

Back to Church!

We are excited to announce that we are planning to open our churches in Powerscourt and Kilbride on Sunday 5th July next. Due to cleaning restrictions around Covid19, the previous idea to have two short services in St. Patrick's

Church has been reduced to one service at the normal time of 11:30. We cannot safely and fully clean the church to the standard that is

required in the short space of time between services. I do encourage parishioners of St. Patrick's to remember that Kilbride Church will be open for the same short service at 10am on Sunday mornings and a warm welcome is extended to attend here also. The capacity for St. Patrick's



Church is 25 individuals (this number will increase where members of the same household occupy a full pew). Our capacity for seating in our services will change according to the Government guidelines. The Services themselves will, for the moment, run along the lines of our online services with three readings and will follow the form and liturgy of Morning Prayer. It is expected that these services will last no longer than 20-30 minutes in order to reduce the time any one group of people is draw together in a relatively enclosed space.

Beneath the Chestnut Tree



It has been nothing short of a pleasure to have put together our short online Sunday Morning Worship Services over these past months and these Services have drawn others from farther afield into our community of faith across the web. For church, this

has been a real opportunity to step outside its walls both literally and metaphorically, in its outreach. Feedback has indicated that many enjoy the shorter length of these services and we are most grateful to all those from within our community of faith and beyond who took part in reading and reflection throughout the past three months.

It would be a wasted experience to have been offered this gift of opportunity for creativity around church to then tuck it away as soon our live services resume. It is my intention (with not a little reorganisation) to keep these services running into the future. Christ draws us together into one place as community first and foremost and this is vitally important to maintain, even under present restrictions. However, online outreach is also working for many and should be maintained. Alongside these two forms of worship, and for those who prefer a church setting, plans are in the making to facilitate the recording of our live services too enabling our outreach to take three forms going forward.

Thank you for Caring!



I know you will join me in extending a huge thanks to Marjorie Mold and Joyce Roe for their continuous vigilance and care for those who were at high risk and cocooning. I am aware that so many other

parishioners were making calls and offering assistance so huge thanks to all and within this community for its network of communication and care of one another.

Local Heroes

During our walks around the village in the midst of lockdown, Ed and myself were constantly aware of those who never ceased trading through the quietest of days and strictest limitations. They worked to ensure that, in some way, their facilities were modified to enable them to serve their community. Several of our parishioners who could not leave their homes were astounded by the generosity of shopkeepers in delivering food and medical supplies to their door. These are the unsung heroes among us and we pay tribute to them today. Thank you one and all for your continuous support of the community here in Enniskerry.





If you would be available to help ensure the safety of our parishioners by wardening on one of the Sundays in the month of July/August and are not within the High Risk Category we would be most grateful for your help. Please contact Mandy at office@powerscourtns.ie or the Rector at (086) 3584104

Coronavirus COVID-19 Stay safe. Protect each other.

Continue to:



Wash your hands well and often to avoid contamination.



Avoid crowds and crowded places

#holdfirm

For more information www.gov.ie/health-covid-19 www.hse.ie



Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing and discard used tissue safely



Know the symptoms. If you have them self isolate and contact your GP immediately



Distance yourself at least 2 metres (6 feet) away from other people, especially those who might be unwell

COVID-19 symptoms include

- > high temperature
- > cough
- > breathing difficulty
- > sudden loss of sense of smell or taste
- > flu-like symptoms

If you have any symptoms, self-isolate to protect others and call your GP for a COVID-19 test.

> Rialtas na hÉireann Government of Ireland

Ireland's public health advice is guided by WHO and ECDC advice

GOD'S WORD FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY 21ST JUNE 2020 THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



We have emailed and posted to the Parish today 'God's word for this Week', which is the service sheet for Second Sunday after Trinity, 21st June 2020. A downloadable version is also available on our website:

http://www.powerscourt.glendalough.anglican.org/test/sundayworship/

POWERSCOURT GRAVEYARD

THE UPKEEP OF OUR BEAUTIFUL GRAVEYARD IS IMPORTANT TO US.

THIS HOLY PLACE PROVIDES PEACE AND SANCTUARY FOR MANY VISITORS. WE ASK THAT YOU CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG AND THAT ALL DOGS BE KEPT ON A LEAD.

IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE NATURAL SENSE OF OUR COUNTRY GRAVEYARD WE REQUEST THAT NO COLOURED PEBBLES BE USED ON THE GRAVES AND THAT GRAVE OWNERS TAKE RESPONSIBILITY TO REMOVE AND DISPOSE OF WREATHS OR FLORAL DECORATIONS ONCE THEY HAVE FULFILLED THEIR PURPOSE.

With grateful thanks.



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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