

NEWS — from the — PEWS

Kindness is Catching

Reflecting on this week's Gospel as Jesus speaks about the forgiveness God affords us being passed on from ourselves to others, it occurred to me that this could be an almost palpable energy of goodness that could be passed on and I was reminded of something that happened in the not too distant past. During the last heavy snowstorms we had in Ireland a few years ago, my colleague and I were travelling home on the motorway from Cork. Weather warnings were in place throughout the country and we were returning home from a course earlier than expected. Roads were closing and quieter and there was a sense of evacuation in the air!



On approaching a toll-bridge outside Cork the assistant in the booth waved us on. She told us that the person in the car in front had paid our toll for us. You can imagine our initial disbelief and immense gratitude. There was no need to do this but for the good of the individual behind; a small gesture that made a big difference. It's not that we were all the richer for the few euros

saved, it was the feeling of warmth and gratitude that this gesture brought in its wake. We were far more likely to hold on to this feeling and sense and perhaps pass this on from ourselves too in our reactions to something that might occur later on in the day or the week to follow. It was the little story that brought a smile to a listener's face and renewed faith in humankind. Kindness is as catching as laughter and joy. Years later I still recount this story.

SOMETHING SWEET! School

Assemblies aren't quite the same at the moment, but there's always a silver lining. Every Friday I go into just one classroom and stand or sit at a required distance from the class. It sounds cold and calculated but it's not. In fact there is a closeness to these little pods these days and I feel that the connection is being made on a slightly deeper level with our school children. For the first two weeks Copperpot has come to re-introduce himself to the Senior Infants and say a first hello to those who have just begun their school journey. Our focus at present is about settling in new surroundings and how feeling uncomfortable is to be expected. We then look at the plus side to this new norm as closer friendship are being formed.



Copperpot lent himself to being shy and shaky at first in the classroom with Junior and Senior Infants. Having confirmed with the class that it's ok to feel a little uncomfortable at times within yourself, I asked how they might help someone in this predicament to feel a better in themselves. Someone wisely offered 'quietness' as an idea which I complimented no end! Then came another suggestion..."Cake?"

I had to agree, it was quite an excellent solution!



Thank you!

Our Parish is most grateful to Graham, Ben and Zach McMullin who spent 2 days painting our Parochial Hall. What a wonderful job, thank you all so much.



God's Word for this Week
Sunday 13th September 2020
The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity



Over the COVID lockdown we received wonderful photographs and written pieces from our Parishioners that were included in the News from the Pews. We would love to receive more.

If you would like to share please email Mandy in the Parish office on office@powerscourtns.ie.

Thanking you all in advance.

Parish Select Vestry Meetings:

St. Patrick's Church, Powerscourt:
Wednesday 30th September at 8 p.m.

St. Brigid's Church, Kilbride:
Wednesday 7th October at 8 p.m.

World Council of Churches - World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel



To access the World Council of Churches Online prayer service please follow the below link:

<https://www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/events/online-prayer-service-world-week-for-peace-in-palestine-and-israel>

Prayer from Christian Aid:

Pray not for Arab or Jew,
for Palestinian or Israeli,
but pray rather for ourselves,
that we might not
divide them in our prayers
but keep them both together
in our hearts.

When races fight,
peace be among us.

When neighbours argue,
peace be among us.

When nations disagree,
peace be among us.

Where people struggle for justice,
let justice prevail.

Where Christ's disciples follow,
let peace be our way.
Amen.

Submitted by Jenny Derbyshire



FLOWER GUILD contact Marjorie Mold (01) 2863499

We are so glad to be back in the real world or as near as we can get. We had great pleasure preparing for the wedding and wish the young couple many years of happiness.

We are open for orders for wedding flowers. if you are thinking of tying the knot any time soon just call us any time. We also prepare memorial flowers in church for any Sunday of your choice. This usually cost about €15 to €20 but of course if you would like to arrange your own flowers that's fine, just let Marjorie know before the date.

We are now looking forward to the harvest and just hope that we might be in church by then. Wouldn't it be great if we could have a real old time harvest thanksgiving with a full church, followed by the harvest "home". In years gone this was a big occasion with Friday night service followed by supper in the parochial hall. Church full again on the Sunday. Wishful thinking?



Sumbitted by Marjorie Mold



PASTORAL CARE contact Joyce Roe 2862645 or Marjorie Mold 2863499

We keep all those who are ill in our thoughts and prayers. We are always glad to hear from anyone who might like a chat to pass this lonely time. Our thanks to all who have been keeping in touch by phone during the lock down. It was the only way we could keep close and made a huge

difference

Our thanks to Cathy and the hens for the lovely on line services and for the out of doors gathering.

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A Helping Hand

We are both proud and delighted to announce that some of our young people have stepped forward and offered their help with shopping or gardening for anyone at home at this time.



Please contact Cathy Hallissey (086 3583104) if you require an extra helping hand.

The Living Room is a concept rather than one particular event. It's aim is



to draw people (safely) together to participate in fellowship in many different ways. We have begun this by gathering together in the Rectory Garden every Wednesday at 10am where we read and discuss the Gospel for the coming Sunday, and this is followed by a short time of prayer. All are welcome to attend this gathering and for those who may well be missing

church, it is good way to re-connect with the Scriptures and with one another under the canopy of nature.

Remember: **Wednesdays at 10am in the Rectory Garden!**
(Please note The Living Room is back to the original day of Wednesday)

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10 weeks

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Our Sunday Services

Beneath the Eaves (in-Church)

St. Brigid's Kilbride - 10am

St. Patrick's Powerscourt - 11:30am

Beneath the Boughs (Online)



The Grouped Parishes of
Powerscourt with Kilbride

Our Parish Website



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



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