

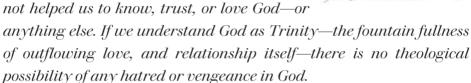
Catching Up with the Christ

In his daily reflection 'Choosing Heaven Now' Fr. Rich

ard Rohr, American Franciscan Priest writes; *The shape of creation must* somehow mirror and reveal the shape of the Creator. We must have a God at

least as big as

the universe. Otherwise, our view of God becomes irrelevant, constricted, and more harmful than helpful. The Christian image of a torturous hell and God as a petty tyrant has not helped us to know, trust, or love God—or



During a recent conversation in the Rectory, a view of the world *drawing away from religion* was discussed with the observation that some people are afraid to return to a church setting with Covid still at large and other have simply fallen out of the habit of attending church. Both may very well be true, but what has seemed to happen over the past twenty years and long before Covid ever appeared, was a change in perspective regarding human rights and equality. There has slowly emerged a generation who, by and large, no longer operate such a dualistic viewpoint of what is declared 'acceptable' or not when it comes to an individual. Increasing awareness of a broader spectrum of gender and behavioural and developmental differences within an individual has led to a greater understanding of difference as the world attempts to break some of the moulds set in place in its past.

Last Sunday marked the beginning of a Week of Peace in Palestine and Israel. Globally, we are still and odds and ends (to put it mildly) when it comes to equality and peace, and our prayers are needed now more than ever as a powerful force when it comes to restoration in the land of the Holy One.

conversation the Rectory in refreshing continued with the observation that 'It's not that church has failed, but perhaps it has succeeded perhaps ithas. throughout all its past glories and flaws, managed to direct society

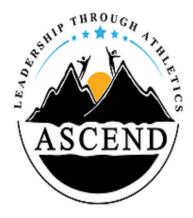


towards operating at this level of awareness of the other in its various causes and changes. It's certainly something worth considering – as long as the world doesn't take all the credit for what Christ has been teaching for the past 2,000 years!

Prayer For Our Community

Loving God, you fill all things with a fullness and hope that we can never comprehend. Thank you for leading us into a time where more of reality is being unveiled for us all to see. We pray that you will take away our natural temptation for cynicism, denial, fear and despair. Help us have the courage to awaken to greater truth, greater humility, and greater care for one another. May we place our hope in what matters and what lasts, trusting in your eternal presence and love. Listen to our hearts' longings for the healing of our suffering world. Amen.

From the Center for Action and Contemplation





Ascend is an international not-for-profit organization working in Afghanistan to empower young women through mountaineering based leadership training. Their two-year development programmes equip young women in Afghanistan to meet the challenges they face in everyday life. Since the Taliban have taken over Afghanistan, these women, who are part of the Hazara minority, are currently in hiding in Kabul. Ireland has granted 20 visas to Ascend members and they will be arriving here in the next couple of weeks. There are 20 young women aged between 17 and 27.

As we await news on when the Ascend young women will be arriving in Ireland, we are working hard to get everything ready. We need some help though, if anyone could help us with any of the items on the list below

- Winter coats
- Masks
- Reusable water bottles
- ❖ SIM cards (Irish)
- Hairbrushes
- Towels

- Face cloths
- Back packs
- Notepads
- Pens
- Small umbrellas
- Double Duvets (must be dry cleaned if not new)
- Pillows
- Bedding sets double / sheets / pillowcases

We are asking for all items to be new or unused if possible. Rather than get 20 of one item, you could buy one or more items from the list for one of the young women. That way we won't end up with 50 hairbrushes! No donation is too small and all will be valued by these young women who come here with nothing.

Once the women are settled in accommodation, we will be looking for household items i.e. china, cutlery etc.

Many thanks to Grainne Austin owner of JBs coffee shop next to the Recycling Centre, Ballywaltrim, Bray who has kindly offered to be a drop off point.

If you would like to make a financial donation: https://fundrazr.com/51sz6a?ref=sh 5AcvHe ab 1ActB0

https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofAscendIreland http://www.ascendathletics.org/

Thank you so much.

Adrianne Pullen 086-8382594.

ENROLLING NOW!



Powerscoart & Albride Louis Ministry

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















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 1^{st} October.



Upcoming Worship Services:





Within this ever-changing world, some things remain eternally beautiful and ageless.

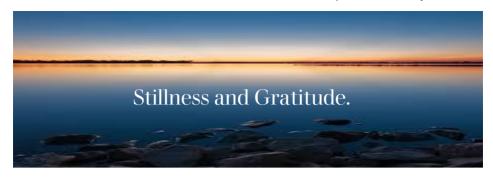
We are delighted to remind you that, St. Brigid's, Kilbride, reads both Services of Holy Communion 1 and Morning Prayer 1 on the first and fourth Sundays of each month respectively. Join us as we step back in time with the older, more poetic form of the English language and service structures in their original form.

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Service types and dates are shown below.





Focus on the stillness of this moment by seeing what is around you...You achieve more in stillness than you do in speed...You only catch a glimpse when you rush'. Sinead de Hora.

Now that life is opening back up with most of the restrictions due to Covid 19 being lifted, I am more aware than ever of the need to stay grounded and present in myself. It would be so easy to get pulled back into the busyness of life. If we reflect on life pre Covid, during Covid and where we are right now, I think it might make for interesting reflection. This is something of course that is personal to each of us in our own lives.

I hear a lot of people talk about how busy and frantic their lives were before the pandemic, and as the world came to an abrupt halt realising that a lot of what they were doing was needless. There was no need to fly all over the world to business meetings...things that were deemed urgent could be dealt with in a different way.

For me as I stay grounded I realise the power of gratitude. I am thankful for the many insights and new learnings I have gained over the last eighteen months. I am grateful for being 'alive' in my life with the joy and willingness to embrace the small moments....the beauty of stillness is but a breath away.

"Take refuge in your senses, open up to all the small miracles you rushed through".

John O'Donoghue.

Sheila Lindsay.

Qigong in the Rectory Garden



Susan Forsythe will be teaching a Qigong class in the Powerscourt Rectory Garden every **Thursday at 8.45 am from Thursday 30th September**. The class is suitable for all ages and is <u>Free of Charge</u>. Qigong, which is sometimes spelled Chi-Kung (and pronounced chee-gung), is the

study and practice of cultivating vital life-force through various techniques, including: Breathing techniques. Postures. Meditations. Guided imagery.

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!

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





Large cushions (bright colours no patterns)

Many thanks, Cathy

Tea and Coffee Rota for Autumn 2021



September 25th Marjorie Mold

October 3rd Sadie Honner - Harvest

October 10th Marjorie Mold

October 17th Ruth-Anne & Chris Chambers

October 24th Wenda White

October 31st Rebecca Martin

November 7th Emma Martin November 14th Judy Cameron November 21st Edwina Allman

November 28th 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