

NEWS — from the — PEWS

Dear Parishioners,

This little News from the Pews has been a very useful form of communication for us all throughout the past months and our thanks in particular go to Mandy Berkeley for the hard work and creativity in putting this all together. Thank you Mandy! We are always looking for photographs and written pieces for this Newsletter and for our Services so please, don't be shy in writing or sending on photos.

I hope this issue finds you all well, particularly those among us who are cocooning at the present time. It's difficult without that most-needed human touch but I have heard so many great reports of kindness from different sources; phone calls and deliveries and a myriad of thoughtful supports in place now. We try to outreach to everyone by phone, email, social media and post but please do let us know if there is anyone known to you who may have slipped through the gaps!



This has been a time of creativity in the Rectory which spans not only Sunday Services but Children's Ministry for the United Dioceses and Copperpot has been very busy of late. We are delighted to be keeping in regular weekly contact with the children from our

National School in sending an assembly message and celebrating Birthdays which took place during the week just

passed. I'm delighted to announce the launch of a new Facebook Page created for Dublin & Glendalough <https://www.facebook.com/Dublin-Glendalough-Kids-107738287592834/> This will provide resources for children at home, along with prayers, videos which we hope will often link directly to the weekly scripture themes.

Thanks to Harry Williams for providing photographs of his sheep for our social media Service and to Helen Beardsley for providing some much needed music for us! We are blessed indeed!

Until next week, do remain safe and well and please do not hesitate to call if there is anything you need.

Every blessing,

Cathy



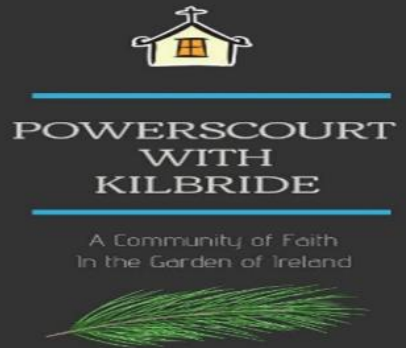
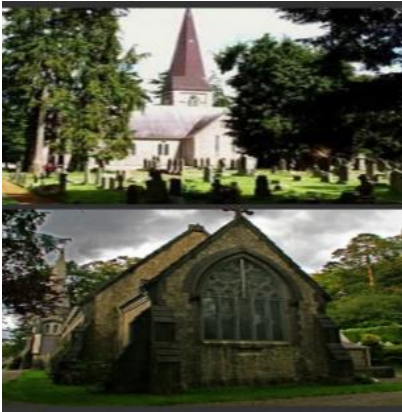
Recording readings for Sunday Services is now a valuable link between members of our Parishes. Distance no longer limits us where readings are concerned. If you have anyone who might like to record a reading for us who are living abroad, please let us know! We would be delighted to include them in the Services.



10TH MAY 2020 THE FIFTH 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, 10th May 2020.

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



'Life in Abundance, what does a life of abundance really mean'.

Watch Rev. Cathy's beautiful reflections from the bench.

www.powerscourt.glendalough.anglican.org/test/2020/05/07/reflections-from-the-bench-2/





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>



Everything is Going to be All Right

How should I not be glad to contemplate
the clouds clearing beyond the dormer window
and a high tide reflected on the ceiling?

There will be dying, there will be dying,
but there is no need to go into that.

The poems flow from the hand unbidden
and the hidden source is the watchful heart.

The sun rises in spite of everything
and the far cities are beautiful and bright.

I lie here in a riot of sunlight
watching the day break and the clouds flying.

Everything is going to be all right.

Derek Mahon, from Selected Poems



Late Afternoon

Thursday 29th April 2020

**This is the place to be
as the wind in the beeches lifts my hair
and pine shadows creep across the garden.**

**This is the place to be
with hens scraping in the old leaves
and creaking thrushes;
midges dancing in the silver light
and the joy and divinity of all things
soaking into my chest
and weighting my breath
with a sigh of deep peace.**

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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)



FOR CHILDREN, THIS WEEK

Being in close quarters with family is a unique opportunity to reconnect and reassess the true values in our lives. However, over long periods of time it can become challenging for some, particularly the 'introverts' among us. At this present time it is important to address these issues with children and let them know that their own personal space is good to maintain at times and that it is not unusual to want time to themselves while they are at home. This week's theme for Children's Ministry Outreach is 'Being with Yourself' and draws attention at the benefits of drawing apart to a different room or space to take breath.

PRAYERS FOR CHILDREN

Dear God,
I love my family they fill me full of glee
There's no where else on this wide earth,
I think I'd rather be.
But sometimes things get squishy
All together in one place
Sometimes it makes me 'wishy'
That I had a bit more space.
So lately I have taken time (because there is a LOT!)
Within the garden or the house to find the perfect spot.
There's really so much going on from morning until tea
It does me good to just admit I want to be with me!
To sit and stare and just be there and take a little rest
To sit and charge my batteries so that I am my BEST!
I thank you God for showing me the quiet way to be
And teaching me that, sometimes,
I want to be with me.



I want to be with me



Don't forget to check out the activity sheets on the new Dublin Glendalough Kids FaceBook page.

Name _____
John 14.1-14
Jesus tells his friends that he'll be with them for ever as he shows them the way to his Father's house.



Family time
Talk Look at John 14.1-14 together and talk about what the room Jesus makes ready for you might be like.
Do Go into each room of your house, talk about what you do there and how Jesus can be involved in those aspects of your life together.
Pray As a family, join in this 'Breathe prayer', as you breathe in, silently say, 'Jesus thank you ...', as you breathe out, silently say, '... that you are always with me.'

Activity time



Draw yourself walking with Jesus.



Use your finger or a pencil to follow a path through the labyrinth. Jesus says he'll be with us whether we're lost or get to the other end easily.



ROOTS children's Sheet 10-16 May 2020

Write

Can you use these letters to start each line of a poem about how Jesus is with you?

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



PARISH FACEBOOK

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