

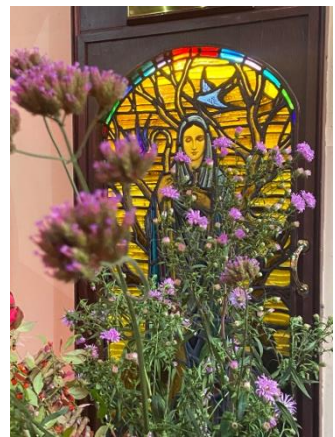
# NEWS — from the — PEWS



Harvest took place in both our churches this year with a flourish. In Powerscourt on 3<sup>rd</sup> October and Kilbride on 10<sup>th</sup> October, both churches raised our hearts and spirits with their colours and adornments of fruit, vegetables and flowers and our sincere thanks to all those who took part in decorating. There's

something distinctly comforting in coming together to offer thanksgiving for the gifts we are given by the Creator of all there is, and it was wonderful to see some children in St. Patrick's church, not to mention three new families who came. Copperpot was at large and on tour in three churches. Having dismantled the Vestry in

neighbouring Newcastle during his visit to their Harvest Service on 1<sup>st</sup> October, he moved to St. Patrick's to be welcomed by a group of Children on 3<sup>rd</sup> October and, by special request from an adult in Kilbride on October 10<sup>th</sup>, he sang yet again a new Harvest song 'Wonderous Creator' recognising God's fingerprints on all living things. There was a distinct feeling of normality returning and it's our hope that, following the release of further restrictions at the end of this month, our Services will continue in a more full-bodied fashion with no social distancing and the introduction of our Contemporary Service on the third Sunday in November.



Candidates for Confirmation will have already attended the first of their classes on Wednesday of this week just gone. We ask that you remember them in your prayers over the next few months. Confirmations are due to take place in these united Dioceses before the year end.



Please do spread the word about our Youth Club which returns on the first Wednesday of November in the Rectory (a lot warmer than the shed for the Winter months!). We have an exciting line up of activities for our once-a-month meetings and look forward to seeing young people from 1<sup>st</sup> year to 3<sup>rd</sup> Year in Secondary School.



On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October last St. Patrick's Church welcomed loved ones, friends and members of the Irish Airforce to a Funeral Service and Act of Thanksgiving for the life of Bill Leckie. Bill had celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday during the Summer of this year and is greatly missed by his family. During the Service a beautifully crafted Eulogy was read, as written by Bill's family, telling the story of his life's journey and celebrating his legacy of steadfast dedication to family and courageous service in the RAF during the Second World War and as pilot for Aer Lingus for 20 years. Our thoughts and prayers are with Irene and Steve, Alan and Jacintha, Fiona and Giovanni and their families at this time of loss.

Our parishioner Andrew Bailey has kindly donated 5 deciduous Trees for the Church Grounds. We hope to hold a prayerful planting ceremony following our remembering service on the 31<sup>st</sup>.



## All Souls 'Remembering Service'

A Service remembering lives lost during Covid 19.

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

## 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. This short (10 minute) class is suitable for all ages and is Free of Charge.

## ENROLLING NOW!



### **Powerscourt & Kilbride Youth 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>-5<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 Shed Gang

programme  
November '21 - March '22



Making Music *with Johnny Honner*



Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
From 7:30pm – 9pm in Powerscourt Rectory



## ST. BRIGID'S, KILBRIDE AUTUMN SERVICES 2021

- September 2021
  - 5<sup>th</sup> September: Holy Communion 1
  - 12<sup>th</sup> September: Morning Prayer 2
  - 19<sup>th</sup> September: Holy Communion 2
  - 26<sup>th</sup> September: Morning Prayer 1
- October 2021
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> October: Holy Communion 1
  - 10<sup>th</sup> October: A Celebration of Harvest
  - 17<sup>th</sup> October: Holy Communion 2
  - 24<sup>th</sup> October: Morning Prayer 1
  - 31<sup>st</sup> October: Remembering All Souls

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

## *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*



Beatrice McMullen (nee Carnegie) 1825-1887, was the sister of John D Carnegie who featured in the headstone series last week. She married John Franklin McMullen (1820-1897), who was also an employee of the National Bank of Ireland. In the 1960s, her brother, John Carnegie, was offered a senior post in Australia, but he turned it down because his wife's family thought she might not be strong enough to survive the long voyage. The post was then offered to his brother-in-law John McMullen.

The couple sailed to Australia, where John was employed as Inspector and General Manager of the Union Bank of Australia.

In St Kilda, a suburb of Melbourne, he built a fine two-story house in Victorian Regency style, where the family lived for some years, as well as supervising the building of new branches of the bank in different areas of Western Australia. His home has been demolished to make way for modern development decades ago, but some of the bank houses survive as heritage buildings still in use.



The family returned eventually to live in Ireland. John Franklin McMullen's graveslab lies beside that of his wife Beatrice.

On either side of these, are the memorials to their two daughters, Adelaide, who died in 1954, and Amelia, who died in 1929.

Amelia was an author and poet, who wrote under her married name, Millie Stewart Smythe. She married an Australian surgeon, James Stewart Smythe, and when he died unexpectedly in a hotel in Kingstown (Dun Laoghaire), he was buried in Deans Grange in 1907. Millie was insistent that he be buried in Powerscourt Graveyard and had him exhumed and reburied here in 1911, which is unusual, I would have thought. His beautiful stone is decorated with raised metal lettering, and a verse from one of her poems.



Until a few years ago, there were also two bronze cameos of the pair fixed to the slab. You can still see where they were set. These have been stolen by some vandal, who prised them from their setting, and there is no way they can be traced.

I think these headstones are the last of the Whelan/ Carnegie connection.

When the Reverend Ernest was buried in 1910, his friend, the Reverend William Foster Boyle of Bushy Park gave a funeral speech which is printed in booklet form. I quote:

"(Ernest) began his ministry here in Powerscourt, and from this parish he went to Kilbride, where for twenty-seven years his life work lay. Thus, within the circle of those Wicklow hills he had his earthly home, and friends, and work, and here today, we lay him where, within sight almost of that earthly home, the shadow of a Wicklow Church moves ever round the resting places of the dead as though in blessing and regret."

Mr Boyle had a poetic turn of phrase.

*Judy Cameron*



## *Anyone for Table Tennis?*

Would you be interested in playing Table Tennis in the Parochial Hall on a Monday evening at 8pm? If you are interested please give Joyce Roe a call on 086 819 1209

## 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

### Tea and Coffee Rota for Autumn 2021

October 17<sup>th</sup> Ruth-Anne & Chris Chambers

October 24<sup>th</sup> Wenda White

October 31<sup>st</sup> Rebecca Martin

November 7<sup>th</sup> Emma Martin

November 14<sup>th</sup> Judy Cameron

November 21<sup>st</sup> Edwina Allman

November 28<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Mahon &

Dorrie O'Rourke



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

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

