

## Hope through the Changing Seasons.

Harvest is a time of celebration of the earth and the gifts given to us by the land and the many hands that toil and grow. It is a reminder of the important things in life; of making time to appreciate the beauty in which we live and God's eternal presence

in the ever-changing seasons of our lives.

This coming Sunday (3<sup>rd</sup> October) we celebrate Harvest in St. Patrick's Church and again on 10<sup>th</sup> October in St. Brigid's Church. Both services



will take place at regular Sunday times in the relevant churches and will be slightly curtailed yet again due to Covid restrictions, but we hope that these will be the last of our popular themed Services to be restricted in this way after restrictions further lift at the end of October.

We would like request, as in previous years that families bring nonperishable foods to the service and present during the service. These goods are donated to local families and charities.

As we celebrate God's constant care in the colourful bounty of his



provision, our awareness may too be drawn to the gifts given to us in other ways. This week, I wish to pay tribute to two people who have been a constant in our ever-changing lives over the past 18 months – Patricia Armstrong and Helen Beardsley -

each Organist and Director of Music, in Kilbride and Powerscourt respectively. Throughout the changing seasons of church-life during Covid, these ladies have gifted us Sunday after Sunday, pulling us back into music so well known to us through hymns and lyrics that have reminded us, not only of our steadfast faith in community and heritage, but have perhaps, on occasion, taken us back to an earlier time in our lives through a hymn sung on a Sunday morning. If singing was restricted, then music was played and spirits lifted at the familiarity of a tune.

There is little to top music when it comes to raising the spirits and we are blessed by the gifting of these organists and the willingness to give of these gifts during a difficult time for us all. Thank you, Patricia and Helen, for all you do for us!



## A Service of Remembering Sunday 51<sup>st</sup> October at 11:30am St. Patrick's, Powercourt.

On Sunday 31st October both our churches draw together for one united Services at 11:30 in St. Patrick's, Powerscourt. It is our hope that restrictions will be further lifted by then to facilitate a large congregation, as we pay tribute to the lives lost during the past 18 months. We invite you to come and join us, as we light a candle in memory of someone known to us who has died.

## Qigong in the Rectory Garden



Susan Forsythe will be teaching a Qigong class in the Powerscourt Rectory Garden **every Thursday at 8.45 a.m. from Thursday 50<sup>th</sup> September**. This short class is suitable for all ages and is <u>Free of Charge</u>.

Qigong, which is sometimes spelled Chi-Kung (and pronounced cheegung), is the study and practice of cultivating vital life-force through various techniques, including: Breathing techniques. Postures. Meditations. Guided imagery.

## FINAL CALL FOR Confirmation Registration!

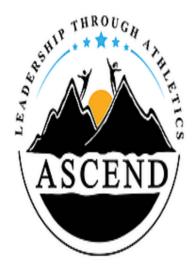


As restrictions lift, the Archbishop welcomes candidates from 2020 and 2021 who now wish to be confirmed.

Confirmations throughout the Southern Dioceses will take place before December 31st this year and classes in advance of Confirmation begin in October.

Children from 1st and 2nd Year in

Secondary school are eligible for confirmation this year. Families of those awaiting confirmation should register with Mandy at the School Office by Friday 1st October.





Ascend is an international not-for-profit organization working in Afghanistan to empower young women through mountaineering based leadership training. Their two-year development programmes equip young women in Afghanistan to meet the challenges they face in everyday life. Since the Taliban have taken over Afghanistan, these women, who are part of the Hazara minority, are currently in hiding in Kabul. Ireland has granted 20 visas to Ascend members and they will be arriving here in the next couple of weeks. There are 20 young women aged between 17 and 27.

As we await news on when the Ascend young women will be arriving in Ireland, we are working hard to get everything ready. We need some help though, if anyone could help us with any of the items on the list below

- Winter coats
- Masks
- Reusable water bottles

- SIM cards (Irish)
- Hairbrushes
- Towels
- Face cloths
- Back packs
- Notepads
- Pens
- Small umbrellas
- Double Duvets (must be dry cleaned if not new)
- Pillows
- Bedding sets double / sheets / pillowcases

We are asking for all items to be new or unused if possible. Rather than get 20 of one item, you could buy one or more items from the list for one of the young women. That way we won't end up with 50 hairbrushes! No donation is too small and all will be valued by these young women who come here with nothing.

Once the women are settled in accommodation, we will be looking for household items i.e. china, cutlery etc.

Many thanks to Grainne Austin owner of JBs coffee shop next to the Recycling Centre, Ballywaltrim, Bray who has kindly offered to be a drop off point.

If you would like to make a financial donation: <a href="https://fundrazr.com/51sz6a?ref=sh">https://fundrazr.com/51sz6a?ref=sh</a> 5AcvHe ab 1ActBO

https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofAscendIreland http://www.ascendathletics.org/

Thank you so much.

Adrianne Pullen 086-8382594.



Deserted early morning strand
As few will brave the flying sand
The blustery winds are now at hand.
Some fishing boats went out at dawn
To fruitful catch return this morn,
And ply again their ancient trade
Precarious livelihoods are made.
I'm hearing distant radio
U2's lead singer, yeah, Bono,
Remind us of a breaking wave
And not to chase each one we see?

Seems good advice to you and me.
And still the mighty rolling waves
Are calling surfers out to brave
Relentless ocean waters blue
Reflecting sky of azure hue.
Out in the mid- Atlantic here,
It feels like nature's very near,
With news on TV, radio
About La Palma's lava flow;
A higher force is nigh at hand,
The Great Creator's mighty hand.

## <u>UP-DATE RE STRATEGIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT,</u> COOKSTOWN ROAD

Considerable work has been undertaken by the Enniskerry Alliance which was set-up to protect the Village and community from over development in general and to challenge the proposed Strategic Housing Development (SHD) lodged by CAIRN and approved by An Bord Pleanala using SHD legislation. This legislation bypasses local authorities, local Area Plans and European environmental regulations.

As someone recently pointed out, Enniskerry had its own Forum which kept track of developments and areas of interest to the Village, which did not get the support needed to give it a voice. Unbeknownst to any of us, Enniskerry was classified as a small growth town in circa 2010 yet we all refer to it as a Village which I feel has made it a target for new housing developments.

Everyone living in Enniskerry and surrounding townlands need to get behind this challenge to stop urbanisation of our lovely Village. We have all witnessed some recent developments close to the Village that just appeared overnight – one is sensitive to landscape whilst the other is not. A  $\leqslant$ 48m residential housing development is planned at Pairc na Sillogue but again, the density is more suited to an urban location.

Many thanks are due to Melanie Corrigan (Cllr) and Rory O'Connor (Cllr) who have worked tirelessly to support the Enniskerry Alliance and the wider Enniskerry Community in challenging this development. Melanie is Chairperson of the Alliance.

Thanks also to Lorna Kelly (MSc Environmental Protection, H. Dip Social Policy) who lives close to the Village who agreed to be interviewed by 'The Greystones Guide'. See the article below and log on to <a href="https://www.greystonesguide.ie/children-of-the-cairn/">https://www.greystonesguide.ie/children-of-the-cairn/</a>

to listen to the interview.

Barbara Davis

#### **ENROLLING NOW!**



# Powerscoart & Albride Louis Ministry

Exciting News this November! The Shed Gang re-opens on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November from 7:30pm-9m for Secondary School children 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> year. Please spread the word. There is an exciting programme of events organised for our once-a-month meetings from November 2021 – March 2022.

Most activities will be held in the rectory and there will be a sub of €30 per person for materials and instructors for the period of Nov – March.

There are also planned extra weekend activities which will incur a small additional cost but promise to be great fun.

A programme of events will be posted here in News Pews and on our other sites, but for now, why not register by ringing the Parish Secretary Mandy for a registration form on (01) 2863862.















The touching Headstone commemorates, "Little Jack", John Carnegie Whelan, who died in 1883. He was the first-born child of the Reverend Ernest Whelan, Rector of Kilbride, and his wife, Deborah Elizabeth Carnegie. He was six months old and died of enteritis. Such was the distress of his young parents that his death was not registered for three months. The stone is decorated with a carved

lily with

a broken stem, a fitting design for a life cut short. Jack's parents are buried beside him and that headstone, pictured here a couple of weeks ago, bears the image of a lyre to honour Ernest's musical talent.

The Reverend Whelan, when he was curate of our parish, kept his diaries for only the first three years of his ministry, from 1876 until 1879. Perhaps he continued, and the diaries have been lost, but possibly marriage to "Miss Deb" in 1881 and his appointment as Rector of Kilbride in 1883, put an end to his leisure time.



The couple set up home in the newly built Rectory on the Herbert Road, and in a few years had six more children, four girls and two boys. Later they gave a home to one of Ernest's brothers, who had been vice chancellor of TCD, and was disabled in an accident.

Though there are no more diaries from this time, we are privileged to hear more about their lives thereafter through the generosity of a great granddaughter, who has given us copies of family letters, documents, pictures, and a memoir written in 1980 by Ernest's youngest daughter, Kathleen. There are vivid descriptions of life in Kilbride Rectory there! The children ran wild in the gardens of their neighbours; the Odlums were in Ardmore, and their grand hallway was used by the young for

dancing practise; the Mecredy family of cycling and car racing fame were also part of the gang, and it was a treat to be given a ride in a car, sitting high up with the hats tied firmly on, no windscreen , and Mr RJ Mecredy keeping warm with layers of newspapers inside his jacket.

Deborah Elizabeth had been an only child, doted on by her parents, and given every advantage that a young lady of her time might expect in a well-

to-do family with a strong religious background. She was artistic, a pianist, and



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had a lovely singing voice. Newly married in Enniskerry, she helped teach the parish children to sing. In Bray she had many friends from the French school and with the Hacketts, another large family, clever and musical, at Crinken parsonage. There were concerts and tennis and picnics, and she met her future husband there. St Andrews Presbyterian Church was the family's spiritual home. Her father, John Dalrymple Carnegie was a major benefactor. Sundays at Carnegies were stricter than in the Rectory.

When Deborah married Ernest, her parents were truly bereft. Her mother wrote to her everyday of their honeymoon at Hunters Hotel at Rathnew, sending her corn plasters on the first day. It says a lot about Victorian footwear, and about the postal service! Her replies are delightful, addressing her mother lovingly as " dear old lady". Mrs Carnegie was forty-four.

After such a sheltered and carefree upbringing, managing a large house and servants must have been a challenge. Deborah struggled with the many duties required of a Rectors wife, as well as the growing number of children. Her father wrote wise advice for her, and her mother-in-law, who had given birth to 13 children, four of whom died in infancy, might sometimes give her practical support.

When Ernest died suddenly in 1910," that dreadful day" remembered by the children, she had been married more than 20 years and was experienced and enterprising. The following years showed her courage and determination to support her children. The family lost their home as well as the husband and breadwinner, but Deb was left well provided for by her father who died in 1909. Her mother, Mrs Carnegie, died in 1911, and the family moved into the grandparents' home at 11 Prince of Wales Terrace in Bray.

That year she took the three girls still at home to Berlin to study music for six months. All the family played instruments, and Ernest had created a family orchestra. There was a violin, flute, cornet, piano, cello, and one daughter also played the organ. When Ernest was away from home on a Sunday, Bea played the organ and Kate pumped. Children of Rectories were used to taking a full part of Church work.

By the outbreak of war in 1914, all the children were reared and scattered, many to England and involved in the War Effort. Deborah closed up the Bray home, and rented a house in London, bringing her two servants with her, Bessie Gunn and Ellen. Deb's son was a curate in London, a daughter was a VAD in France, Kate worked in a munitions factory, Ernest's brother was an army chaplain, and his wife was in the ATS. Bessie took a job cleaning.

Kate, the writer of the memoir, remembers her wedding day in London to Lt Norman Howe, an old friend in Bray. It was 1918, Kate's uncle who was meant to give her away, was delayed, and Deborah walked her daughter down the aisle. "Everyone was in uniform, including the bridesmaid."

There followed several years when Deborah was either in Bray entertaining her rapidly expanding family or travelling to help with the young children. She was with them in England, in Gibraltar, and in Malta, still employing the faithful Bessie Gunn.

In 1923 she died in Prince of Wales Terrace of pneumonia at the age of seventy. She is buried in Powerscourt churchyard with her husband.

Bessie, who was probably under forty, went on to keep a boarding house in Bray for many years.

Submitted and written by Judy Cameron

## FLOWER GUILD VOLUNTEERS WANTED

WE are looking for some new names on the Sunday Flower Arrangers List.

It normally needs about 3 bunches of flowers plus greenery but of course it's great if you have garden flowers

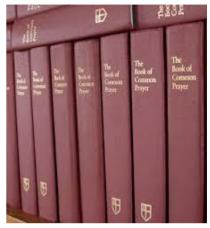


Volunteering is required about 3 times per year.

If you are interested to get involved, please contact Marjorie Mold 087 647 2668 or 01 2863499

# Within this ever-changing world, some things remain eternally beautiful and ageless.

We are delighted to remind you that, St. Brigid's, Kilbride, reads both Services of Holy Communion 1 and Morning Prayer 1 on the first and fourth Sundays of each month respectively. Join us as we step back in time with the older, more poetic form of the English language and service structures in their original form.



Service types and dates are shown below.



# Rectors Wish List

As things slowly return to normal, we would like to spruce up our children's area in St. Patricks Church. If you would like to help with this, we would be delighted to receive the following items:



Large cushions (bright colours no patterns)

Many thanks, Cathy

#### Tea and Coffee Rota for Autumn 2021

October 3rd Sadie Honner - Harvest

October 10th Mariorie Mold

October 17th Ruth-Anne & Chris Chambers

October 24th Wenda White

October 31st Rebecca Martin

November 14th

November 28th Elizabeth Mahon & Dorrie O'Rourke

November 7th **Emma Martin Judy Cameron** November 21st **Edwina Allman** 

We need more Volunteers - If you think you can help, please contact Marjorie Mold on 087 647 2668 or 01 2863499

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