

NEWS — from the — PEWS

Dear Parishioners,

We are delighted to be coming together in some shape or form on the first Sunday of July. Lockdown has lasted a long time and no doubt there are many who wish for the company of others and their community of faith, participating in the worship of God beneath the one roof. However, this return poses as high a sense of caution as there is a sense of risk!

Ensuring your Safety

Our remit, as Rector and Select Vestry is to ensure that the buildings you will occupy will be sanitised and marked out to adhere strictly to the HSE protocol and to the Return to In-Church Worship Protocols specifically put together by the House of Bishops and Church House in booklet form. ([link](#)).

Changes to Services

Our Services will take on a different shape on our return to church. A reduction in time that people are together in an enclosed space reduces the risk of infection and so shorter services are now planned (20-30 mins in duration) for Phase 1 of our re-opening with the use of recorded music between or beneath readings and prayers.

To facilitate the above, the Service times are planned to run as follow:

10am Short Service of Worship in Kilbride

11am Short Service of Worship in Powerscourt

12am Short Service of Worship in Powerscourt

The extra service on Sunday Morning is implemented to cater for the restrictions in the amount of people the church can facilitate at

any one service. We are awaiting direction regarding Holy Communion Services and the singing of hymns under present circumstances.

During Phase 1 of our Return to Church both churches will not open during the week.

What Does a Church Service Look Like?

Outdoor markings will be used (where necessary) at a 2m distance between individuals or family groups within the church carparks. Parishioners are asked to adhere to the social distancing regulation when awaiting entrance into the churches. If a queue has formed at the markers, please wait in your car until the Warden on duty indicates.

A Hand Sanitizer will be placed inside the door of the church for use upon entering the building.

Allocated places will be marked by a coloured card and service sheet within the pews selected by the social distancing requirements. Please fill in your name and telephone number on this card with the pen provided. These cards will be collected after each service and placed in a dated envelope. It is important that we recall who was present at every service in case Covid19 is detected.

A One-Way System will be in place to reduce risk. We would be grateful if all who attend could take direction from the stewards as to how they exit the church buildings. We request that you select the next available seat closest to the front of the church. People from the one household are welcome to fill an entire pew. Following the Service we request that each person/family exits the church carefully maintaining distancing, one by one, from the front forward, through the allocated door.

There will be only one reader (apart from the Rector) at each Service. A place will be reserved for the reader within the front pew

of the church to reduce movement. Readers are asked to read from their sheet as hard surfaces such as lecterns are to be avoided.

Adhering to Social Distancing restrictions St. Patrick's Church will hold 25 individuals per service. (This will increase if families attend. Each family will have a full pew). St. Brigid's Church and its attendance numbers will fully fulfil the distancing requirements.

Who should attend?

Running alongside the careful preparation of buildings is the equally important task of protecting individuals who may be at high risk. As of late, the HSE Guidelines (as adhered to by the Church of Ireland) have slightly loosened restrictions on those who have been within these higher-risk categories e.g those who are over 70 and those with underlying health issues. However, the HSE still recommend that people within the high risk groups should not attend gatherings of more than 6 people. Unfortunately this would seem to rule out anyone within this group attending church at the present time. The current advice regarding this can be found at: <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/coronavirus/cocooning.html>

We would also request that anyone who is displaying symptoms of Covid19 or who thinks they may have been in contact with someone with Covid should not attend church services until they have been medically advised that it is safe to do so.

Online Services

As you are no doubt aware, a large and varied range of Church Services are available online. Our own Short Service of Worship has been warmly received and will continue into the future. It has been a pleasure to involve creativity within these services to take church outside the building and my thanks to all those who, thus far, have taken part in the readings and short reflections alongside those who have submitted photographs for use in these Services. Our thanks also to Helen Beardsley who is keeping us all in song with her Sing! Videos of favourite hymns. Together we all make a great team!

In Summary

I understand completely that some of the advice adhered to by the Church of Ireland, in keeping with HSE guidelines, may prove difficult and hurtful to some parishioners who wish to return to regular worship. Please be advised that these decisions are taken for the protection of all within our family of faith, particularly those most vulnerable, and be heartened by the knowledge that further restrictions may be lifted in the near future.

My prayer now is for you all. I pray that you may know God's presence in all places and that he surrounds you and protects you at this time. May God guide you in wisdom and self-care as we step forward, albeit cautiously into a new future for Church.

With every blessing,

Cathy



GOD'S WORD FOR THIS WEEK

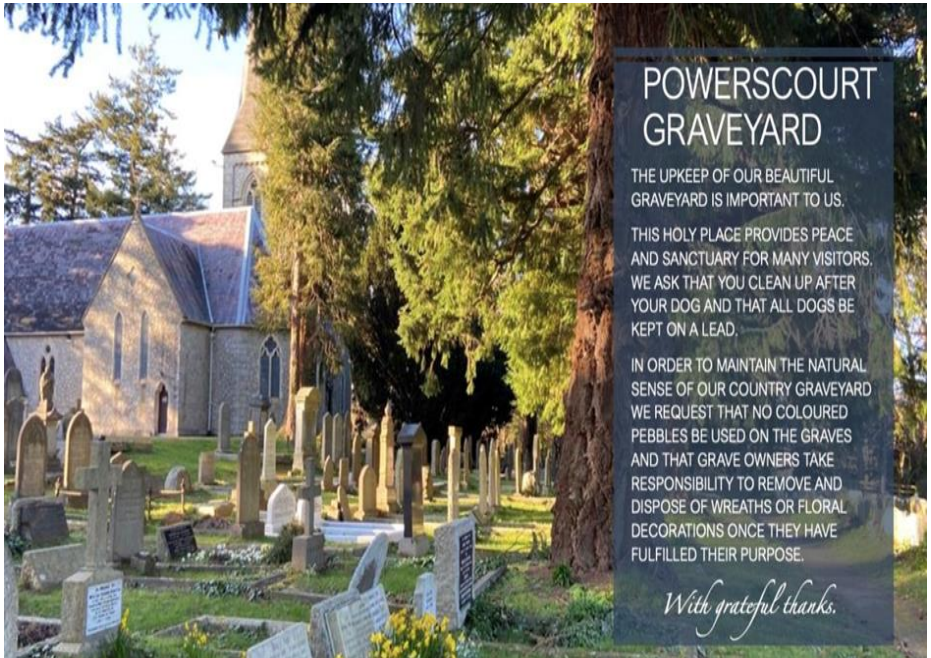
**The First Sunday after
Trinity**

14th June 2020

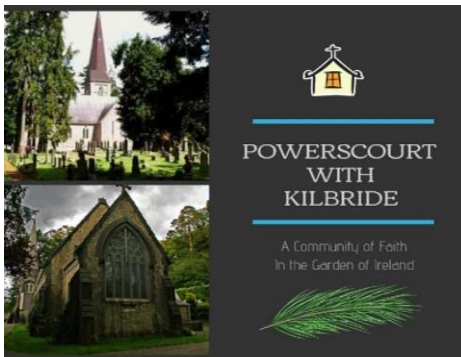
**YEAR A / ORDINARY
TIME / GREEN**

We have emailed and posted to the Parish today 'God's word for this Week', which is the service sheet for First Sunday after Trinity, 14th June 2020. A downloadable version is also available on our website:

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



SUNDAY WORSHIP



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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0XYER9cLb4mj3tuNcYdExQ/featured>

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

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Wicklow Church of Ireland

Wicklow Parish Youth - June 14th –

Redemption: The John M Perkins story on Zoom

On Sunday 14 June, Wicklow Parish youth group are hosting an evening about tackling racism: how can we help our young people play their part in ending the inequalities of attitude that still exist? The main feature of the event will be a screening of Redemption: the John M Perkins story, followed by a Q & A session with the film maker, Greg Fromholz.

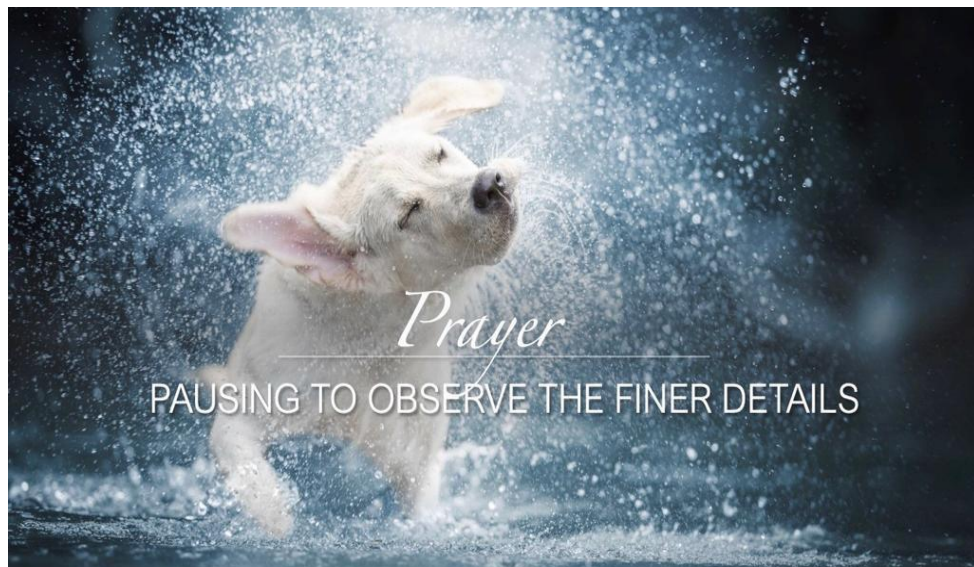
All secondary school children welcome, zoom details are below:

Time: Jun 14, 2020 06:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84038606581>

Meeting ID: 840 3860 6581



HOMEMADE ELDERFLOWER CORDIAL

With the elderflower shrubs in full blossom all around Enniskerry, this elderflower cordial recipe might come in handy.



Fragrant and refreshing, springtime elderflower cordial is easy to make. Mix with sparkling water to create elderflower pressé, or add to wine, prosecco or champagne to start a party in style

Ingredients

2½ kg white sugar, either granulated or caster
2 unwaxed lemons
20 fresh elderflower heads, stalks trimmed
85g citric acid (from chemists)

Method

1. Put the sugar and 1.5 litres/2¾ pints water into the largest saucepan you have. Gently heat, without boiling, until the sugar has dissolved. Give it a stir every now and again. Pare the zest from the lemons using a potato peeler, then slice the lemons into rounds.
2. Once the sugar has dissolved, bring the pan of syrup to the boil, then turn off the heat. Fill a washing up bowl with cold water. Give the flowers a gentle swish around to loosen any dirt or bugs. Lift flowers out, gently shake and transfer to the syrup along with the lemons, zest and citric acid, then stir well. Cover the pan and leave to infuse for 24 hrs.
3. Line a colander with a clean tea towel, then sit it over a large bowl or pan. Ladle in the syrup – let it drip slowly through. Discard the bits left in the towel. Use a funnel and a ladle to fill sterilised bottles (run glass bottles through the dishwasher, or wash well with soapy water. Rinse, then leave to dry in a low oven). The cordial is ready to drink straight away and will keep in the fridge for up to 6 weeks. Or freeze it in plastic containers or ice cube trays and defrost as needed.

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St. Patrick's, Powerscourt

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Your donation is greatly appreciated at this time



This is a difficult time for church in many ways. We would welcome your support at this time. Please see the information below for online donations if you would like to support St. Patrick's Powerscourt or St. Brigid's Kilbride.

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St. Brigid's Kilbride

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ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE contact Joyce Roe 2862645



We are waiting for the go ahead to think of arranging the summer barbeque if all goes well, we are looking forward to getting together again soon.

Submitted by Marjorie Mold

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



We keep in mind all who are unwell at the moment and send our sympathy to the family of Arthur Jolley and to the Davis family on the loss of John's sister and Mark Howard on the death of his mother

Violet. It is a sad time for families and made more difficult at the moment when friends cannot rally round .

It is great that the weather is kind to us, just think how much worse the lock down would be if it was dark, cold and wet . We are allowed out of our houses a bit now ,so there are better times ahead, just wait and see what the coming weeks bring .

Should anyone feel lonely for a chat at any time, do feel free to contact either Joyce or Marjorie . We will be delighted to hear from you.

Thank you Cathy for the lovely on-line services which are watched by many of us.

Submitted by Marjorie Mold

FLOWER GUILD contact Marjorie Mold 2863499



We can't wait to get back in harness and look forward to a wedding or two in the summer. So if you are thinking of getting married any time soon do give us a call.

My weeds are growing well at the moment and a few flowers are coming along nicely, I was told that weeds are just flowers that nature planted - I just wish nature did the planting somewhere else.

It is lovely to hear so many birds being so busy these days, without any road noise to scare them, so maybe we will all appreciate the wild life a bit more now.

Submitted by Marjorie Mold



**WE NEED
YOUR
THOUGHTS
AND STORIES!**

WE WOULD WELCOME
ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO
SHARE WITH US FOR OUR
WEEKLY NEWS FROM THE
PEWS.

PLEASE SEND ALL
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PARISH WEBSITE

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



DIOCESAN WEBSITE

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