minutes of the day I have found a vintage money quiz to tickle your memories.

PRE-DECIMAL TIMES

Can you make up the account for the poor old chap counting his money?

He needs some leather for his shoe, so he went to the **tanner** for supplies. In haste he decided to take his **Pony** and make some calls on his way. So, he called to his friend to whom he owed a **dollar**, then to the bookies where he put a **monkey** on the favourite hoping to make at least a **grand** on the bet. While he was out, he checked the cricket **score** then he went on to donate a **quid** to the local charity box in the church, where the young **tenor** was in full swing, here he met Cathy with her friend **Copperpot**.

Outside he saw a young busker trying to make a **bob** or so on looking in the hat he saw hardly a **groat** so left **half a crown** for him

Feeling a bit lighthearted he decided to treat his wife and spent **ten guineas** on a new hat which looked a **bit** like a **crown but** at least he tried to please her.

Then on to the fuel merchant where he ordered a **ton** of coal next to the greengrocer where he spent **half a nicker** on bits and pieces

Later he met a friend and played a **hand** of cards before going home to his poor wife who must have had the patience of job

No doubt I have left out some of the names and hope you will forgive me my moment of foolishness.

In the meantime, do give Marjorie or Ann a call if you feel like a chat or a helping hand.



We hope that you find this a useful and invigorating resource. In fact, we hope and pray that as you strengthen your ministry, you also contribute your teaching and learning ideas on our [Facebook page](#) so that others can be encouraged and can grow from your ministry!

www.cm.ireland.anglican.org

Children's Ministry generally comes under the care of the Sunday School Society for Ireland and the Children's Ministry Network, both of which are accessible from [this site](#).

Added to this, you will find information on resources, supplementary materials, and events and training that are taking place both nationally and locally.

You can also find a playlist of Children's Ministry videos on

www.youtube.com.



Prayers for Children During Coronavirus



Dear God,
Before I go to sleep, I say a little prayer
For all the others counting sheep
For children everywhere.
For those who may not have the things
That fill my heart with glee
Please bless them all dear Lord I pray,
And please dear Lord, bless me. Amen

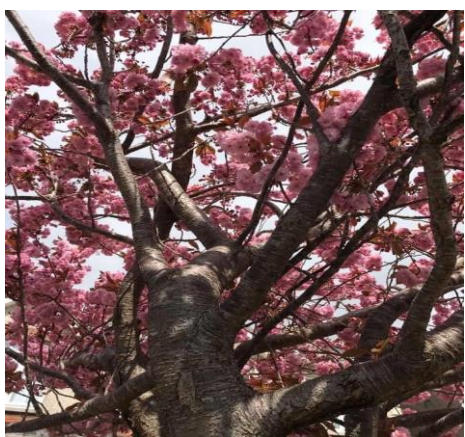
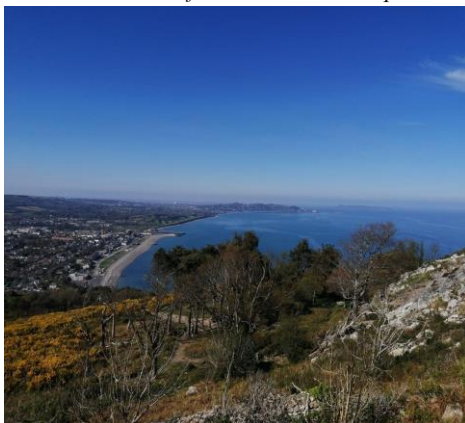
By Rev. Cathy Hallissey

GALLERY

We thought you might like to know how some of your Parish friends are filling their time. Thank you to all those who submitted photos, they are beautiful.



Photo Credit: Barbara Molloy





Fund Raising Global Concert with over 70 artists.

One World, Together at home is a historic, cross-platform global broadcast and digital special that will celebrate and support frontline workers and the WHO.

The concert will be shown on live platforms on the 18th April but also recorded and shown on RTE Two on Sunday 19th April at 7pm. The concert will feature over 70 artists including the below:

- Andrea Bocelli
- Elton John
- Paul McCartney
- Stevie Wonder

For more information view the following sites:

<https://www.facebook.com/GLBLCTZN/>

<https://www.globalcitizen.org/en/connect/togetherathome/>

*Special
Request*

We are aware that there are a small number of parishioners that have no access to internet or email. Could we please make a small request that if you know of anyone who would not have received the service or the 'News From the Pews' and would like it, could you please print and pop it in a friends letter box or let us know and we will post them a copy. We would be very grateful for this.

Keep updated with what is going on through the following resources:

PARISH FACEBOOK

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PARISH WEBSITE

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DIOCESAN WEBSITE

<https://www.ireland.anglican.org/>

CHURCH REVIEW

<https://dublin.anglican.org/news/church-review/about-church-review>