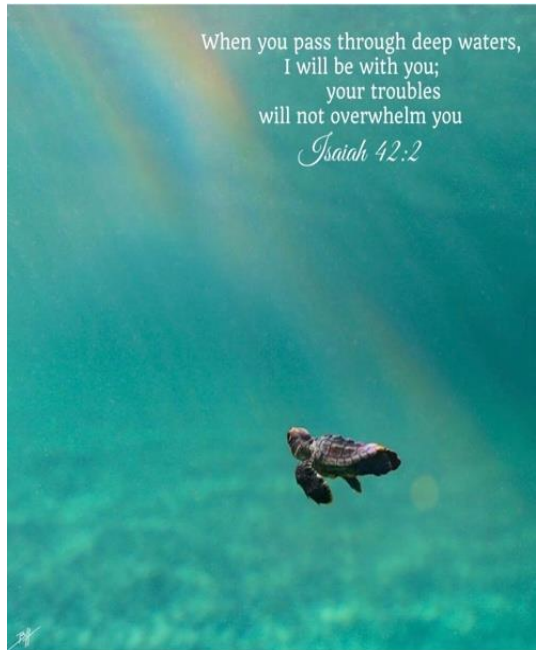


NEWS — from the — PEWS

LOCKDOWN

The Rectory windows provide a beautiful vista across the road to the school set snugly into a newly ploughed hillside and off to the right to the gates of Powerscourt Estate and back down through the beautiful graveyard where the warm barks of tall pines catch the early morning sunlight. Something is missing. Humans. There is an eerie silence around the school and the only activity to the front of the house is the busyness of our bird table as the garden's hedgerows spring to life in the warmth of sunshine and longer days. Did we ever think that we would see this in our lifetime and doesn't it feel distinctly like we are part of a movie?

This is a remarkably difficult time for those who are suffering the loss of loved ones or suffering the illness itself and we remember them always in our prayers and intentions. The other side of this 'lockdown' is that we have been forced to slow down; to draw closer to our immediate families and to re-assess the important things. Life had become almost unbearably fast



and overwhelming with everything at our fingertips. Now we are taken back to ground level. What is this time teaching us? I am greatly heartened by humanity's response to this incarceration; the creativity by which people have begun to reach out in different ways and always for the good of the other. With God's help we will make it through this difficult time with care and come out the other side as changed people. This is a time of 're-set' for the planet and it's feasible that the world will never be completely the same again but this may not necessarily be a bad thing if we are to return to the new norm as people who have been reunited with a sense of common good and the discovery that the true treasures in life are found within the smallest of things.

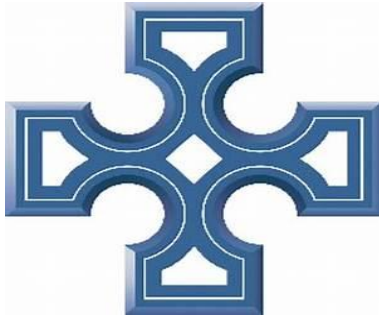
LET US KNOW.... During these uncertain times, please don't hesitate to call if you need assistance; particularly if you live alone. Please make contact with someone you know from the parish or the Rector (086 3583104). We would be delighted to help in any way we can.

GOOD MORNING ENNISKERRY!



Our thanks to our Pastoral Care Group at this time and in particular to Marjorie Mold and Joyce Roe who, alongside the Rector have been making phone calls to

various members of our community who may be quite isolated at this time. Please do make contact with us if you would like a phone call or if there is anything you might need.



A Prayer in the Time of the Coronavirus

Almighty and All-loving God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
we pray to you through Christ the Healer
for those who suffer from the Coronavirus Covid-19
in Ireland and across the world.

We pray too for all who reach out to those who mourn the loss
of each and every person who has died as a result of contracting
the disease.

Give wisdom to policymakers,
skill to healthcare professionals and researchers,
comfort to everyone in distress
and a sense of calm to us all in these days of uncertainty and
distress.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord
who showed compassion to the outcast,
acceptance to the rejected
and love to those to whom no love was shown.

Amen.

Archbishop Michael Jackson
Dublin & Glendalough



God's Word for this Week

We have emailed today to the Parish 'God's word for this Week', which is the service sheet for Sunday's Worship the 29th of March.

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:

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

<http://www.powerscourt.glendalough.anglican.org/>

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



For Children that are at home there are wonderful resources available on the below website including crafts, bible stories, hymns, games and activities for all the family.

<http://www.cm.ireland.anglican.org>

I have added to the Powerscourt Website some fantastic resources that have been created and sent to us by Lynn Storey of the Children's Ministry. One of the activities is a wonderful colouring page with a prayer for children who may be feeling anxious at this time. The words are below but the colouring page can be downloaded from the parish website.

Colouring Sheet Prayer:

Holy God,

You are with us from the spinning planets in our sky to the tiniest microbe that lives on the tiniest paw of the tiniest mouse.

You care for creation and you care for us.

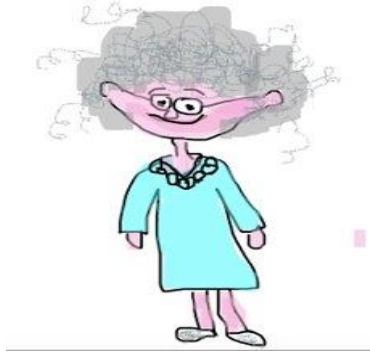
Whether we are out in the world or tucked inside at home, we know that you are as close as the air we breathe.

Thank you for being our friend and comforter.

Amen

Prayers for Children During Coronavirus

'I miss my Granny Annie'



I miss my Granny Annie and her funny little ways,
She's tucked away in her own house and never here these days
She isn't good at texting as she finds it hard to type
She can't hear when call her and she is TERRIFIED of skype!
And so I got to thinking, ('Cos I love my Granny so)
That, I would have to find a way to let my Granny know!
And so I found the answer and I thought I'd share my ways
If you've got a Granny Annie who you haven't seen for days.

You see, I planned to trust in God and send upon the breeze
The HUUUGEST prayers I've ever said, to put her mind at ease
He'll mind her while she boils her egg, (I know he'll hear my prayers)
He'll mind her little wonky leg as she goes up the stairs.
He'll mind her while she makes her tea and while she sleeps at night
I know he'll mind her carefully and keep and hold her tight
So! Send your prayers upon the wind for those who aren't about
And God bless my Granny Annie 'til it's safe to let her out!

By Rev. Cathy Hallissey

CHARABANC contact Marjorie Mold on (01) 2863499



We are sorry to report that we have had to close for the duration of the virus infection and will be unlikely to reopen in the near future. Although we do all keep in touch by phone. If anyone is

feeling a bit down don't hesitate to call Ann or Marjorie any time.

It is great to hear just how supportive the younger generation are proving at the moment, thank you all.

FLOWER GUILD contact Marjorie Mold on (01) 2863499

As there are no services at the moment we will not be arranging church flowers for a few weeks , but at least with some fine weather we can go out and enjoy the beauty of the garden, We are grateful to have our gardens and fields to keep us busy and out in the fresh air when so many are in far more confined spaces.



ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE Contact Joyce Roe 2862645



We are reviewing our summer arrangements for the BBQ as it remains to be seen if we can go ahead.

PASTORAL CARE contact Joyce Roe (01) 2862645 or Marjorie Mold on (01) 2863499

At this time of worry and isolation we are encouraging everyone to keep in close touch by phone etc and are keeping those who are under the weather in our thoughts and prayers.



ENNISKERRY GARDENING CLUB



We are very sad to report that Gardening Club lectures and garden visits are suspended for the foreseeable future.

Time to enjoy your own garden and Nature at its best in Spring.

*Submitted by Ethni Seymour
Hon Secretary*



A MESSAGE FROM CHURCH MUSIC DUBLIN

'In the absence of all the usual routines of life, we have put together a whole range of initiatives, which we hope will help to hold everyone together: we can still work on fulfilling our mission until the darkness lifts and we are in the light again.

'For everyone, wherever you are: Our website now features, free for all, Hymn of the Day, and Sunday Self-Service - a simple act of worship with music, readings and prayers which will change weekly. (The link is below.) Specific resources for Holy Week and Easter will be available in due course. We will shortly be adding a daily vocal warm-ups video - a short session to keep your body moving, and voice in good shape if you're a singer. If you don't consider yourself a singer, do it anyway!'

[RSCM Hymn of the Day & Sunday Service](#)

[Church Music Dublin](#)

[Facebook](#)

PARISHIONERS GALLERY –

We thought you might like to know how some of your Parish friends are filling their time.



Our wonderful organist Helen has taken to the hills and hiked 123 km in the past 10 days. She is enjoying the physical challenge and finding inner peace and calm.



Mustard Seeds Mother's Day Flowers – The mustard seeds made paper bouquets of flowers to give to their Mothers, here are a few of them.

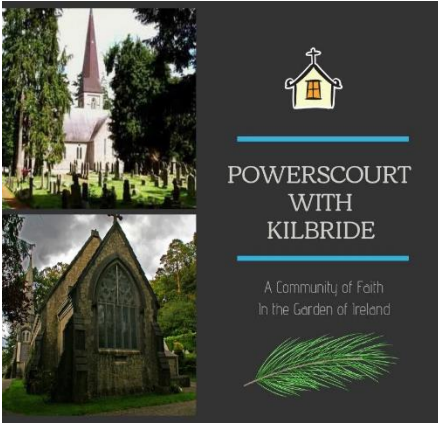


*Special
Request*

Times are different now as is our 'News from the Pews'. We are appealing to all of you for photos, pieces or letters to keep in touch. These will be added to the newsletter and with your permission possibly added to the website. Again, we will be most grateful.

Email Mandy or Cathy at office@powerscourt.ie.

SUNDAY WORSHIP



Sunday service for the 29th March 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/>

CHURCH REVIEW



The Editor of the Church Review has informed us that there will be no 'Reviews' printed for the month of April. However, the Review is available online at the following address:

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