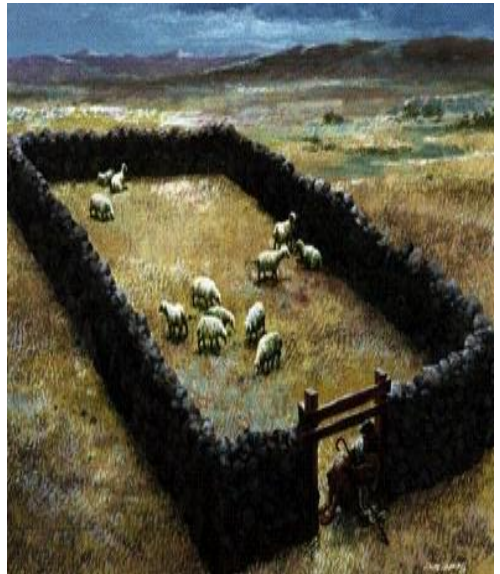


NEWS — from the — PEWS

I believe it was customary for shepherds in Jesus' time (and even today) who found themselves in the great outdoors and the middle of nowhere close to nightfall, to cobble together a form of sheep fold or pen comprised of briars, branches, stones – anything they could find. Its purpose was a temporary one, but it was something that would keep the sheep together at least during the night time and provide some form of protection from marauding beasts and creatures dangerous to the flock. This construct would have a natural gap left in it to allow access. What is most poignant is that the shepherd would place him or herself in the gap of the fold as the doorway or the gatekeeper. Doing so meant that the shepherd would be the first person any harmful creature would encounter between the outside world and the sheep. A courageous place to volunteer one's self to be!



Jesus had an uncanny knack of drawing upon the most familiar in the lives of the people he addressed. This Sunday's Gospel carries on the theme of hope first given on Easter Sunday which is set to run throughout the days that lead us to Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit upon God's people. By placing himself in the doorway of the fold, Jesus assures us of his protection and vigilance in our lives; promises us a truth about the way to live and enables us – by entering

through him – to begin a process within ourselves, at any age or stage, that transforms us and our lives so that we may not only have life, but have it in abundance.

THANK YOU CARE GROUP!

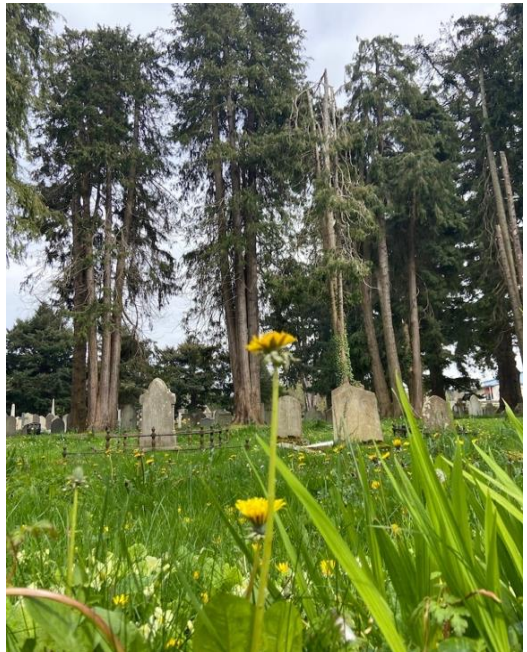
A special thanks to our Care Group who have been busily making telephone calls to parishioners throughout the past weeks of lockdown. I know that your care and constant communication is greatly appreciated.

‘GREENING’ IN EARNEST!

We are most grateful for all the work done in the past by Felix who has kept the graveyard in Powerscourt in good condition by strimming the graves and clearing the pathways for a good six months of each year. Unfortunately, due to border restrictions, Felix is unable to return to Ireland and his absence is notable in our graveyard at present. This is a time of year where, due to increased sunlight and the odd obliging shower, grasses and shrubs have sprung up almost overnight. Our own restrictions have prohibited a gathering of volunteers to reduce this sudden growth.

Plans are in place to tend to the graveyard in Felix’s absence and your patience at this time would be greatly appreciated.

As the graveyard is a place of reflection for many of those who live within the recommended 2K distance, we would be grateful if all dogs could be kept on their leads and any ‘deposits’ removed for the sake of all those passing.





Answers to Mr. Middleton's Riddles! – How did you do??

1. Rain
2. Your Name
3. Pencil Lead
4. An umbrella
5. Your legs
6. A Sponge
7. A pack of cards
8. Stones that are dry
9. Sawdust
10. It was the maid. The house is circular; it has no corners.



God's Word for This Week

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

We have emailed and posted to the Parish today 'God's word for this Week', which is the service sheet for the Fourth Sunday of Easter, 3rd May 2020.



You can join us from the comfort of your own home from anywhere in Ireland *or* from any corner of the globe! To date we have participants from three different countries - all friends and supporters of Tearfund living overseas. We would love to see more - which country will come out on top?

All you need to do is purchase a ticket [HERE](#). It costs €5 per player to participate, on purchasing your ticket, you will receive a Zoom link and a link to our interactive online quiz tool. On the night you will be guided through eight rounds of trivia questions by our international quiz master, Amanda Prather. It takes about an hour to run through all the questions.

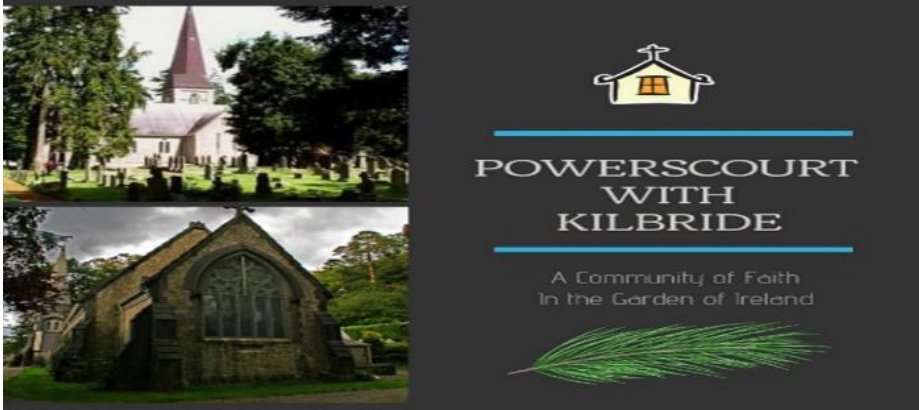
The winning player will receive a family take out meal delivered straight to their front door in compliance with WHO Social Distancing guidelines – of course. Or the equivalent if *Just Eat* doesn't deliver to your corner of the world.

We can accomodate up to 1,000 players. Your participation will help us raise much needed funds for our partners in Ethiopia and Lebanon.

How to join Tearfund's Game Night:

1. Buy a ticket through eventbrite. €5 per player.
2. The email confirmation you receive from eventbrite will contain your links (Zoom and quiz tool) to our Game Night in the '**Additional Information**' section.
3. Game Night starts at 8pm (Irish Time)/ 2pm (US Central Time) on Saturday April 25th, click on the links in your email to join the fun.

SUNDAY WORSHIP



Sunday worship 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/>



Reflections from the Bench



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](#)

Church Review



The Church review is now available free of charge online. Our thanks to Rev. Nigel Waugh as editor for keeping this going through the past few months.

The Church review for May is now available on the below link.

For those who have no access to internet and are on the Powerscourt/ Kilbride postal list, we will endeavour to print copies and post over the next week.

CHURCH REVIEW

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





POWERSCOURT WITH
KILBRIDE

WORSHIP WITH US ONLINE!

Every Sunday Morning
on our Website and Facebook

Powerscourt with Kilbride (Website))

The Grouped Parishes of Powerscourt with Kilbride
(Facebook)

East Coast Mask Makers



This organisation was started up a month ago by two Enniskerry women, to provide masks for those working with people during the epidemic, who are not in hospitals. There are several hundred volunteers, sewing the masks, supplying the materials, and delivering these to the machinists. The cycling fraternity is among those distributing the finished products where they are needed. There are requests for masks from,

pharmacies, nursing homes, Garda, respite centres, ambulance dispatch centres, shop keepers, as well as individuals. So far more than 3000 have been delivered from our group alone. They are free and paid for through crowd funding and donations of materials. A real team effort and very well organised. This is my 60th mask. It makes me laugh that my offerings are removed and my new supplies delivered by mysterious forces that I never see!



Submitted by Judy Cameron



Today's Bible story



Copperpot is back!!! He has posted a video telling the bible story 'Jonah and the Whale'.

To view please follow the below link

www.powerscourt.glendalough.anglican.org/test/whats-on/childrens-ministry/



When the world stayed apart, we stayed together

Create a piece of art, with the help of your family to remember when you all stayed together in 2020.

Ask each person in the house to trace their hand on a piece of paper and cut it out. Then stick each hand together on a blank page and write an inspirational phrase about staying at home, such as:

'When the world stayed apart, together was my favourite place to be, or home is where our family is'

(I am sure you will make a better job of yours than I did but it was fun to make!)



Prayers for Children



DEAR GOD,
MY PENCIL CASE IS FILLED
WITH MANY COLOURED CHALKS,
BUT NOT AS MANY COLOURS AS
I SEE UPON MY WALKS!
THERE IS NO GOLD QUITE LIKE THE SUN 
NO SILVER LIKE THE MOON 
NO GREEN LIKE GRASS TO RUN UPON
WITHIN THE AFTERNOON.
SO THANK YOU GOD FOR CHALKS AND
PAINTS AND BRILLIANT PENCIL CASES
BUT EVEN MORE FOR COLOURS
THAT YOU PAINT IN OTHER PLACES!

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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.

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.

Our wonderful organist Helen has been spending time knitting these beautiful tiny hats for premature babies. She sends the hats to Crumlin Hospital for the tiny babies in batches.



She has also spent time doing mindful colouring.



Photo Credit: Helen Beardsley O'Toole

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>