

NEWS — *from the* — PEWS

It's good to see that the restrictions are lifting and due to lift more fully at the end of October. The management of this pandemic has been a difficult task for the Government and, although some might complain about the way in which this was handled, in the overall picture, we, as a country, haven't done too badly at

all.

It was alarming to learn of several cases of Covid19 in our Primary School over the past two weeks, since school has resumed, but this is inevitable, and our thoughts and prayers are now with the younger members of our society in both primary and secondary education and their teachers as they cope with this. It seems as if we need to 'get through it' rather than avoid it now, but it is a great comfort that many have been vaccinated at this stage.

Our churches are back for some months now, but numbers are down on the average Sunday attendance. This was not helped by the cancellation of a 'Back to Church Pet Blessing Service' on the first Sunday in September, due to the outbreak of Covid in the school. It seems to me that people are both weary and wary, and the combination of both brings about empty pews. It's entirely possible to get out of the habit of church and this is one of the impacts Covid has had on our community of faith here in Powerscourt with Kilbride. Understandably, some are still reluctant to return to larger gatherings and this will only change in time when the broader situation improves. As your Rector, I encourage those who have already returned to church to assist us now by participating in the choir, reading in Church and online or becoming an intercessor to lead us in prayer during Sunday Services. This is a time when we most

need to rebuild, and this can be a gentle and positive way forward for us as church.

Covid has changed things for us within our own community; we now see ourselves as an integral part of the community as a whole here in Enniskerry and this is something to be built upon going forward. Facilitating The Shaking Bog festival by making St. Patrick's available on a very small scale for individual artists this coming weekend is a controlled and safe way to open our doors to the outside world and the basis for more next year under safer conditions. Allowing our Carpark to be used during Disney's time here has been a valuable outreach to the village and shows a willingness to participate and come together for the benefit of all. I am extremely grateful to members of our Vestry, Church House and the County Council for ensuring that the carpark could be made available safely and fully insured.

Preparations for this year's Follow the Star Ecumenical Festival are underway now. If you would like to actively participate in the committee or take part as Actor on the day, please contact Mandy in the school office.

St. Patrick's, Powerscourt



Contemporary Services from September to December 2021

19th September Launch of Contemporary Service

Theme:

Starting Something New

*(A Service dedicated to children
starting Secondary School)*

17th October

Theme:

God in Us

(Accepting ourselves as we are)

21st November

Theme:

God in my Life

(Making Time for God)

19th December

Theme:

'Refugee'

How Jesus' birth speaks to us today.

The launch of our Contemporary Service on Sunday 19th September still goes ahead in the hope that the school will have returned to full attendance again. This Service takes place in St. Patrick's, Powerscourt at 11:30 and is designed for children and young teenagers and their families but is *all-age* and everyone is welcome! Please note that traditional services on a 'Contemporary Sunday' are still held in Kilbride church for those who would prefer a quieter form of worship that day.

As a means of Community outreach we open the doors of St. Patrick's Church to the Shaking Bog Festival this year by facilitating a conversation between the artist Joe Hogan (weaver) and Maureen Kennelly (Director of The Arts Council) on the Friday evening (10th September), at 6.30 pm and small and intimate presentation from the poet Liz Berry and the musician/fiddler Paddy Glackin on Saturday (11th September) at 3pm.



Please note as some restrictions remain in place, these gatherings are very small and are keenly monitored by the festival with regard to pre-booking, social distancing and safety measures. We hope that this small beginning will yield greater results for outreach in our community and within the beautiful settings of both our churches in years to come when the doors can be open to the public for such events.



Our wonderful organist, Helen Beardsley picking sunflowers in the sunshine at the Scalp Wood Nurseries, in aid of Wicklow Hospice Foundation.



ST. PATRICK'S, POWERSCOURT Autumn Services

September 2021

- 5th September: Back to Church Pet Service
12th September: Holy Communion 2
19th September: Contemporary All-Age
26th September: Morning Prayer 2.

October 2021

- 3rd October: All Age Harvest Celebration
10th October: Holy Communion 2
17th October: Contemporary All-Age
24th October: Morning Prayer 2
31st October: Remembering All Souls

*A Service dedicated to those
who died during Covid 19*

Upcoming Worship Services:



A Celebration of Harvest
Sunday 3rd October in both Churches

All Souls 'Remembering Service'

A Service remembering lives lost during Covid 19.

Joint Parishes Services
Sunday 31st October at 11:30
in St. Patrick's, Powerscourt

Enniskerry Gardening Club

Plant Sale

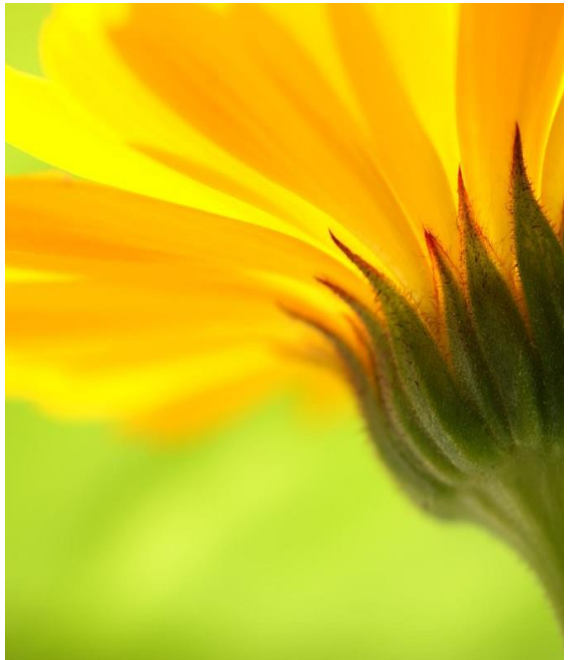
Enniskerry Gardening Club are
delighted to announce that
they will be holding a plant sale
on:

Saturday 11th September

10.30 - 12.00

Powerscourt Church Paddock

All are very welcome



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.



ST. BRIGID'S, KILBRIDE AUTUMN SERVICES 2021

• September 2021

- 5th September: Holy Communion 1
- 12th September: Morning Prayer 2
- 19th September: Holy Communion 2
- 26th September: Morning Prayer 1

• October 2021

- 3rd October: Holy Communion 1
- 10th October: A Celebration of Harvest
- 17th October: Holy Communion 2
- 24th October: Morning Prayer 1
- 31st October: Remembering All Souls

*A Service dedicated to those
who died during Covid 19*



He is there in the whispering trees,
The trembling, sensuous earth;
He is everywhere,
To witness every birth.
Here the soft, wild grass,
Rustling in the wind,
He is there too,
He is everywhere.

From lush, green valleys,
To mountains so bare,
He is there too,
He is everywhere.

Does he not fly with birds?
Through the gentle air,
To far off strange lands,
He can go anywhere.

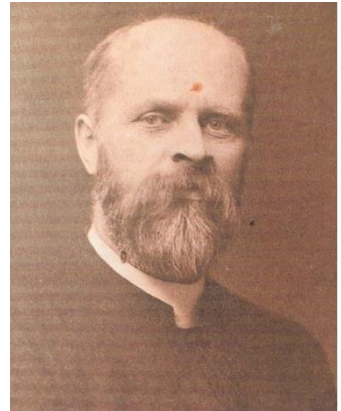
Even the falsity of a town,
He is also there.
Is there anywhere He is not?
No, He is everywhere.
Here the soft, wild grass,
Rustling in the wind,
He is there to,
He is everywhere



The Rev. Ernest Hamilton Whelan was curate of Powerscourt church from 1876-1883 and was then appointed Rector of Kilbride church. He died in 1910.

Born in 1853, the eldest of 13 children of the enormous Rectory at Maynooth, he was an immensely popular figure in the parish. Powerscourt was his first job. He was young, handsome, energetic, and a talented

musician and welcome everywhere. He played the piano for his supper, rolled the tennis lawns (a new sport at the time) for the wealthy, romped with the children, and was tireless in his visits to the people in the village and surrounding neighbourhood. We are privileged to have a record of his life from the diary he kept during his time with us, and from it we catch a glimpse of life in the whole area, rich and poor.



He had no transport, of course. Bicycles had barely been invented, and no pony or trap was provided. He tramped the roads, climbing gates and wading the river, using tracks long since forgotten, and wearing out his shoes. He ordered new ones from Mr Wogan (ancestor of Terry) for which he paid 14/-. At that time, he was lodging across the street with Mrs Louise Buckley, widow of Henry Buckley who ran the butcher's shop in the building now occupied by the pharmacy. Dr Matthews' waiting room could well have been his bedroom, and you can imagine him wakened there by the noise of the Fair days described in his diary!

The reverend Ernest had a full social life, with many friends and relations in neighbouring parishes. His sister married the Rector of Greystones, Ernest Daunt, and he spent much of his spare time with the large Hackett family in the parsonage at Crinken. In 1881, he married one of the lady friends we meet in the diary.



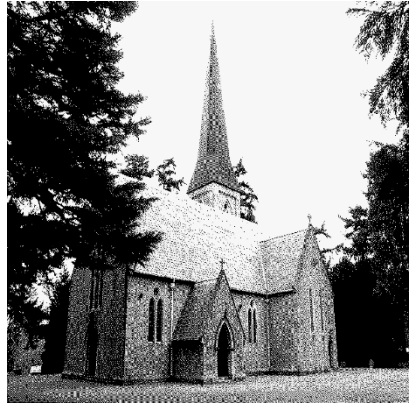
Deborah Carnegie was the daughter of John Dalrymple Carnegie, a stockbroker living in Bray. The couple moved into Weston, on the Cookstown Road, and in 1883, Ernest was appointed Rector of Kilbride Church, then, of course a separate parish. The rectory for Kilbride was, and is, a beautiful house, though no longer a Rectory, and for 27 years Ernest and Deborah had a fruitful ministry in that parish. They had seven children, six surviving.

With his preoccupation with good music, he oversaw the installation of Connacher pipe organs in both Kilbride and Powerscourt. He was a composer as well as a performer in the violin, piano and organ, and a choirmaster of at least one choral society. In Kilbride, he would not only lead the service but on occasion would play the organ and direct the choir at the same time.

The Rev William Foster Boyle, of Bushy Park, had followed Ernest Whelan as curate of Powerscourt, and remained a valued friend. He gave the address at Ernest's funeral in 1910, saying, "there is one great gift that God had given him, and which made him a household word in our United Diocese and throughout the Church of Ireland. He was one of the finest musicians in Ireland." Not only had he composed hymns, but he was an organist of outstanding ability, and a pastor who was well loved.

The Kilbride parishioners commemorated his life and work with them, by commissioning the fine oak furniture which is still in place.

Submitted by Judy Cameron



Enniskerry Joint Parishes Golf Classic 2021

We are delighted to announce the Enniskerry Joint Parishes Golf Classic on Sunday 19th September 2021 at Powerscourt Golf Club.

We have booked the East Course for the day and the timesheet is now available for teams of 4, at a reduced cost of €300 per team this year.

Unfortunately, we could not run the event last year and we are looking forward to seeing you all this year. As usual there will be an opportunity for hole sponsors, prize sponsors and refreshments sponsors.



POWERSCOURT
GOLF CLUB

This year Enniskerry GAA club have come on board to assist running the event and Jenny Bolger will provide the catering. If you are interested in participating or sponsoring the event, please email tom@tomdalton.ie or call 087 2783342 to book a time.

Enniskerry Joint Parishes Golf Classic 2021

Powerscourt Golf Club Enniskerry

Sunday 19 September 2021

WHERE: Powerscourt Golf Club

FORMAT: Team of 4, Champagne Scramble, **Full Handicaps**,
Green Tees (men), Red Tees (ladies)

TEE TIMES: 09:30 to 14:30

COST: Team of 4 - €300.00

Tee/Green sponsorship €100.00

Book now to avoid disappointment!

Contact: Tom Dalton 087 278 3342

Email: EnniskerryJPgolf@gmail.com

**Many Thanks for all your support over the last
30 years!**





WE ARE BACK
Enniskerry

Enniskerry : Wednesday 2.45 - 3.40 Age 7 - 10
3.45 - 4.40 Age 10+

Commencing September 22nd
Parish Hall Enniskerry

Contact Frances (0872843611)
Places are limited

Further details to follow
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Drama Games
Confidence Building
Fun actions
Elocution

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:

1 x Large Red Rug for Children's area – no pattern.



Large cushions (bright colours no patterns)



Many thanks, Cathy

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**BOYS, GIRLS & MEN'S TEAMS
ACADEMY FOR 4 TO 6 YEAR OLDS**



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We are delighted to announce that ‘The Shed Gang’ will return in the coming weeks.

Please watch out for announcements shortly. This will be of special interest to our Secondary School parishioners.

Tea and Coffee Rota



We are looking for new volunteers for the Sunday Morning after church tea and coffee Rota in St. Patricks, Powerscourt. If you are interested in volunteering to help serve, please give Marjorie or Joyce

a call on 2863499 or 2862645.



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