

NEWS — *from the* — PEWS

The Pecking Order!

I was recently gifted two new hens. Although initially shy and subjected to the 'pecking order' of the resident flock, one of the hens 'Daisy-Bell' became more assertive as she grew; wily to the ways of the flock at feeding time and, as her young comb grew into a fine red flourish of colour, so too her attitude ensured her a fair share of any daily treats that might appear. I watched with great interest at her fleet-footed ability to dart into the flock, grab a crust of bread and retreat (full-mouthed) to the sanctuary of a nearby bay tree. It didn't take her long to learn!

At times such as these, as chickens of different sizes mingled hungrily over dishes of grain, the second white hen struggled with the courage to emerge from the Bay tree, her presence only discernible by two legs protruding from beneath its low-hanging branches; she was of a very gentle nature, skulking around the edges and looking at the lavish feast from a distant and safer perspective; reasoning perhaps that an absence of a meal was better than a good pecking! I made a point of always throwing her a piece of whatever was going in the hope that she would grab it and run



before one of the beady-eyed 'Reds' scuttled in her direction to retrieve it. A hen's eyesight is powerful indeed.

Little by little I have watched her grow steadily in courage and agility, but this has taken time. I have followed her struggle to follow her partner Daisy-Bell into the henhouse to roost; the higher perch already taken by three well-established Reds; last to roost, her gentle attitude was rewarded only by her being pecked out of the henhouse by those more robust within it as ploughed confidently into the house without a care!



I have discovered that, with hens, it's all about attitude. If you take no prisoners over a slice of bread and hold your own in entering the beak-filled darkened depths of a small wooden henhouse, then you are respected, if not a little feared, by the flock. This, apparently, is nature's way as Darwin would inform us! And yet, this said, there was never a night when Bertha slept outside and, after a short time, never a meal where she missed

out. If anything, she has become far more wise and these days she silently moves through the rabble, secures a piece of dinner and slips away again un-noticed! She has finally found a way to dine and roost with the other hens and has (albeit reluctantly) been accepted by the rest of the flock.

One could not be blamed in reflecting that perhaps it's not all about feathers and beaks! Perhaps it's about observation and careful attention; a humble spirit and calm, continuous resilience that secures us a nourished life and a perch at the end of the day!

Cathy.



**Sunday
27th September
at 11:30**



 **A Service of Thanksgiving**
for
All Creatures GREAT and Small
in
ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH CAR PARK  



JEWELS OF PROMISE

I STAND IN EARLY MORNING LIGHT
STILL WAKING FROM THE DEPTHS OF NIGHT
AND NOTICE THAT, AMONG THE GRASS,
A HAND HAS PLACED SMALL GLOBES OF GLASS!
THESE JEWELS OF PROMISE CAN BE FOUND
A SPARKLING SEA UPON THE GROUND
EACH TINY PRISM PURE AND CLEAR
SPEAKS OF A PRESENCE EVER NEAR.

*"The steadfast love of
the Lord never ceases;
his mercies never come
to an end; they are
new every morning,
great is your
faithfulness."*

Lamentations 3: 22-23



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.



POWERSCOURT WITH KILBRIDE

Our Services for the Month of
October

Service Times:

St. Brigid's Kilbride - 10am

St. Patrick's Powerscourt - 11:30am

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| • 4 th October 2020 | - Holy Communion 2 (both churches) |
| • 11 th October | - Family Harvest Celebration |
| • 18 th October | - Holy Communion 1 (Kilbride) |
| | - Holy Communion 2 (Powerscourt) |
| • 25 th October | - A Service of the Word (both churches) |

HEADSTONE OF THE WEEK



The Darley family, Violet Hill, Bray.

Benefactors and long-term parishioners of Kilbride Church, Wellington and Anna Darley died in 1920 and 1925. Wellington was a great grandson of Arthur Guinness, founder of the Brewery. Wellington was a brewer and merchant ; director if the Bank of Ireland; J.P.; on the board of the governors of the Meath Hospital; a supporter of animal welfare, and deeply involved in the society for Psychical research, as so many were in the period. They lost

two sons and a daughter in the First World War, who are commemorated in the stained glass windows and the altar screen of Kilbride: Arthur Tudor Darley, Commander of HMS Good Hope, 1914; Lt Col. John Evelyn Darley of the 4th Hussars, 1918; Stella Cecil Darley, VAD, 1917. The brass plate dated 1919, bears the brave inscription: " In glad thanksgiving for their lives; in proud remembrance of their deaths". Stella is buried with her parents here. The Conacher organs in Kilbride and Powerscourt Churches were donated and built in the same year, 1889. Wellington Darley paid for Kilbride's, and the parishioners raised the money for theirs in memory of Charlotte, the wife of Powerscourt's Rector, Rev Henry Galbraith.

It was no coincidence. Kilbride's Rector at this time, was Rev Ernest Whelan, who had been curate in Powerscourt from 1876 until he moved to the Rectory in Bray in 1883. The rev Ernest was a noted musician, and a talented organist. He had many friends in Enniskerry, and it is very likely that he had a hand in encouraging the purchase of the two fine instruments.

Submitted by Judith Cameron

CHILDRENS CORNER



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.



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.



The Living Room is a concept rather than one particular event. Its 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)

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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