

NEWS — *from the* — PEWS

It's far too beautiful not to share!

During preparation for our weekly Fellowship Zoom Meeting, I came across this beautiful painting of the Virgin Mary visiting her Cousin Elizabeth. Hard as I try, I can't find the name of the painter! Elizabeth

(depicted on the left of this painting) was mother to John the Baptist, another birth announced by the angelic realm. Mary, at the time of this visit, had just been told by the angel Gabriel that she too was to give birth to a Son.

Previous pieces of art capturing this moment, although beautiful, seemed a little demure and lacking in human emotion. One could only imagine that both women were frightened and not a little embarrassed at this remarkable revelation; Elizabeth due to the fact that she was older in years and had far out-passed a childbearing time in her life and Mary because she was

unmarried and betrothed; yet there is such intimate closeness depicted here and a wonderful sense of excitement! Isn't it



remarkable how God can work such utter miracles in the lives of ordinary individuals?!

This picture was followed in quick succession by a gift in the post from a dear friend of mine. A book called *Come and See* by Joy Cowley. Its contents contain poetry around the different milestones in Jesus' life beginning with one of these two women – Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Here are Joy's own words;

God Within

Hush, my busy little world.

The voice at the door of my heart is soft with love
and can only be heard in silence.

"I am Light," it says. "I am Truth.

Let me fill you with my life and you will give birth to me,
light in the shadows of your house,
truth in the city of illusion.

I know this voice, better than I know myself,

But still I am greatly afraid.

Lord, I'm so ordinary, so very small.

How can this strange thing be?

I hear the answer before I've asked the question.

"Beloved of God, everyone was made for this.

But it's only the ordinary and the small who have room for me."

HILLS AND VALLEYS

Unfortunately, due to an understandable nervousness around Covid19 the Hills and Valleys Carol singing visit due to take place this Saturday has had to be cancelled. We are disappointed that this is the case this year but look forward to being able to travel together with a healthy team of singers to visit various houses in the locality next year.



GOD'S WORD FOR THIS WEEK

The Third Sunday of Advent

'Jesus came to John the Baptist'

Painting by: Richard Hubal

Online Service Available on the following
link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0XYER9cLb4mj3tuNcYdExQ?view_as=subscriber

Remember Me is a fundraising initiative that presents an opportunity for



you to sponsor a tree in remembrance of a loved one or family group. Your tree will be one of a group of Scots Pine that will be planted along the Cookstown Road (within the church grounds). While Scots Pine was one of the first species to colonise our island after the ice age it all but disappeared from most of the

country about 4000 years ago. Our initiative will introduce a modest plantation of these native evergreens that will watch over us, and future generations, for years to come.

To make your dedication, simply contact (John Davis 087 238 8984). Trees will be allocated on a first come first served basis. While sponsorship is at your discretion, a suggested donation is (€250).

PARISH GIFT DAY



The HOPE initiative has been set up with the United Dioceses to help individual parishes raise funds for themselves. Here in Powerscourt with Kilbride we offer you an

opportunity to support our wonderful parish in the following way:



On this one day we appeal to Parishioners to make a donation towards your Parish directly (see below) or by making out a cheque made payable to: *Powerscourt Parochial No.1 Account or Kilbride Parochial fund.*

On-Line Donations

St. Patrick's, Powerscourt

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Do you love singing Christmas carols? This year we have something special for you. Many of us will not be able to get to a church carol service this year and so we are bringing the carol service to you via our online virtual carol service – Carols for Christian Aid.

We invite you to join with us online for a service of lessons and carols, on Sunday 13th December, at 8pm, based on the traditional ‘service of nine lessons and carols’, but with a global twist.

We are bringing together singers and performers from across the island of Ireland alongside Christian Aid staff and partners from around the world to present a unique Christmas experience ‘Carols with Christian Aid.’



The service will premiere on Christian Aid Ireland's YouTube channel at 8pm on Sunday 13th December and features a whole host of talented musicians performing many of the most well-known and well-loved Christmas carols.

Alongside carols, the Christmas story will be told through a series of bible readings and prayers spoken by Christian Aid supporters, staff and partners from around the world.

You can register to virtually attend by clicking on the link below and completing the registration form. You will be sent a virtual ticket containing a link to allow you to watch the service when it premieres on Sunday 13th December. The link will also allow you to watch again later if you can't make it to the premiere. **REGISTER FOR TICKETS ON THE FOLLOWING LINK:**

<https://www.christianaid.ie/christmas-appeal/carols-christian-aid>



Copperpots Advent trail is ready. This simple trail is marked by signed beneath the trees in Powerscourt Graveyard on the Cremation Plot side (beside the Rectory Hedge). Beneath some of our finest Pine Trees families will find five stops which explain the Christmas Story and ask questions to make you think! Why not spend a little time in this quiet place with your family and safely outdoors!

Christmas in Powerscourt with Kilbride



Friday 18th December

School Visit to the Nativity Display in St. Patrick's Church with Carols and Prayers around the Christmas Tree.



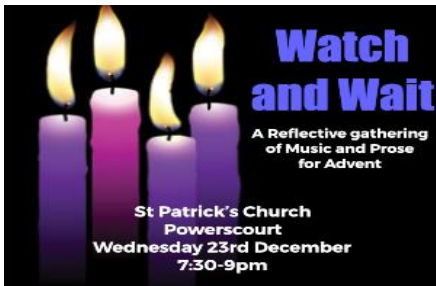
Sunday 20th December

Carols by Candlelight
(Torches/Lanterns)
St. Patrick's Church Grounds
at 7pm



Tuesday 22nd December

"Remembering the Shepherds"
A short Service of the Holy
Eucharist
St. Brigid's Church, Kilbride
at 8pm



Wednesday 23rd December

'Watch and Wait' a chance to stop and quietly reflect to music and prose.
St. Patrick's Church, Powerscourt
7:30pm – 9pm

A Short Celebration of the
Holy Eucharist
Thursday 24th December
St. Patrick's Powerscourt
at 9pm

• Christmas Eve

Behold!



Thursday 24th December

A short celebration of the Holy
Eucharist
for Christmas Eve.
St. Patrick's Church,
Powerscourt
9pm.



Christmas Morning in St. Brigid's Kilbride
Family Service at 10am

Friday 25th December

Family Service
St. Brigid's Church, Kilbride
at 10am

Outdoor Family Service for Christmas Day

St Patrick's Car Park
Powerscourt
at 11:30am



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ENNISKERRY

Christmas Market

DECEMBER 3, 10, 17 & 24

POWERSCOURT ARMS HOTEL
CAR PARK &
SCHOOLHOUSE FOR ART



This family had its headquarters in Novara, in Bray. Thomas, who died in 1896, was a solicitor in Dublin. His wife, Eliza Brent Rosetta Craig, the stone reads, "died at Wimereux in 1917 during the Great War." The fact that this is mentioned, might indicate that she was associated with the

QMAAC, the Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps, the Nursing section in WWI, as Wimereux had a large group of hospitals at the time.

Their son, Hedley William Craig RFC, was killed in action in Mesopotamia in 1917, aged 27. Shot down while flying as an observer. His name is recorded on the war memorials of Dublin Boy Scouts, of which

he was the Secretary for Ireland, of Aravon School, and of Bray Town. Graduate of TCD, he was a notable athlete, and Superintendent of the Fishamble Street

mission. Their daughter, Lisbeth Burkitt Craig, died 1957 was a missionary for 30 years in Fukien, China, with the Dublin University Mission. She was a trained teacher, graduate of TCD

where she was a gold medallist in Modern Literature, and founder of the Women Students Missionary Association. The history of CMS 1909 records that she was the first lady graduate of Dublin University to join the staff and her work was largely supported by the women students.



In another grave in this yard, lies another son of Thomas and Eliza. Arthur Brent Craig, died 1955, was a Captain in WW1, with the Worcestershire Regiment. He was wounded, but survived to become Headmaster of Aravon school, Bray 1928-55.

Yet another son, Francis Brownrigg Craig, died 1943, an architect, volunteered for active service in 1914. As a result of wounds, he lost a leg and retired with the rank of major. He had to give up tennis, but, undaunted, took up golf instead.

Finally, Francis' son is, at 91, a member of the House of Lords in Britain for the last 30 years. David Brownrigg, Baron Craig of Radley , KCB , OBE is a retired RAF officer, a jet fighter pilot, with an extremely distinguished career in the post war Air Force , culminating as the Chief of Defence Staff 1988-91, the professional head of the British Armed Forces.

Judy Cameron

Our Living Room concept began by embracing the Wednesday



Fellowship Group and encouraging it to expand. Now, under present restrictions, this little group has expanded even further as it is now held as a zoom meeting and possible for people to attend who may not be from the locality. With this in mind we encourage you to join us on Wednesday

Mornings at 10am on Zoom. If you would like to take part in this group please contact the Rector at cathyhallissey@hotmail.com.