

# NEWS — from the — PEWS

## A Quiet Time with God.

I wasn't sure whether it would work, and there may be many who say that it didn't, but sometimes we need to stop all the talk and theology, and let God do the talking for a change! So it was that St. Patrick's Church opened its doors to a small number of people on Wednesday evening for just one hour between 7pm and 8pm. This begins a quiet time for the following two Wednesday evenings at the same time.

### Watching for the Light

For three consecutive Wednesdays through Advent, beginning on 1<sup>st</sup> of Dec, St. Patrick's Church opens its doors from 7pm-8pm for a quiet reflective time of music and prayer. Opportunity will be provided to light a candle for a loved one during this time or to come for a blessing or prayer with Rev. Cathy.

1<sup>st</sup> December

8<sup>th</sup> December 7pm – 8pm

15<sup>th</sup> December

With the first of our Advent Candles lit and the opportunity to light a candle for someone remembered at this time, or come forward for personal prayer, we sat within the beautiful church to the sound of John Rutter and Bob Chilcott (among others).

Advent can be a busy and exciting time in the lead up to Christmas, but this was an opportunity to put into action, the words and thoughts of this

past year that sought to draw us from our worlds and into the peace of Christ, so often missed by the noise and lights of all around us. There is a certain type of peace that falls on an individual quite unexpectedly. It comes after the body has stilled itself and the breathing slowed down. It is a state of grace where the attention may be drawn upon an object or with eyes closed. There, just beneath our consciousness, we find a presence as palpable to us as those around us.



This morning's fellowship Group focused on four paintings chosen for the four weeks leading up to Christmas. We moved from the vulnerability of the teenage Mary and her willing response to the request made of her by God, through the exhaustion of the physical act of childbirth and the patience and dedication of Joseph (one of the unsung heroes of the nativity) to the awe of the wild and hardy shepherds at the presence of an extravaganza of celestial beings overhead.

*The Annunciation* by Henry Ossawa Tanner (1859-1937)



May we always retain the humanity to question; the faith to believe that, although certain circumstances may exhaust us, God has a plan for each life; and the utter awe at God's presence in plain sight in the cosmos, the earth and all that lies within both!

*The Nativity* by Gari Melchers (1860-1932)

*Seeing Shepherds* by Daniel Bonnell (current)





28<sup>th</sup> November Advent 1 (Hope)  
Service of the Word

5<sup>th</sup> December Advent 2 (Faith)  
Holy Communion 2

12<sup>th</sup> December Advent 3 (Joy)  
All Age Family Worship

19<sup>th</sup> December Advent 4 (Love)  
Short Said Holy Communion (11:30am)  
Outdoor Carols by Candlelight (7pm)

24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve  
Holy Communion (9pm)

25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day  
All Age Family Worship (Outdoor)

26<sup>th</sup> December St. Stephen's Day  
Joint-Parishes 'Short Said Holy Communion' (Kilbride at 11am)

Weather permitting, all Services except Holy Communion will be celebrated outside!



## Christmas in St. Brigid's, Kilbride

Sundays at 9:45am

28<sup>th</sup> November

Advent 1

Service of the Word

5<sup>th</sup> December

Advent 2

Holy Communion 1

12<sup>th</sup> December

Advent 3

Morning Prayer 2

19<sup>th</sup> December

Advent 4

Short Said Holy Communion 2

Joint Parishes Outdoor Carols by Candlelight  
(7pm Powerscourt)

24<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Eve

Joint-Parishes Holy Communion (9pm Powerscourt)

25<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Day

All Age Family Worship

26<sup>th</sup> December

St. Stephen's Day

Joint-Parishes 'Short Said H. Communion'  
(11am Kilbride)



# St Patrick's Powerscourt Church Outside

**Weather permitting, we hope to hold  
our Church Services in the Church Grounds  
so that we can come together safely and sing!**

**Wrap up Warmly!**



**Sundays at 11:30am**



# Bread Prayer

## by Jan Sutch Pickard

With-us God, you came to share our human lives  
in Bethlehem - 'the house of bread'.

We pray for those who bake bread and break it  
on both sides of the wall of separation:

Jewish families gathered for the Shabbat meal  
(and just now for Hanukkah);

Christian and Muslim Palestinians,  
sharing flatbread fresh from the taboon.

You are Living Bread, broken that all might be fully alive,  
so we pray for the day when all your children  
will be free to share their daily bread together, in peace.

Amen

*(From: Sing But Keep On Walking: readings, poems and prayers for  
Advent.)*

Kindly submitted by Jenny Derbyshire with permission of Jan Sutch Pickard



KILTERNAN PARISH

# 'SOULS OF OUR SHOES' *Exhibition*

*... shoes that seek to tell stories of victims of  
domestic violence.*

**29th November-4th December**

**Monday - Friday 8:30am-2:30pm**

**Saturday 10am-2pm**

BORROWED FROM THE  
MOTHER'S UNION AND ON  
DISPLAY IN THE GATHERING  
GROUNDS, KILTERNAN PARISH  
CENTRE. TEA AND COFFEE  
ALSO AVAILABLE.







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CHILDREN'S  
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ADVENT &  
CHRISTMAS  
NEWSLETTER

<http://www.cm.ireland.anglican.org/advent-and-christmas-newsletter-2021/>

## Tea and Coffee Rota for Winter 2021



5<sup>th</sup> December Gillian Gleasure  
12<sup>th</sup> December Tim and Gay  
Weldon

We need more Volunteers – If you think you can help, please contact Marjorie

Mold on 087 647 2668 or 01 2863499





Harry Nicholls didn't want to be buried here with his two older sisters. His wife, Kathleen, is buried in Deans Grange, but the authorities refused a burial there as the plot was full when he died in 1975. The burial index records his address at the time of his death as [42 Grafton Street](#), an apartment at the St Stephens Green end of the street. And almost in spitting distance of one of the defining locations of his life.

He and his wife were both Protestant Rebels, and Harry, during the Easter Rising, had taken control of the Turkish Baths on Grafton Street in command of some 16 soldiers of the Irish Volunteers and Citizen Army. In the chaos of those few days, he had cycled into town looking for his battalion, and being unable to find them had thrown in his lot with the Citizen Army soldiers at the Royal College of Surgeons. And thence sent to set up a post in the Baths. Luckily there was little action there and when ordered by his commander to surrender to Government forces (thereby avoiding execution), he may well have been glad that he had not been forced to kill anyone.

He did spend time in Frongoch, the internment camp in Wales, and when he was released and returned to Dublin, he took up his life again as an employee of Dublin Corporation.

Harry Nicholls was not a hot-headed youngster in 1916. He was 27, a loyal member of the Church of Ireland, with a good degree in engineering from Trinity College, and a promising job with the City Council.

Born in 1889, he was the son of an inspector of National Schools who was an "ardent imperialist". There were two brothers, one a lifelong Unionist, who learned Arabic and worked in the Sudan Political Service for 25

years; the other, George, also an Inspector of Schools, was a committed Nationalist who changed his name to Seoirse MacNoicaill and worked tirelessly for the Irish Language Movement.

But Harry was already deeply involved with the republican cause.

He was devoted to the use of Irish as the national language, vigorously promoted its use and the teaching of Irish history in Protestant Schools and demanded that the Church of Ireland provide texts and hymns in Irish.... All of which has come to pass, it must be said. He was not by any means the only Protestant rebel, but he has the distinction of being the only graduate of TCD who took active part in the Easter Rising.

He had already spent several years importing rifles under cover of the North Dublin Rifle Club, and as engineering instructor with the Volunteers, had trained them in street fighting, the structure of barricades and the use of explosives. For three years, however, from 1913 to 1916, his priority for the cause, was the smuggling and storage of guns. He was active in both the Howth and



Kilcoole escapades. He knew what he was doing when he took to the streets on his bicycle " with his pockets full of bullets", as his biographer describes.

Harry Nicholls was a talented organiser and negotiator. His part with setting up the ILGOU trade union..the Irish Local Government Officers Union...proved a vital support to the new Dail, post rebellion. He was a strong and confident trade union leader through the War of Independence.

With peace and order restored, Harry spent his working life with the engineering Department of Dublin City, responsible principally for the Drainage system.

It is worth reading Martin Maguire's biography of Harry and his wife on the Internet. It is full of information on both and only 20 pages long.

Kathleen Holmes Emerson was an amazing woman. A suffragette, and member of the I W F L (the Irishwomen's Franchise League), as her mother had been before her, Kathleen's speciality was smashing windows. She had been imprisoned several times, had been on hunger strike, and was only just rescued in time from a mob of angry men who were about to throw her into the Liffey. Her first husband was the reverend George Emerson, who died in Canada.

Harry's resting place is not forgotten. At Easter 2016, the grave was decorated with the most enormous wreath swathed in the national colours, contributed by a grateful nation.

Google: Harry Nicholls and Kathleen Emerson, Protestant Rebels. It's written by Martin Maguire and a good read.

*Kindly submitted 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

The joint parishes of Powerscourt with Kilbride operate within the Policies and

