

# NEWS

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We had two festivals within days of each other - Mother's Day and St. Patrick's Day and both were celebrated in a quieter fashion this year, as they were 12 months ago. These festivals remind us that we are one full year into Covid19 with its varying restrictions. Yet, haven't we become rather proficient at managing to mark the passage of special days even when 'hemmed-in'! Out of around 50 bunches of flowers, kindly prepared by Judy, Marjorie and Jacintha, only two remained un-collected from St. Patrick's porch on Mother's Day. Little by little over the course of the day, families arrived to collect, their day made distinctly better by these small bunches of generosity. Thank you ladies for raising our spirits with a burst of Spring colour to remind us of the increasing light and warmth and distinctly brighter days!

Cathy

## A Ray of Sunshine!

A most sincere thank you to all the Families and especially the Children who took part in our wonderful Mother's Day online celebration. I think we will all agree that it was very special and a wonderful memory to have.

If anyone missed the service, it can still be viewed on the below link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wNEcmxxswNM&t=708s>





Cathy Hallissey is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Powerscourt with Kilbride Coffee!

Time: Mar 21, 2021 11:00 AM Dublin

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81523847942?pwd=cU9PRm5FbWxGWXNJcjRydE56eld4QT09>

Meeting ID: 815 2384 7942

Passcode: 450132



## Easter General Vestry 2021



A short Service of Worship followed by the Easter General Vestry meeting has been scheduled for the following dates:

This has been scheduled to take place via Zoom - unless notified otherwise:

St Brigids Church, Kilbride:  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April

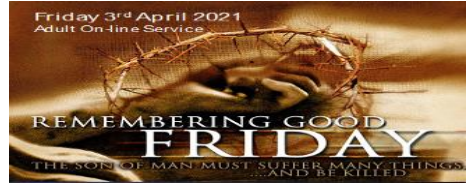
St Patrick's Church  
Powerscourt:  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April

Meeting Zoom details and times will follow closer to the date

### **This week's online Service:**



## Upcoming Services:



## Children's Corner

Don't forget to keep checking up on our Dublin Glendalough Kids Facebook site. This week we have a video with Rev. Ross and Copperpot chatting about all things St. Patrick.



**Dublin & Glendalough Kids**

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Lovely to see Copperpot and Rev Cathy in conversation with Rev Ross about all things St Patrick . Hope everyone had a wonderful St Patrick's Day & enjoyed t... See more



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**Copperpot on St Patrick's Day 2021**

<https://www.facebook.com/Dublin-Glendalough-Kids-107738287592834/>



This churchyard has a generous supply of bishops and even a few archbishops. It seems to be a favoured spot for them to gather.

The one chosen today is Archbishop John Alan Fitzgerald Gregg CH 1873-1961.

He was born and educated in England into an Irish clerical family, was a prize-winning student of Classics at

Cambridge, began his own ordained ministry as a curate in Ballymena in 1896, and was Incumbent of St Michaels, Cork. His reputation increasing steadily as churchman and leader, he moved up the ranks to Bishop of Ossary in 1915, Archbishop of Dublin in 1920, and then Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland from 1939 to 1959.

He presided over the Church of Ireland at a crucial time in Ireland's history. Though conservative and Unionist, he encouraged his flock to come to terms with the political realities of 1922. He was learned, outspoken, pragmatic, a respected church historian and antiquarian; an early advocate of Christian Unity, who also admired the devotion and discipline of the Catholic Church. He was widely known in Britain and the CH designation after his name, stands for Companion of Honour, a title bestowed on him by Queen Elizabeth in 1957, in recognition of his "important and continuous" contributions to religious matters.

Tall and dignified, he was once mistaken for De Valera, and arrested. Also commemorated on the headstone are two sons lost in the Services. John Francis Fitzgerald Gregg worked for the Malayan Civil Service, in the Justice Courts. He became a Flying Officer in the RAF in WW2, was taken prisoner by the Japanese, and was lost at sea in 1943. He was 40.


His brother, Claude John Montgomery Gregg, a sub-Lieutenant in the Royal Navy, died in a military hospital in London in 1928, aged 22  
A sister, Barbara Fitzgerald was a novelist, writing "We are Besieged", a novel about the havoc experienced by the Protestant community at the creation of the new State.

Archbishop  
Gregg and his wife,  
Anna, lie peacefully a  
few paces from the  
grave of Donald  
Caird, Archbishop of  
Dublin, and Primate  
of Ireland, 1985-1996,  
and his wife Nancy.



*‘Headstone of the Week’, submitted by Judy Cameron*





## A Place of Prayer

Over the past year or more in particular, St. Patrick's graveyard has been visited by local people and those from farther afield who choose to spend time at the graves of loved ones or simply to pause and reflect in the beauty of this gentle place.

Most recently we received notification that one of the graveyard's headstones had been drawn upon. This incident prompts me to encourage everyone to be vigilant and aware, when entering the graveyard, that it is a place of prayer and comfort for many, not to mention a jewel in the crown of Powerscourt Parish and one to be carefully enjoyed by all ages.

*Rev. Cathy*



A core group of Enniskerry residents have begun the process of welcoming a refugee family into the community under the Community Sponsorship Ireland initiative. The purpose of this page is to give you some information on the initiative and to alert the community that help will be sought through volunteering and fundraising in order that this programme can be brought to fruition. For more information, please follow updates on:

<https://www.facebook.com/enniskerrywelcomes/>

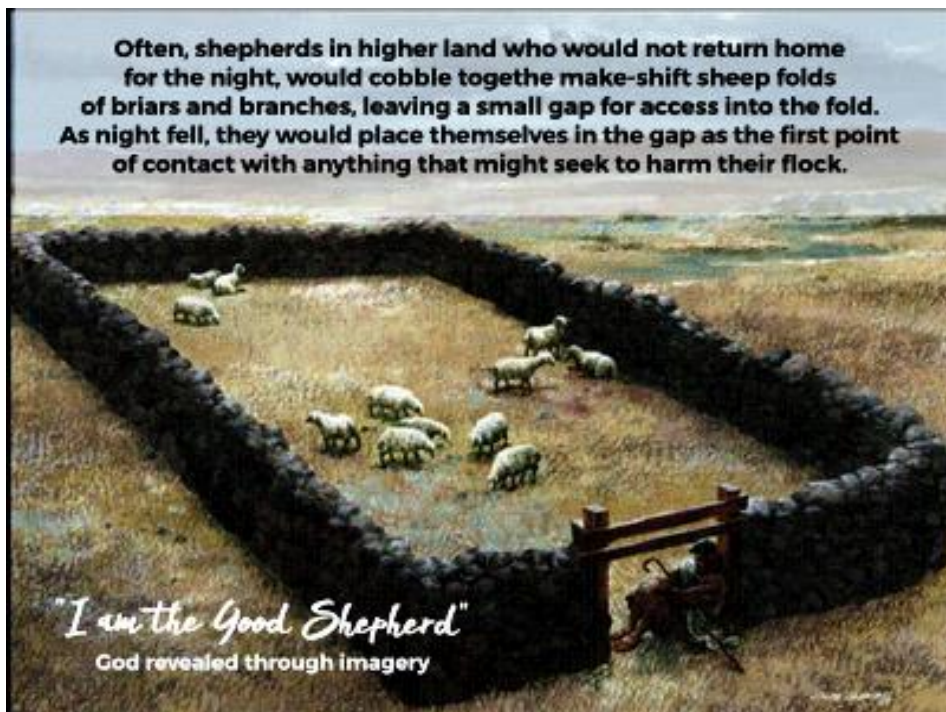


## ***‘The Living Room’ by Zoom***



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workings of the Holy Spirit! 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 am on Zoom. If you would like to take part in this group please contact the Rector at [cathyhallissey@hotmail.com](mailto:cathyhallissey@hotmail.com).



## Church of Ireland Parish Choir's Online – The Crucifixion

**Church of Ireland Parish Choirs Online**  
directed by  
**Kevin O'Sullivan**  
**John Stainer's**  
**The Crucifixion**  
produced by  
**Big Red Box Media Ltd.**  
**Tenor** **Bass**  
**Rev. Jack Kinhead** **Brian Hennessey**  
**Organist**  
**Dr. David O'Shea**  
from 12 Noon on  
[youtube.com/c/KiltiernanParishChurchofIreland](https://www.youtube.com/c/KiltiernanParishChurchofIreland)  
**Sunday 28th March**  
with help from  
Grouped Parishes of Sandford & St Philip's  


The Crucifixion is the production of a Lockdown Collaboration Choir involving several members of the Powerscourt Choir including Powerscourt organist Helen Beardsley.

The choir recorded John Stainer's Crucifixion over the last month. Directed by Kevin O'Sullivan from Kiltiernan Parish they rehearsed on Zoom for 2 hours on Monday evenings and a half day

workshop. During each week they recorded their pieces also working with Big Red Box Media Ltd on the production.

The collaboration choir are delighted to announce that the production will be released on Palm Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> March. Please log on to view this amazing production from 12 Noon on the following link:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI4iGDgC\\_3mEIY8aMHtFPQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI4iGDgC_3mEIY8aMHtFPQ)

*Submitted by Helen Beardsley*



**St. Mary's Parish, Enniskerry  
Lenten Series of talks:  
Looking at LGBTQ+ issues.**

**Paul Murphy, Youth Worker,  
Bray Youth Service**

**7.30 p.m. Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

By webcam from St. Mary's Parish

Church on [www.enniskerryparish.ie](http://www.enniskerryparish.ie)

How can we be an inclusive faith community? What supports are available to lgbtq++ members of our community and their families? What are the issues faced by lgbtq+ young people? It will touch on being transgender and what that means, as well as other terms that people may have heard of, but not be fully familiar with.

Paul Murphy is a youth worker with Bray Youth Service, part of Crosscare, the Diocesan social care agency. Paul has been a youth worker since the mid-1990s, starting in Bray, moving to the UK and has been in his current role with Bray Youth Service since 2013. As part of his role in Bray Youth Service he manages the Bray LGBTQ+ Youth Group.

**Paul has invited anybody who wishes to have a particular question addressed in his Talk to contact him in advance at [pmurphy@crosscare.ie](mailto:pmurphy@crosscare.ie)**

**UPCOMING TALKS IN THE LENTEN SERIES:**

**Can Enniskerry become a beacon as a Clean, Green and Sustainable Community?**

## **Enniskerry's Sustainable Energy Community**

**Presented by Tina Roche**

**7.30pm, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

**By webcam from St. Mary's Parish Church at**

**[www.enniskerryparish.ie](http://www.enniskerryparish.ie)**

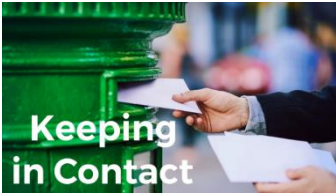
Local residents in Enniskerry have started a project looking at Enniskerry homes, our transport, our businesses, our farms and our community sports and leisure clubs to see how we might make them better and use less energy.

The presentation will look at what has been done to date, Enniskerry's energy usage, and the plans for the next few years. It will outline how it started, our research, next steps and how you can become involved.

Tina Roche is a local resident. Tina founded The Community Foundation for Ireland in 2000 along with sister organisation Business in the Community Ireland. Tina has an MBA from IMI/Fordham and has many years business experience having worked in various roles as CEO, Financial Controller, Company Secretary and Head of Development. Her main interests are in environment, human rights, philanthropy, community activism, corporate social responsibility and sustainability. Tina has been recognised for her work ranging from winning Tatler's Public Life Award, shortlisted for the Women Mean Business awards to being named in the Top 100 Thought Leaders in Trustworthy Business Behaviour by Trust Across America™.

*Submitted by Phil Kenna on behalf of St. Mary's Church, Enniskerry*





Dear Parishioners,

Many thanks to those who sent us on your address.

During these days of isolation is it important for us to keep in touch with you and a good opportunity for us to update our parish lists.

Would you be kind enough to take 30 seconds to respond to this email by typing out your full address and Eircode (if you know it) and return this to Mandy at [office@powerscourtns.ie](mailto:office@powerscourtns.ie). This would be most helpful.

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

or on our Parishes YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOXYER9cLb4mj3tuNcYdExQ>