

NEWS — from the — PEWS



Morning Mist

A Rector's Diary – March 2021

For the first time in a long time, I took a walk on my own the other morning. The previous day had been glorious with heat palpable in the air and the distinct feeling of Spring. This day however, a thick mist had fallen across Powerscourt Estate bringing with it a moist chill. I followed the path on its slight incline to where a line of vast shadows stood sentinel in the mist to the left of me - silhouetted trees that had, no doubt, seen many a morning like this! It was then that I heard it, the rich hollow sound of a woodpecker at work among the trunks; one clear wooden note drilled and trilled in the silence. Over and over again he worked as I stood, at a distance that facilitated my presence without threat and the sound of his carvings travelled clearly through the silent mist towards me. It was an honor to accompany him at the start of the day and I turned knowing completely that, whatever the day might bring, this fleeting moment in his presence would be one of its wonders!

This week's online Service:



Upcoming Services:



Enniskerry Traders

This week we focus on ***Frank Walsh & Company Solicitors, Enniskerry Inn*** and ***Smock Boutique***



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Opening Hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monday to Friday

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Frank Walsh and Co., locally based solicitors, have been serving the community of Enniskerry for many years, offering a full range of legal services to include residential and commercial property sales, purchases and leases, preparation of wills, probate and estate planning guidance, general commercial law and family law in a discreet and confidential setting. Frank is also a Commissioner for Oaths. They can be contacted in the village at “Rectory View” on Church Hill, by email at reception@frankwalshsolicitors.com or by telephoning 01 2866400.



Enniskerry Inn, Church Hill, Enniskerry.

Opening Hours: 12 noon to 9.00

p.m. (off licence) 7 days a week Website:

www.theenniskerryinn.ie Tel: 01 273 4992

In 2016, the Lawlor family became the new owners of the *Enniskerry Inn*. It is a rustic-chic pub with a full restaurant, courtyard garden and regular live music. They also have 7 en suite bedrooms available. Have a

look at their website for further details.
Edel and her team look forward to meeting
Enniskerry residents, post lockdown.



Smock Boutique, Main Street, Enniskerry.



***Currently available for phone
orders and postal service,***

***Monday to Saturday 11.00 a.m.
to 4.00 p.m.***

*Get in touch with Mairéad on 087 9378169 for more information and to
place an order*

or email info@smock.ie website: www.smock.ie

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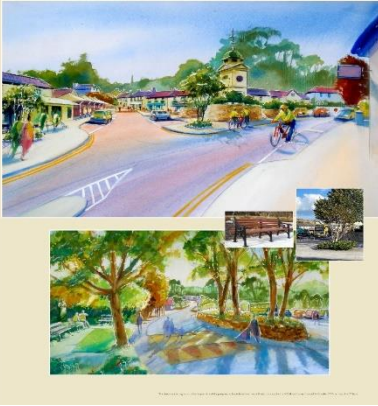
Established in 2015, Smock is an independent fashion boutique housing premium quality, Irish and European labels. Offering an eclectic combination of classic, quirky and chic brands, alongside personalised styling advice from store owner Mairéad, this contemporary boutique is located on main street, Enniskerry village. Watch regular outfit try-on sessions on Smock's Instagram and Facebook page by following the video series TRYONTUESDAY. Keep up with in-store arrivals and daily news on Stories.



‘Enniskerry Traders’ Submitted by Barbara Davis

NEW PLAN FOR ENNISKERRY VILLAGE

Enniskerry Village Renewal Part 8



Part 8 Public Consultation.

Dear Parishioners, I just want to bring to your attention details of proposed Plans for Enniskerry Village, advertised earlier this week by Wicklow County Council (WCC). With the first lockdown, WCC closed vehicular access to the south side of the Clock Tower to provide additional parking and to create open space to allow people to sit

in the open-air observing Government Guidelines on social distancing. Initially it was advertised as a temporary measure for three months. However, there are mixed views as to whether this arrangement should be retained. There is also an outdoor seating area outside Kingfisher's Restaurant.

It is for this reason, that I felt it would be helpful to provide the information to parishioners via News from the Pews. Please note that should you wish to make a submission, the deadline is Monday, 19th April 2021.

Below is an outline of the Scheme and attached is a copy of the Full Plans. Full Plans are also on display in the Corner Studio Shop window in Enniskerry Village.

Part 8 submissions can be made by email to braymd@wicklowcoco.ie , or in writing to the District Administrator, Municipal District of Bray, Civic Offices, Bray on or before noon Monday 29th April 2021.

There is no charge and after the 8 weeks' consultation period, a full report is written up and presented to all the Councillors before they vote on the scheme. Key points include:

- Close south side of the Town Clock to vehicle traffic except for emergency access controlled by demountable bollards.
- Provide a new enhanced pedestrianised paved area on the south side of the Town Clock, new footpath around the Town Clock and wider paths around the square.
- Provide raised level access courtesy pedestrian crossing points.
- Provide additional street furniture including benches, planters and bicycle stands and amendments to existing street signs.
- Create a bus bay west bound at the Parochial Hall to replace existing stop on the east side of the square.
- Alterations to parking including a new disabled access and an age friendly parking bay beside the Parochial Hall, new loading bay on Church Hill and reduced number of general parking spaces.
- Remedial work to the Town Clock and associated monument features and include for up-lighting of monument.
- Create a Community Garden at the Fair Green.

Further details on www.wicklow.ie

Barbara Davis

Attachment: Enniskerry Village Part 8 Consultation

St. Mary's Parish, Enniskerry



- Lenten Series of talks *'Hitting a Wall – Staying Motivated in 2021'*

During the season of Lent a series of Talks will be delivered by webcam or Zoom from St Mary's Parish Church. The Talks will mainly be centred on areas of social injustice, Christian responsibility and personal health and well-being.

The next Talk will be this Thursday evening, see below:

Thursday 4th March at 7.30 p.m.

'Hitting a Wall - Staying Motivated in 2021'

Dr. Amy Watchorn, Senior Clinical Psychologist, St John of God Hospital.

By Zoom - Register through Parish Office at 01 2760030 or

stmarys@enniskerryparish.ie

More detail on Enniskerry Parish web site -

www.enniskerryparish.ie

UPCOMING TALK 11th March:

“The Story of a 21st Century Refugee Family and their welcome in an Irish Community” - Ahmad and Shahera Bourhan

7.30 p.m. Thursday 11th March By Zoom

To register for this Talk you must contact the St. Mary's Parish Office and leave your email details. Telephone 01 2760030 (10-1 Monday to Friday) or email to stmarys@enniskerryparish.ie

Ahmad and Shahera Bourhan, along with their two young boys, entered Ireland in December 2019 through an initiative called Community Sponsorship Ireland (CSI).

The Bourhan's settled into Dublin 6 with the support of a local CSI group called Home from Home D6.

FURTHER TALKS IN THE LENTEN SERIES:

On Thursday 18th March a Youth Worker will give a Talk looking at LGBTQ+ issues and on Thursday 25th March Tina Roche who is involved in the Enniskerry Sustainable Development Community Project will give a Talk.

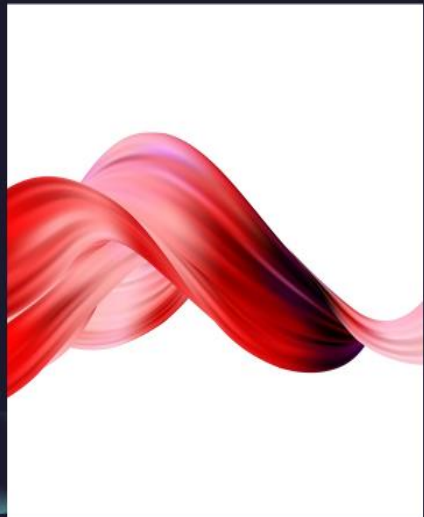
All Talks will be at 7.30 p.m. and details will be published on www.enniskerryparish.ie

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

Host Families needed for Spanish students from April - June 2021

Excellent rates paid, students are aged between 10 and 12 and will be attending Powerscourt National School, Enniskerry.

If interested, please contact:
cuca@iecspain.com or Mandy in the
School & Parish office





This is the only representation we have of the family of Rev Michael Sandys, who was Incumbent of Stagonil, (Powerscourt) from 1776 until his death in 1814. There was once a portrait of him which hung on the wall in "Dargle", the Sandys family home in the next generation, but no one knows what became of it. This portrait of his wife,

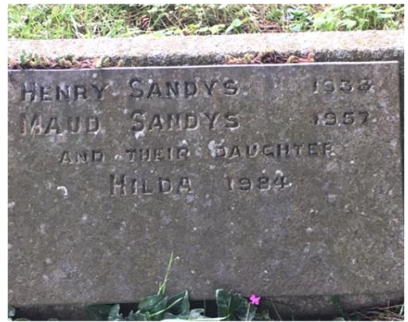
Barbara Tighe of Rosanna, Ashford, with two of her eight children, is a copy of an original, now lost also. Michael and Barbara were married in St Anne's on Dawson Street in Dublin, in the same year he was given the parish in Enniskerry. He was born in the city and his family owned property in the new Dawson street, worshipping in the brand-new church there. He seems to have retained a



fondness for St. Anne's, because, even though he had a perfectly good church of his own, and his children were born in Powerscourt parish, he tended to have them baptised in St Anne's and when he died he was buried there, in St Anne's yard. St Anne's was fashionable and perhaps he felt that Powerscourt church in contrast was rather "rustic".

There was no official Glebe house at the time. Building such a palace was left to the next incumbent, Rev Robert Daly. The Sandys may have had accommodation on the estate, but there seems to be no record

of where it might be. At the time, Enniskerry was hardly a village. The townland of Enniskerry consisted of the Powerscourt Arms, and the only church was the one next to the present house. Most of the congregation lived and worked on the estate or were tenants of the farms in the valley. However, when the youngest child, Robert (he who became the Agent...see last week) was growing up, the Sandys family were living in Waltrim House in Bray. Robert was married from there in 1819. His sister and her husband later ran a school in the house for (wealthy) boys. It is perhaps not a coincidence that the Rev Michael became a licensed schoolmaster at the age of 63, around that time.



This is not to suggest that the Rev Michael was not an able and faithful pastor to his congregation. The church was renovated when he arrived, and he had a reputation as a preacher. He also wrote an amazing document explaining in graphic detail how an honest healthy working man with a regular wage could not possibly support himself and his family without recourse to charity. He insisted that wages should be increased, listing the costs of food, of clothing. This research, all 32 pages of it, he sent to Henry Grattan, very influential politician, who was, in 1793, his Churchwarden, and living at Tinnahinch. Grattan thanked him for his good work, but there is no sign that anything came of the Reverend's concern.

Sandys' tenure took place at the time of the 1798 rebellion, when Powerscourt house was under threat, the lower windows blocked with turf sods and with riflemen on the roof. There is a record to suggest that the Rev Michael was a member of the Powerscourt Yeomanry, armed and willing to defend the territory if necessary.

Barbara is buried in the old churchyard, along with several of her children and their families. The monuments are still in place on the ruined walls.

Here lieth the body of
Mrs BARBARA SANDYS
Who departed this life
May 12th 1820, aged 67 years

Early converted to the service of her God and saviour
She lived for 45 years in the parish of Powerscourt,
Showing forth the fruits of faith by deep humility

Unaffected

Piety and unbounded liberality to the Poor.

The Parishioners who saw her light so shine before Men
Have erected this Stone to testify their regard for her
and
her husband

The Rev MICHAEL SANDYS

Rector of the parish during 39 years.

He lived respected and beloved and dying in Dublin was
buried in St Anne's Yard in January ,1814

‘Headstone of the Week’, submitted by Judy Cameron

Dear Parishioners,



Many thanks to those who sent us on your address.

During these days of isolation it is 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. This would be most helpful.

Masks Again!



People, it looks as if we will be wearing masks for some time to come, vaccines notwithstanding. If anyone needs new ones, we can deliver, for a donation to church funds.

The masks are made of two layers of tight woven cotton, with a pocket for a non-woven lining. They are fully washable and are at least as effective as any on the market. Also, they will not be contributing to the tons of waste caused by the disposable single use masks.

Contact Judy Cameron 0873364309

‘The Living Room’ by Zoom



Our Living Room concept began by embracing the Wednesday Fellowship Group and encouraging it to expand. The Group now takes time to review Portraits of the Scriptures and it's amazing what emerges in

conversation through the 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.

Chorister Recruitment for St. Patrick's Cathedral



The search for new boy and girl choristers is always necessary, but the process of recruiting has not been made easy due to the pandemic.

Saint Patrick's is renowned for its standard of choral singing. Membership of the Choir provides opportunities for choristers to gain experience and to build confidence. During the last few years, the choristers have performed regularly on live television and radio, in front of VIPS, including the President, and His Holiness The Pope, on the stages of The Gaiety Theatre, and the National Concert Hall, with both the RTÉ Symphony, and Concert, Orchestras. As well as this, they have gone on choir tours

and were involved in singing for no fewer than five critically acclaimed CDs the most recent of which was released in December 2020.

Please encourage any parents who would be interested in their child/children undergoing a voice trial to contact Mr Nicholson by e-mailing him at music@stppatrickscathedral.ie Alternatively, they are welcome to write to him: Mr S Nicholson, Master of the Music, Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Saint Patrick's Close, Dublin, D08 H6X5.

Children's Corner

**If I come and sit with you
and let you be the person who
you want to be and need to be,
perhaps you'll come to trust in me.**

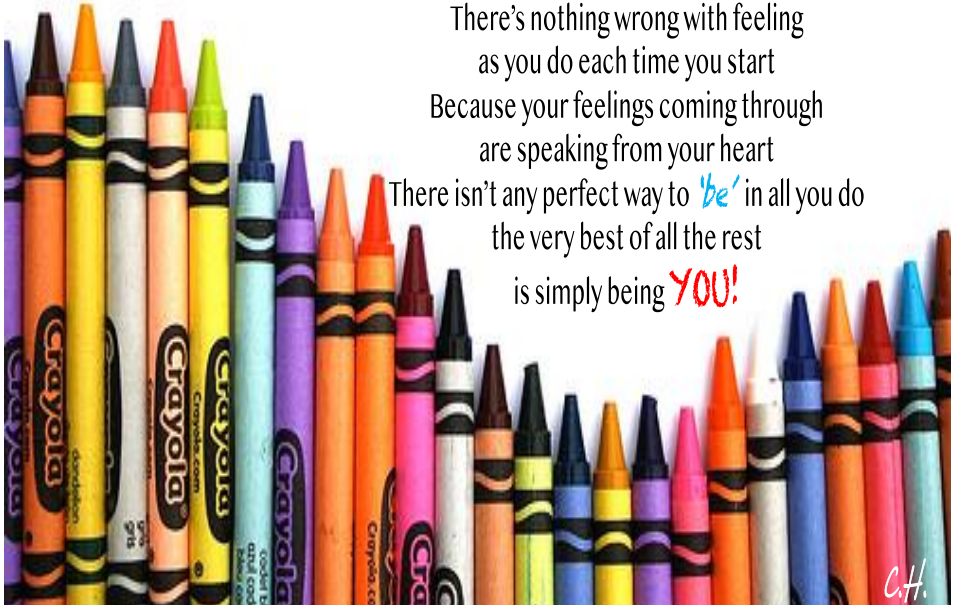


**If I show you that I care
by simply gently being there
then you may feel entirely free
to be yourself when you're with me.**

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Just Be You!

Everyone is different, No one is the same!
Some will seek for quietness while others seek a game
Some will feel a little scared, others feels excited
Some will feel they're unprepared while others are delighted!
But there's one pure and simple rule - you might like to try it
If you're going back to school - excited, scared or quiet
There's nothing wrong with feeling
as you do each time you start
Because your feelings coming through
are speaking from your heart
There isn't any perfect way to 'be' in all you do
the very best of all the rest
is simply being **YOU!**





CHURCH OF IRELAND
Children's Ministry
Incorporating Sunday School Society for Ireland and Children's Ministry Network

<http://www.cm.ireland.anglican.org/>



Sometimes it's hard to find things to do with children to fill the days at home. Why not visit our Dioceses Facebook Page for ideas!

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



All videos can be found on our Facebook Page

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

or on our Parishes YouTube Channel

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