

NEWS — from the — PEWS

The Jewel in our Crown

Just yesterday morning, I welcomed Colm Ryan and his team of professional gardeners into Powerscourt Graveyard.

The Vestry decision to hire Colm as full-time gardener with responsibility for our Graveyard is a new and exciting step forward for our Parish, particularly at difficult times such as these. Colm (second from the left in the picture) comes highly recommended and plans are afoot to restore the parts of our Graveyard which have fallen into disrepair during the Pandemic and for its continued maintenance throughout the next 12 months and on. A Graveyard maintenance plan (put together by professional gardeners Tim Weldon and David Koning) held at its heart one crucial element; the graveyard should be cared for by someone



who called it their own and truly invested in it. There is great pride associated with this and the results will speak for themselves. Alongside the almost immediate benefits this care will show within its walls, there is the added advantage of a regular presence within the

graveyard itself, making it a safer environment for people passing through.

This is the beginning of a more holistic plan for this jewel in the crown of Powerscourt Parish and one of the finest graveyards in the South of the Country. From the vantage point of the upper story windows of the Rectory, I witnessed the regular passage of people through this Holy Space throughout the restrictions of lockdown earlier in the year; some staying for a while on the benches beneath the trees.

Our immense gratitude to Tim Weldon and David Koning for embracing this idea and sourcing Colm and his team to step in and restore and to the Select Vestry of Powerscourt Parish for adopting this proposal.

Do say hello if you're passing. These are faces we hope you will come to recognise as a caring presence within the graveyard walls!





These changing times require us to be creative around outreach with everyone more limited boundaries. This little series of Prayer Pockets are created for comfort in difficult times and to assist us in stepping out of our lives onto our own Holy Ground wherever that may be, for no more than 3 minutes, to be with God. Here is the first prayer pocket.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=RxMfvZYmO-4>

First Light: Remember who you are



Gravestone of the Week



Norman and Eileen Galbraith were the son and daughter of the Venerable Archdeacon Henry Galbraith, Rector of this parish for 30 years, who died in 1905. Norman was born in the "new" Rectory on the Cookstown road, which had been built in 1874 for the Rev Henry, when he arrived to take up his post in Enniskerry.

Norman, born in 1878, worked in the Colonial Office in Ceylon, from 1902. He died in 1915 on active service in WW 1, in Cairo, and his name is on the

War Memorial in the church. It was unusual for the remains of deceased soldiers to be repatriated in War time, but here he rests in home ground.

The headstone also tells the story of his sisters, Alice and Eileen, who, when their father died, went out to the Sudan as Missionaries. Alice died in Sudan in 1920. She was much older than her step-sister and brother, and had helped to bring them up in the Enniskerry Rectory. Eileen married a Scottish doctor, whom she met during the war, Dr Kenneth Fraser, and together they founded and for years developed a very successful ministry in Lui, Sudan. They built a hospital in memory of Norman Galbraith. Eileen died in Nairobi in 1946.

In recent times, their story had been forgotten, until a theological student from Sudan visited the church and asked where Eileen Fraser was buried. He was shocked to find that we knew nothing about her. He was making a special visit sixty years after her death to stand at her graveside. He was much too young ever to have met her, but he told us she was revered in his homeland, he said, "She was our mother".

The headstone was cleaned by representatives of the War Graves Commission in 2014 to commemorate the centenary of the Great War.

Submitted by Judith Cameron

Charabanc notes from Marjorie Mold 2863499.



We have not been able to get together since the first week in March. We have kept in touch by phone as much as we could. It is a very lonely time for all of us,

but we feel lucky to have a good circle of communication and hopefully it will help us all through the quiet times still to come. It looks like we will have to continue like this for the foreseeable future. Ann and Marjorie will be delighted to hear from anyone who feels a bit lonely or just feels like a chat at any time, so just call.

Flower Guild contact Marjorie Mold 2863499 We will not be able to have our autumn flourish with the Harvest thanks - giving this year because of the current lock down, but at least we will enjoy the beauty of the autumn colours all round us. We are living through strange times these days and just hope we can emerge soon.





Pastoral Care contact Joyce Roe 2862645 or Marjorie Mold 087 647 2669

We continue to keep in our thoughts and prayers all those who are unwell at this time and hope things improve soon.

Unfortunately, we could not hold any Sunday lunches so far this year, but we will do so as soon as it seems safe,

With the re-introduction of the lock down it will be so important to keep in touch. We will carry on with our phone calls round the parish as much as possible. and encourage everyone to call each other. Hopefully no one will be left out.

Entertainments committee contact Joyce Roe 2862645

We have no plans at the moment to arrange any fun in the hall until the current problem are over, but we have not gone away. Who knows what the spring will bring, so **keep smiling**. Things can only get better.



At least we can smile at Cathy's hens, so all is not lost



Enniskerry needs a playground for the children of our community! This will be there for them to enjoy now and for many years into the future! We as the members of the Enniskerry Playground Committee need to fundraise €20,000 of the total amount (€200,000) which will then be match funded by Wicklow County Council. The rest of the funds will come from funding

streams and grants applied for by the committee in the coming months. The playground will be wholly owned, managed and insured by Wicklow CoCo once installed.

Due to the current Covid restrictions its near impossible to organise fundraising events and that's why we've decided on a gofundme and an online platform to try and generate the much-needed funds. We have a site; we have the enthusiasm now all we need is your kindness and generosity! Any amount donated to this great cause will be hugely appreciated!

To donate or find out more information please follow the below link:

<https://gf.me/u/y4qa7b>

Thanking you in advance the committee members Aisling Vickers (Chairperson), Roisin Briggs (Secretary), Cllr Melanie Corrigan, Eugene O'Mara, Alan Martin and Ger Driver, Dervla Cotter.

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.



In light of the new restrictions introduced by the Government we would like to remind you of a Government funded online counselling service for people experiencing poor mental health during

this pandemic. This service may well be of benefit to parishioners.

All counselling and psychotherapy sessions delivered through this project will be provided by MyMind and will be carried out online via video call or phone calls. To learn more, please visit: www.mymind.ie
email: hq@mymind.org or phone call [+353 76 680 1060](tel:+353766801060)



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@powerscourtnts.ie.

Thanking you all in advance.

Keep an Eye on WHAT'S HAPPENING..

Embracing all Forms
of Church

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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