

NEWS — from the — PEWS

An Answered Prayer

Last Sunday, St. Patrick's, Powerscourt opened its doors to the Weaver, Joe Hogan. Internationally acclaimed, Joe has spent his whole life weaving and, to listen to him speak about this craft and the effort put into each basket, from the sourcing of materials to inter-weave into each piece

and the focus and attention place on each reed, Joe has inspired us to pause for a moment and reflect on our own lives and the pace and focus with which we live.

Joe speaks of a Whitethorn tree he visits from time to time, some miles from his home near Leenan in Galway. *"If I drive to the tree and walk up the field to it, it takes me far longer to slow myself down to such a pace that I can fully perceive the detail of it. If, on the other hand, I cycle to the tree, by the time I reach it, I am ready to see it in all its glory."*



Gathering wood and various pieces of lichen and stone from his locality, Joe inter-weaves these into his pieces of art. He admits that all artists perceive the world through eyes that look for more than the first glance - the way light falls; the miniscule details in ordinary things.



This combination of slowing down to truly look and the appreciation of the beauty of small things, speaks clearly to all of us now as we emerge from restrictions in our own lives. There was a time in lockdown where we were forced home to review the important things in life and I, for one, promised God that I would not return to that way of being that had me ‘reacting’ to life and its requests of me, rather than reflecting and responding.

If time was limited to you; if all was to be stripped away, what are the things in life you’d choose to value more than others and what would you do to slow down in order to perceive them and absorb them in all their beauty and give them your full self?



The Peace of Wild Things

Wendell Berry

WHEN DESPAIR FOR THE WORLD GROWS IN ME
AND I WAKE IN THE NIGHT AT THE LEAST SOUND
IN FEAR OF WHAT MY LIFE AND MY CHILDREN'S LIVES MAY BE,
I GO AND LIE DOWN WHERE THE WOOD DRAKE
RESTS IN HIS BEAUTY ON THE WATER,

AND THE GREAT HERON FEEDS.
I COME INTO THE PEACE OF WILD THINGS
WHO DO NOT TAX THEIR LIVES WITH FORETHOUGHT OF GRIEF.

I COME INTO THE PRESENCE OF STILL WATER.
AND I FEEL ABOVE ME THE DAY-BLIND STARS
WAITING WITH THEIR LIGHT.

FOR A TIME I REST IN THE GRACE OF THE WORLD,
AND AM FREE.



It is with regret and no small element of frustration that we are compelled to postpone yet another of our all-age family Services for another month. Our

Contemporary

Service, due to take place this coming Sunday 19th has created concerns among some of us that we will be drawing together children of all ages (both Primary School and Secondary School) at a time when Covid is still at large in our schools. The other side of this is that some families may be reluctant to attend at this time and we would very much like this Service

to be launched properly and not half-heartedly due to a reduction in numbers. I would be grateful if you would spread the word that this has been postponed and we very much look forward to an opportunity in the not too distant future to launch this Service to take place on the third Sunday of each month.



This Service will be replaced in St. Patrick's Powerscourt with a Service launching a World Week of Peace in Palestine and Israel.

As most of you are now aware, St. Patrick's Church hosted two events in the Shaking Bog Festival last weekend under strict covid guidelines. The church was fully sanitised and returned to us in immaculate condition. We were proud to host Weaver Joe Hogan who was weaving outside the church on Sunday afternoon, providing an opportunity to speak to those who visited and answer questions on his craft and Liz Berry and Paddy Glacken who were present for a short time on Saturday afternoon.



Both our churches provided beautiful settings and excellent acoustics and this is something we might consider offering to carefully-chosen artists in the coming months. Offering this small scale opportunity for the Shaking Bog has opened the doors to future association, combining the beauty and spirituality of art in its many forms within a peaceful church setting.

Congratulations to Catherine Nunes and the Shaking Bog team who ran this festival with great skill and efficiency.



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.



St. Patrick's Powerscourt

Autumn Services

September 2021

19th September: 'World Week of Peace in Palestine and Israel'

26th September: Morning Prayer 2

October 2021

3rd October: All Age Harvest Celebration

10th October: Holy Communion 2

17th October: TBC

24th October: Morning Prayer 2

31st October: Remembering All Souls – A service dedicated to those who died during Covid 19.

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Among the rubble

Compassionate God,
In our minds, we pray among the rubble,
the unholy mess of demolitions
in the land that we call Holy.

In our hearts we hold
families who have lost their homes,
children who have seen their schools destroyed,
communities which no longer have a clinic.
We pray for them as they weep for all that's lost.
We pray that they will not lose hope.

And we pray, too, for
the men who drive the bulldozers,
soldiers who beat back protesters,
politicians who sign the orders -
aware that such actions destroy their humanity.

Bless those who campaign against injustice;
bless the patient rebuilders;
bless those who hope against hope
that peace with justice will prevail
in the land that we call Holy.

Amen

(Prayer for Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel 2021)

Jan Sutch Pickard

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

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*

Kilbride News



A much belated thank you to everyone who supported the “strawberries & cream” event back in June held in the rectory garden in glorious weather. Many thanks to everyone who donated raffle prizes and helped on the day. It was a wonderful social occasion!!

It is wonderful to be back in the church again albeit still with restrictions. Services in Kilbride are traditional, and we use Holy Communion Service 1 on the first Sunday of the month with Holy Communion Service 2 on the third Sunday. We follow the traditional service of Morning Prayer 1 on the second Sunday of the month and Morning Prayer 2 on the fourth Sunday; a “service of the word” is held on the fifth Sunday. Kilbride church services are going to commence at **9.45a.m.** at the end of September – watch this space for updates.

Plans are afoot to commence fund-raising again and it is hoped that the Steadfast Band can be approached to hold a concert between now and the New Year.

Harvest Thanksgiving will take place on Sunday 3rd of October with decoration of the church & clean up on Saturday 2nd of October.

We send our thoughts and prayerful good wishes to anyone who is sick at home or in Hospital. The Covid virus is still out there so do keep safe and keep well.

Bray with Powerscourt & Kilbride Mother's Union

If you are interested in joining Mother's Union please contact Georgina on 087 6716745. The members of the Bray branch have been very welcoming, and communication has been ongoing throughout the pandemic via facebook etc.



Georgina Masterson

Enniskerry Alliance - Development on Cookstown Road.

Our Parishes role in the above is to support the protection of our environment by providing information to our Parishioners on the process that is taking place at the moment. Although development is encouraged, the density of these plans will negatively impact our School and Church. In addition to the information below please click on the link attached to this email.

ABP (An Bord Pleanála) have approved the building of 165 dwellings on the Cookstown Road in Enniskerry. This has been approved using SHD legislation which bypasses local authorities, Local Area Plans and European environmental regulations. FP Logue Solicitors have been engaged to drive a Judicial Review to overturn this decision. FP Logue have significant experience in this area. There is a strong case to be made that this will be successful based on specific legal points as detailed in the letter that has been circulated separately. The total cost will of taking this action is €60k. If we are successful, the majority of the funds will be returned to the contributors and if we were to lose for whatever reason we will not be liable to pay costs of the other side. We need your help in making a contribution to the legal fund to help protect our village. These contributions can be made online or offline as detailed in the circulated letter. We are not against development as we realise housing is critically needed but the surrounding infrastructure needs to be in place to support these high-density developments.

Please contact Penny Colley on 0871323881 for more information or email: saveenniskerry@gmail.com.

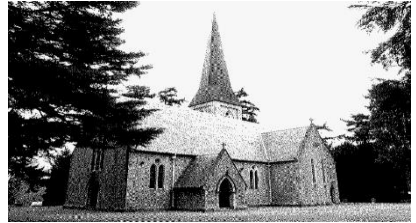
The Wonder Game



I like to do a crossword now and then when I've the time;
That's why I thought to scribble down this quirky little rhyme-
My English teacher would be pleased that I should even try
To parse and analyse the simplex answers, by and by.
He'd know that he'd imparted some intelligence, I think,
That one should know that beverage is another word for drink;
How that the game of golf is played by starting on a tee
And after shouting "fore" you might just end up scoring three!
How in the game of rugby when penalties are given
A player kicks an oval ball, the heavens to be riven
In hope that it's trajectory (another word for flight)
Will be both long and straight enough the scoreboard up to light,
When clears the bar (no, not THAT bar!) to all the team's delight;
Another case confusing us, as- later on that night-
A publican shouts "time" to "clear the bar" with all his might.
So, speaking of the nineteenth and of golf- to you and me-
The only sporting game wherein the tee is not the tea.

And now, just think of soccer where, to keep a game alive,
Some players put their hands up as another clearly dives.
You'd wonder that they'd realize the cameras on the side
Can capture every movement as they lie upon the turf
Until the ref should whistle, saying that he's seen enough?
So, what about the swimmers who don't play with any ball
When off the springboard launch themselves, apparently to fall?
Once landed in the water and assured they're still alive
Spectators long debate on did they fall or did they dive?
And watching the Olympics, Kellie Harrington won gold;
She comes from Dublin City, not far from East Wall Road.
Then champion Lewis Hamilton in his Mercedes Benz
How often to team orders we observe his will to bend-
When Bonnington, his engineer, calls out to him to "box"
Instead of going harder Lewis pits his car, and stops.
Try that on fighter Harrington by loudly shouting "box"
And you will swiftly learn about the school of (quite) hard knocks.
As ever, the conundrum of dual- meaning words
May frequently cause academes to verbally cross swords-
But, be it verbal fencing, or using rapiers sharp
You'll find at actual violence they'll generally carp;
Now there's another fishy tale (or tail?) for us to ponder
Until again, about the tee that's not the tea, we wonder.

Kindly Submitted and Composed by Gordon Lennox



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
francesradic@gmail.com



Scan me with your
smartphone to sign up
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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:

Donated!

1 x Large Red Rug for Children's area has been kindly donated by a parishioner



Large cushions
(bright colours no patterns)

Many thanks, Cathy



Powerscourt & Kilbride Youth Ministry

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 for Autumn 2021



September 19 th	Naomi Gillespie
September 25 th	Marjorie Mold
October 3 rd	Sadie Honner - Harvest
October 10 th	Marjorie Mold
October 17 th	Ruth-Anne & Chris Chambers
October 24 th	Wenda White
October 31 st	Rebecca Martin
November 7 th	Emma Martin
November 14 th	Judy Cameron
November 21 st	Edwina Allman
November 28 th	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