

NEWS — from the — PEWS

Autumn Changes

It's sad to see the Seasons change, as overnight leaves are lining the streets and the hens roost shortly after six o'clock. Yet the noticeable passage of time holds some reassurance in all this uncertainty, that God is in his heaven and nature is on time and operating as it should. Recently a Jay

has begun to frequent our front garden. I've heard its rasping call from the trees in the lane and it comes to forage for food in the grass, just far enough away for its colours to be muted to the natural eye. I remember seeing this type of bird first when we moved in 2019 and running to the window for a closer look. In all my days I have never come across its likes, with the flash of sky blue on its wing.



The squirrels too are back in the chestnut tree and finding footing and status among the hens in the back garden. I chuckle on my visits to the bench for recording online as, on occasion, overhead, two silent shadows flee the branches in a rain of leaves and ripened chestnuts.

Christmas is on our doorstep and, as the weather has favoured us of late, it seems to have silently crept up on us. We await final confirmation of new Covid regulations from the Government at the end of this week. The

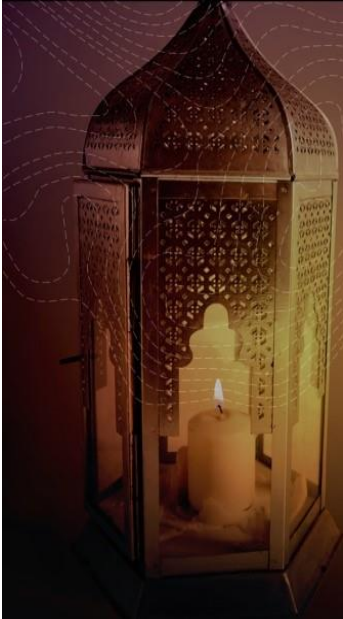
increase in cases is of great concern but we will continue to move cautiously through this until the new year, availing of good weather for larger gatherings outside and with the necessary reduced seating indoors.

Our 'Remembering Service' is due to take place on Sunday 31st October next as a joint service with Powerscourt & Kilbride in St. Patrick's Church at 11:30am. Weather allowing, we may consider moving this service outdoors in an attempt to facilitate larger numbers. Unfortunately, if the change in weather makes this impossible, numbers will be restricted indoors, and places will be provided on a first-come-first-served basis.

Your prayers would be welcome for our 8 Confirmation Candidates this year who have been attending classes over the past few weeks and are set to make their Confirmation on 9th November in Christ Church Cathedral. Each candidate is permitted to bring two people to the Cathedral and the Service will be live streamed for other family members and friends to watch. It has been a privilege to be with this class and discuss the heart of their faith; to see the knowledge that they have already accumulated and their openness to God is most heartening.

We are making contact directly with the parents of the Youth of our Parish to register with our Shed Gang Youth Club which begins on the first Wednesday of November. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please spread the word!

Cathy



'Remembering'

A joint-parishes Service
remembering those who
lost their lives during
Covid19

St. Patrick's Church, Powerscourt,
Sunday 31st October 2021

As restrictions may still be in place,
seating for this Service may be limited.

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.**



‘Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment, until it becomes a memory’.

Dr Scuss.

Just last week I witnessed my frail ninety-three-year-old mother who is my daughter’s grandmother, hold her eight-week-old Great-grandson close to her heart. It was a moment of pure love for us all to witness and experience. We were together in the presence of four generations, and in that moment, I could feel the ripple effects of wisdom, love and strength cross the generations.

There’s a special kind of love that grandchildren have for their grandparents...It’s filled with respect for their wisdom and accomplishments...with gratitude for the values they’ve given us...with delight in the stories of our family that they remember and share...Maya Angelou.

Every moment is precious, every moment is a miracle, and each and every presence is a gift to be shared.

Sheila Lindsay.

ENROLLING NOW!



Powerscourt & Kilbride Youth Ministry

Exciting News this November! The Shed Gang re-opens on Wednesday 3rd November from 7:30pm-9m for Secondary School children 1st-5rd 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 3rd November
From 7:30pm – 9pm in Powerscourt Rectory



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*

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



This headstone lies in the Old Graveyard at Powerscourt.

Erected By. Maria Louisa Buckley, in memory of (her) beloved husband. Henry Buckley. Who died January 19th 1887. Aged 66 years. Also, their children. Amy died 3rd. August 1859. Henry Talbot died 12th Oct 1859. Henry died 1st Oct 1861.

Henry Buckley and Maria Louisa Griffiths, daughter of William Griffiths, a military officer, were married in April 1855. If the dates are correct, she was 16, and her new husband was 45.

Their first child, Henry Talbot, survived until he was nearly 3, and their third, Amy, lasted 4 months. They died two months apart. Two years later the couple lost the second Henry at 12 days.

However, despite the tragedies, Maria Louisa was kept busy. She had a child just about every year until 1870. The Baptismal Register records Thomas Frederick Halpin in July that year, the 11th child. Two surviving sons and six daughters.

Henry Buckley was the butcher in Enniskerry, occupying the building which now houses the Pharmacy, the Doctors' surgery, and the coffee shop. When he died in 1876, little Thomas was six years old. Thereupon, deprived of the breadwinner, Maria took in a lodger, our curate, the Reverend Ernest Whelan, so often mentioned recently.

From his diary we have a picture of this landlady, Mrs B, as a lively energetic woman who looked after Ernest like a mother, remembering his birthdays, worrying about his health, and teasing him. There were hints that there were other people in the household, but it is only by studying the Baptismal register that we get an idea of how many.

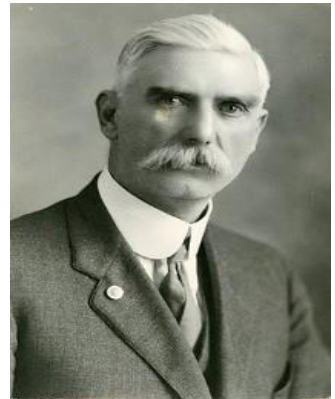
Maria's oldest surviving children were all girls. At 18, 16 and 14 (remember there were children in between!) they might have left the

family home, or finished schooling, but there would still be five youngsters remaining with John Charles the eldest at 12. He was possibly away at this time, as he was known to have been educated at Disraeli's College in Co Carlow.

Ernest became a trusted friend and remained so when he moved to Weston after his marriage and then to Kilbride. When Maria Louisa died, he was her executor. She was only 43, and her headstone in the Old Yard is dedicated: "by her children in affectionate remembrance of their mother", and her dates, 1839-1883.

John Charles Buckley 1863-1942 followed his father as a butcher in the same premises. The Lawrence Collection of photographs display his shop front and its sign J.C. Buckley. Across the street stood a grocer's shop: J.T. Buckley. Life is too short to work out their relationship! At the time there were 15 families of Buckley's in the parish. Inevitably, they often married each other.

John Charles married his cousin Susannah, daughter of Richard Buckley of Ballybrow (sic) in 1884, the year after his mother's death. They had 3 sons and 5



John Charles Buckley 1863-1942, in 1921

daughters. The first three were all baptised in Powerscourt Church. When he was 43, in 1906, John Charles emigrated with his family to Alberta, in Canada. He became there, a prominent cattle farmer and politician. He served in the provincial legislature for 14 years.

Some years ago, descendants of this family visited Enniskerry. They were a lively crowd. It was a thrill to meet Buckley's who were still rearing cattle across the world, whose origins were the Butchers shop in Enniskerry.

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

Tea and Coffee Rota for Autumn 2021

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

