

NEWS — from the — PEWS

I like to walk to the garage and back in a loop most mornings. This week the sky above has been remarkable. I always advised my children to never let a day go by without looking upwards! The present glorious weather has provided a magnificent vista of changing cloud upon brilliant blue this week and no better week for this to happen! This coming

Sunday we celebrate Pentecost the coming of the Holy Spirit on Jesus' disciples and the beginning of church as we know it today.



I have always been fascinated by the Holy Spirit who is (to me) a wild and unpredictable thing that can move, manoeuvre and transform in the blink of an eye. This Spirit was first described as *Ruach* (the Hebrew word for breath or wind). Interestingly, *Ruach* is a feminine noun that sits perfectly well with the understanding that

she was the Spirit of creation, of life. It was *Ruach* that moved across dark waters at the beginning of creation (Gen.1:2) and *Ruach* who rested upon the heart and mind of Isaiah (Isa 42:1) and these are to mention only two of the many references to the Spirit in different shapes and forms throughout the Bible.

Understanding the Spirit or *Ruach* as the breath of God can be a unifying thought. If God breathes life into his creation in its different manifestations, then the question is, can we recognise that life and light of God in each other and does this unifying fact change our thoughts, behaviours and understanding when it comes to the joys and challenges of being part of family, friends and community?

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he assured his followers that he would not leave them orphaned but would send to them an advocate and guide (the Holy Spirit). What makes this Spirit invincible and a constant in our lives is that it resides *within* us. All we have to do is call upon the Spirit for guidance and wisdom. How long is it since you asked the Spirit to come and guide you? Can you remember a moment in your life when you had that inexplicable experience of the life-giving power of *Ruach*?

Our entire lives are a spiritual journey of development and there are many challenges along the way. Perhaps these occur in order to jog us out of our ordinary lives and encourage us to grow and flex and learn. Whatever the necessity or outcome, we are accompanied by an invisible yet powerful force within ourselves; *Ruach* – the breath of God.

I often remind people of the encounter between Fr. Richard Rohr and a Jewish Rabbi many years ago. The Rabbi explained to Richard that the members of the Jewish faith were not allowed to speak the name of God because they were not worthy to do so. Letters were chosen therefore to represent God - YHWH (not spelled Yahweh). In its original form this was not a word but a sound. It was a sound

that did not require a person to move their lips. In short, the original name for God among the Jewish people was a breath. (In-breath YAH and out-breath WEH). If you think about this, the first word we say when we arrive in this world is God's name – and, of course, it will be our last.

May *Ruach* be upon you and among you and those you love this day and always.

Cathy





'The Sky Over Enniskerry this Week'

GOD'S WORD

FOR THIS WEEK

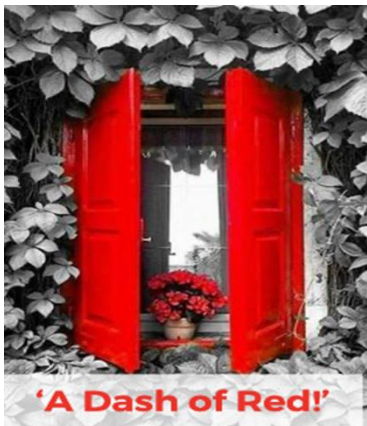
Sunday 31st May 2020

The Day of Pentecost

(Whit Sunday)

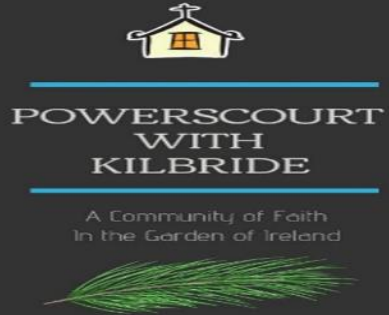
We have emailed and posted to the Parish today 'God's word for this Week', which is the service sheet for Pentecost, Sunday 31st May 2020. A downloadable version is also available on our website:

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



This Pentecost Sunday the liturgical colour is Red for the Holy Spirit. We invite you to take a photo of yourself or your family wearing red or of something around you that's red and send it to us. We can then create a montage for the church marking Pentecost this year even though we weren't together in one space. Would you be a part of this? - That's the Spirit!

SUNDAY WORSHIP

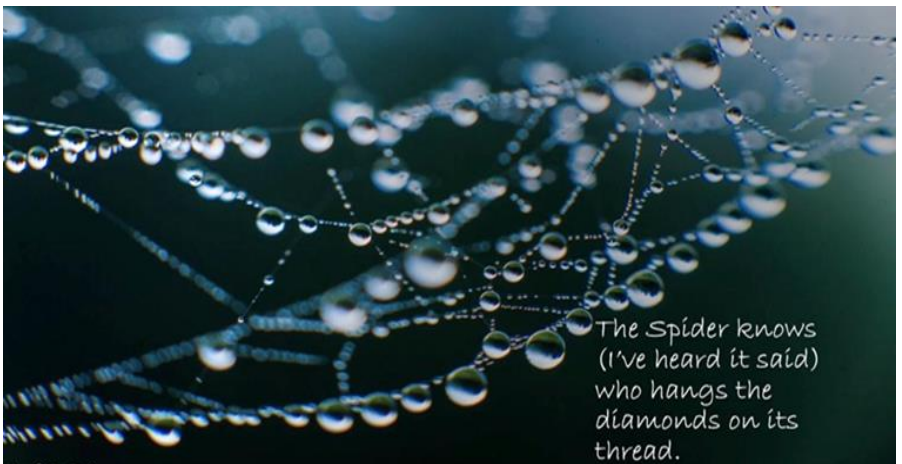


Sunday worship will be available online from early Sunday morning. Please follow the below links to view the service.

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

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

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The Spider knows
(I've heard it said)
who hangs the
diamonds on its
thread.

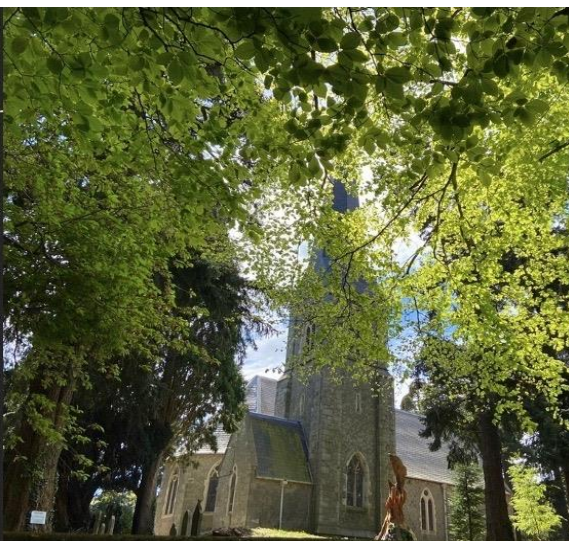
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A Community of Faith in the Garden of Ireland

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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. Similar information will be provided for St Brigid's Kilbride next week.

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



We were all sorry to hear of Arthur Jolley's passing and our thoughts are with his family, Arthur was a gentle and cheerful man who will be missed by us all.

We also send our sympathy to the Davis family on the loss of John's Sister. It is a very sad time for families and made more so that friends cannot attend the funerals.

As we are still confined to our homes it is at least good that the weather is still lovely, and the younger generation are looking after us so well. Thank you all. It will be great when we can get out a bit more in the coming weeks, but will we still remember how to shop and drive, after so long in this cocoon.

For anyone who feels a bit lonely please do call Joyce or Marjorie any time.

Thank you to Cathy who has given us the lovely on-line services which are quite an inspiration

ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE contact Joyce Roe 2862645

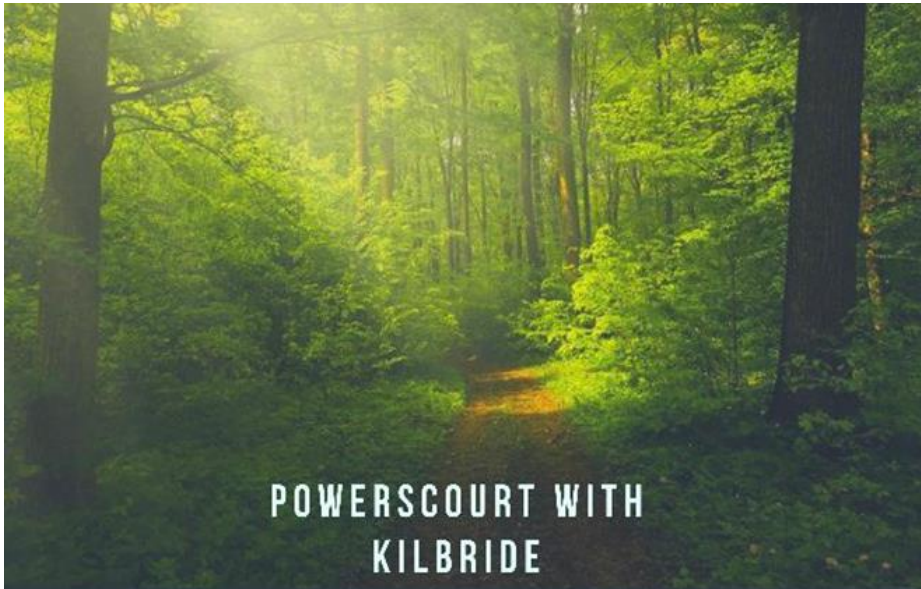


We just may be able to have the summer barbeque later in the season if all goes well. It will be a treat to get together however spaced we have to be . Hope to see you all there when we can light up the charcoal.

FLOWER GUILD contact Marjorie Mold 2863499



As we have no flowers in church these days, we cannot offer memorial flowers but will do so as soon as we are back in situ. Fingers crossed we might be back soon



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)

CREATIVITY ART COMPETITION
by The Art Materials Company

'Freedom In A Time Of Constraint'

All ages (5+)
All art mediums
FREE Entry
1ST, 2ND and 3RD place prizes for 7 categories
Celebrating Creativity: ALL WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE
€1 Donated to one of our charity partners for every entry

No One Like Home Care
ALONE
YOU'RE NOT ALONE

LAST DAY FOR ENTRY JUNE 9TH 2020
to enter, and to find more details visit our website.
www.artmaterials.ie/art-competition/

the ART Materials COMPANY

Facebook and Instagram icons

Creativity Art Competition for Adults and Children

The goal is to give people a creative outlet during lockdown. The theme for this year is **'Freedom In A Time Of Constraint'** and they are hoping that people will take this as a chance to express how recent changes have given them a new type of freedom despite the new restrictions.

Entry is completely free, and for every entry they are donating €1 to charity partners. They are encouraging everyone to give this a go. They also have a collaboration category where two relatives collaborate on a piece of artwork, so this is a great option for grandparents, parents with children or siblings etc.

For more information please review artmaterials.ie/art-competition or facebook.com/art.materials.3

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



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CHURCH REVIEW

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