

Celebrating the 200th Anniversary of Powerscourt National School



Dear All,

Thank you to everyone who have been expressing very kind wishes since the announcement, last month, of my impending retirement at the end of September. To the frequent comment, 'are you winding down' the answer is 'fat chance'!! What with GDPR to be tackled, upgrading of our Safeguarding policies, the sad news that LPI, who publish this magazine are pulling out of Ireland and a diocese which suddenly would like a large number of little tasks completed before I go, it looks like a very busy summer. The great comfort is that the parish and community are in good heart and can look forward to proudly handing on the task of Rector to my successor (whoever that might be) in the not too distant future. I will write more about the appointment procedure in the next edition.



Powerscourt National School 200th Anniversary

For almost 195 years Powerscourt School, Enniskerry operated from the same building, making it the oldest continuously used school building in Ireland. The school moved 6 years ago from the oldest school building to the newest and the first passive school building in Ireland. That has been a very successful move and the school has continued to grow and is heading for nearly 100 pupils, more than twice the size it was 20 years ago. On the first day in the new school all the pupils, led by the Principal walked up the hill carrying items from the school to the new building. The 200th anniversary week from 13th - 20th May saw a similar walk to and from the old school, with the children and staff in period costume. This marked the start of a great week of celebration which included the burial of a time capsule in the school grounds, a grandparents' day which concluded with a super concert in the church led by Aine Powell who has been assisting with music in the school all year. As I write we are looking forward to the 200th Celebration Soiree in Powerscourt House & Gardens on Friday and to Pentecost Sunday when the Archbishop joins us for a special Eucharist followed by a Fun Family Day at Powerscourt Church.

Well done to everyone who helped make this special week so memorable, especially the pupils, the staff and parents on the organising committee and the PTT. A special thank you also goes to Neil Condron and the team at the School for Art, our old home in Enniskerry village, for their involvement and welcome during the week.

Car Boot Sales began again this year on Saturday, 28th April in lovely weather and good attendance. There will be a car boot sale at Powerscourt Church Car Park on the last Saturday morning of each month until September. This means there will be sales on 26th May & 30th June. For more details contact Robert Allison (0863815151)

The Joint Parishes Golf Classic was held on the May Bank Holiday Monday at Powerscourt Golf Club. Good weather made for a very enjoyable and successful event and is noteworthy for the Rector's clergy team winning a prize at long last!! The Rector's team won the prize for the best score for first nine holes. It only took 20 years! I think they were very conscious that this was their last chance.

Oak Tree

The oldest tree in Powerscourt Churchyard suddenly fell without warning on Monday 7th May. Thankfully it fell into the graveyard and not towards the road, and no one was hurt though it certainly gave some people a big scare. We have also decided that nature is better at felling trees than the professionals as, in spite of its huge size, only 3 gravestones were damaged. Our grateful thanks to King Tree Services for clearing the tree very efficiently and quickly allowing access to the church for both a wedding and a funeral taking place in the following days.

Daily Prayer & Open Church will begin for the summer on 3rd June and will continue through to September. Daily prayer will be offered at 12.00 noon & 5.00 pm and the church will be open for prayer and reflection between those hours every day. If you would like to be part of the team who mind the church during these hours please let me know.

Your Rector
Ricky

GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION (GDPR) FOR PARISHES

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will take effect across Europe from 25 May 2018. It replaces the existing law on data protection and gives individuals more rights and protection in how their personal data is used by organisations. Personal data is information about a living person which is capable of identifying them. Parishes must comply with its requirements, just like any other charity or organisation. Further information about the General Data Protection Regulation can be found by visiting www.ireland.anglican.org/parish-resources.

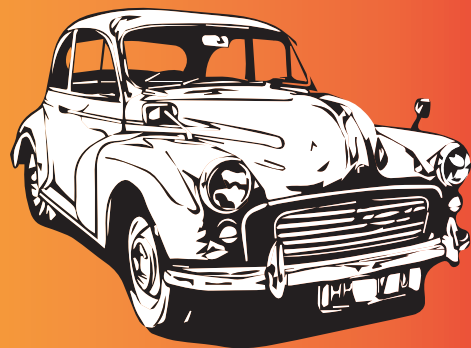
Please find enclosed with this month's copy of the Clarion a letter from Edwina Allman our GDRP administrator along with a consent form that needs to be signed by each parishioner.

CAR BOOT SALES

IN AID OF POWERSCOURT PARISH FUNDS

- THE LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH (April-Aug)
- STARTING ON SATURDAY 28th OF APRIL
- POWERSCOURT CHURCH - PADDOCK
- 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM

FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT
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KILBRIDE NOTES

I was delighted to read that Rev. Niall enjoyed the flower arranging in Kilbride Church at Easter - it is something that I also enjoy usually in the relatively peaceful and calm surroundings of the chancel of a Saturday morning - one can truly "switch off" whilst arranging flowers despite the hustle and bustle of the busy N11 just a few metres from the main church door. And speaking of flower arranging if any of the parishioners would like to add their name to the (short!) list or donate money to the flower fund please let me know - Georgina.

Thank you to Stephen for organising the lesson readers for the months of April and May whilst I recuperated from my hip replacement. If anyone would like to add their name to the list of readers please let me know - Georgina.

A "late" Spring clean of the church will take place on Saturday, 16th June at 10am. - the day before Father's Day. Please come along and help. We were sorry to learn that Archdeacon Rountree will be retiring at the end of September and send our best wishes to Ricky and to Elizabeth as they move onto this new chapter in their lives.

The next meeting of Kilbride Vestry will be on Tuesday, 5th June at 8.00p.m.

Kilmacanogue & District Horse Show will take place on Saturday, 28th July at Monastery Cross in Enniskerry by kind permission of Syl and Mary Fenelon Bourke. This show has consistently down through the years (over 40 of them!) raised money for local charities and your support would be very welcome on the day.

We continue to remember in our prayers all those who are sick at home, in hospital or nursing homes.

DAILY WORSHIP APP

Church of Ireland launches Daily Worship app at General Synod
The Church of Ireland has brought content from The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) into the smartphone era by launching its Daily Worship app at the General Synod in Armagh. The app is an initiative from the Church's Central Communications Board in close co-operation with the Church's Liturgical Advisory Committee. Daily Worship presents Bible readings, prayers, canticles and Services from the BCP in one place and in a simplified format. These are available for each day of the year, covering five Services: Morning and Evening Daily Prayer, A Late Evening Office, Compline, and Holy Communion.

The Most Revd Pat Storey, Chair of the Central Communications Board, said: 'I am delighted to launch this new aid to our devotional life. It is a powerful thing for a community such as the Church of Ireland to be praying together, and using the same daily readings, through the vehicle of a smartphone application. This app aims to help us in our personal and communal prayer lives, and to bring us closer together as a church family, and to the God whom we worship. The Central Communications Board hopes that this will be a catalyst for a deeper devotional life all across our Church.'

Daily Worship can now be purchased for €1.09/99p, and downloaded from the App Store and Google Play for use on Apple iOS and Android devices.



FATHER BERNARD



SOUND OF SILENCE.

Silence is golden.

We understand the meaning of that statement. It highlights the gift and benefit that silence produces. When Michelangelo sculpted David from a rock of unwanted marble he tapped his creation and said- 'now speak'. He claimed that he did not create but rather chipped away the unwanted marble, in

silence, and David emerged. A film called *Into Great Silence* was released in 2005. It was a silent documentary on the Carthusian Monks of the Grande Chartreuse, a monastery in the Alps. The film maker, Philip Groning, pitched the idea to the monks in 1984 and they asked for time to consider this. In the year 2004 they agreed and he came to live at the monastery to film. The film has neither commentary nor side effects, only images and natural sounds. Occasional scripture selections are shown and the only type of sections is the rhythm of the monastic life. The film had praise from nearly ninety percent of film critics and won the Special Jury prize at 2006 Sundance Film Festival.

No speech. The film ran in many cinemas longer than anticipated and is still worth seeing though the big screen gives best, in this case.

Scripture prophesy says about Christ' No speech, no voice is heard, he does not cry aloud in the street'.

Thomas Merton describes silence as the greatest possible prayer because it is filled with faith in the knowledge that He knows us and our needs. Christ asks us 'not to babble as the pagans do'. Great artists work out of silence because it is from entering into our inner self that what is real is imagined and made known.

There is much noise in our society coming from many spaces and the Jesuit order's site sacredspace.ie gives us a chance to focus away from our distractions. Yoga, meditation, mindfulness are pathways to silence which allow, as scripture puts it, the inner self to grow strong. Sometimes after receiving Holy Communion it is worthwhile to simply sit and be.

Pope John Paul once wrote 'Being is more effective than doing'. A poster I saw once stated 'don't just do something sit there'. How many great innovations, like David of Michelangelo, were discovered, found, by silence. Theories, developed in silence and thought are processes refined by silence.

Into Great silence attracted more audiences than anticipated, and ran in cinemas longer than expected, because it drew audiences into a cinematic meditation, on the story of silence in the life of The Carthusian Monks of the Grand Chartreuse founded by St. Bruno. The song of Simon & Garfunkel 'Sound of silence', too, alludes to the same theme. Monastic sites, like Glendalough, though old, carry that whisper of silence and draw people to its place- almost drawing us to the space. Silence is a sacred space where creativity and spirituality begin to stretch their wings and like a garden, offer

a link with the beauty of the self and like a library requirement points us in the direction of newness of understanding. All of this occurs so that the inner self grows strong.

When we observe a minute's silence we are collectively speaking and communicating a sacred sympathy- and speaking more deeply than words.

Bernard Kennedy

CURTLESTOWN CEMETERY MAINTENANCE

The annual maintenance of Curlestown Cemetery commenced on Wednesday 23rd. May. This involves meeting in the Cemetery every Wednesday and the work is mainly cutting the grass and disposing of it. This is an appeal for family members and friends of those interred in the Cemetery to help the volunteers that faithfully put their time into the maintenance of the Cemetery every year.

So if you can come, please bring a strimmer, a rake or a large bag to remove the grass; if you don't have these items, you are still welcome. It commences at 7:00pm every Wednesday and a cup of tea and a sandwich will be served at about 8:30pm.

As a community, we express our deepest sorrow at the tragic death of Jastine Valdez (RIP) and we pray for her and for her parents who live here in Enniskerry.

Jastine was a student from the Philippines who came to live in our community three years ago and was studying accountancy at IT Tallaght.

A service was held both in St. Fergal's Church, Ballywaltrim and also at St Mary's Church, Enniskerry on Mon. night 21st May at which large crowds gathered.

A tremendous turnout took place for the Vigil held in her honour on Tuesday, 22nd May in Enniskerry Village, this included members of the Fillipino Community and a large gathering of the local community.

Fr. Rene Esoy, Chaplain to the Fillipinno Community in Ireland and the Fillipino Consul to Ireland, Mark Condon, along with local clergy were present at the Vigil.



COMMUNITY NEWS

ENNISKERRY COMMUNITY RESPONDERS

Here are some photos of residents from Enniskerry and surrounding areas who joined members of Enniskerry CFR and attended life saving skills in Curtlestown school. Well done to all involved. We were also joined by Joe Dunne who suffered a cardiac arrest 4 years ago when bystanders came to his aid and performed CPR and used an AED to save his life. Joe has made a complete recovery and he and his wife are CFRs in Dalkey.

Thank you all for attending.



TESCO COMMUNITY FUND SUPPORT FOR KILMAC CFR

Photo L to R: Jemma Watters (Tesco). Sharon Carey (KCFR) and Pat Halpin (Store Manager) at the BLUE CHIP FUND presentation from Tesco Bray to Kilmacanogue Community First Responders.



ST MARY'S AND ST GERARD'S SCHOOL

All Ireland Scratch Competition

Congratulation to two outstanding students from St Mary's & St Gerard's N.S., Enniskerry, Ellie Conlon, 3rd Class, and Amelia Booth, 1st Class, on their wonderful achievements at this year's All Ireland Scratch Competition.

Out of over 500 entries Ellie became this year's All Ireland Scratch Winner for her fantastic project, "Truty's Treasure Island", and Amelia Booth won the Best Educational Content category, for her amazing project "The Map of Ireland". Well done girls.

ENNISKERRY TENNIS CLUB

Anyone interested in joining the club meet some of the members on Thursday evenings at 7.30p.m. on the courts in the Bog Meadow for some fun club night tennis. All levels of playing, including beginners, are welcome. Enquiries contact Gilly Carey at 087 1304435.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ENNISKERRY COMMUNITY GAMES

Swimming

The County finals were recently held in Arklow. A great afternoon was had by all with some really close races and results decided on by fractions of a second. Well done to all the children who participated. Special congratulations to the first placed participants who will go on to represent Enniskerry at the All-Irelands in May in the University of Limerick. Medal winners as follows:

Individual Events

Adam Gross 1st place - Boys u10 Backstroke
Charlie Corrigan 1st place - Boys u12 Freestyle
Kate Burton- Stafford 1st place - Girls u16 Freestyle
Noah Gross - 2nd place Boys u12 Breaststroke
Isobel Gross - 2nd place Girls u14 Butterfly
Kaitlyn Molloy 4th place - Girls u10 Backstroke
Ciara Redden 4th place - Girls u12 Freestyle
Hugo Barry-Keane 4th place - Boys u12 Freestyle
Niamh McCormick 4th place - Girls u12 Breaststroke
Nathan Heatley 4th place - Boys u12 Breaststroke
Melanie Lawlor 4th place - Girls u12 Breaststroke

Relay Event

Boys u13 1st place

Nathan Heatley, Adam Gross, Hugo Barry-Keane, Charlie Corrigan).

Girls u13 2nd

(Isobel Gross, Niamh McCormick, Lily Burke, Ciara Redden)

Chess

County Finals were held recently in Aughrim. A team of 5 from Enniskerry participated on the day - Greg Gornik, Isia Gornik, Jake Keogh, Oscar O'Reilly, Danny O'Shea. The children put on a great performance, with some great tactical play on display.

Art

Congratulations to the following children who have been selected to represent Enniskerry at the County Art Finals to be held in Dunlavin on April 22nd. Best of luck to all involved.

Greg Gornik u 14 Boys
Aoibhin Kocikowski U8 Girls
Millie Coulson u 10 Girls
Emma Heffernan u14 Girls

Cross Country

Well done to all the children who turned up and participated in the recent cross country event held in Rathdrum, County Wicklow. In spite of the rain a fun evening was had by all.

Congratulations in particular to our medal winners:

Harry Wrynn - 2nd Place u8 200m
James McDonald - 2nd Place u13 1200m
Sean McDonald - 5th Place u12 600m
Both James and Sean will go onto represent Enniskerry as part of the Wicklow Cross Country team in the Community Games All-Irelands in UL in May. Best of luck to James and Sean.

Athletics

Athletics training has kicked off in the Bog Meadow on Tuesdays at 6.00pm. Registration will continue over the coming weeks. All children are welcome.

There was a fantastic turnout on Saturday May 19th at the Greystones athletics track for our Athletics Area Finals. Thanks and well done to all children who took part on the day and gave their all. Almost fifty athletes have qualified to represent our local area in the county finals! These will be held in Shillelagh on June 16. A special mention to all the volunteers who helped organise and run the event on Saturday. A lot of effort goes into the afternoon from everyone involved. Pictured are Ned Bolger, Rachel Clarke, Kayleigh Cronin and Sebastien de Baireid reading out the Community Games pledge before the trials began.



June 2018 Liturgical Diary

Parish of Powerscourt & Kilbride

3rd	Sun	Trinity 1
8.30am		Holy communion One (said)
10.00am		Holy Communion One - Kilbride
11.30am		Holy Communion Two & Holy Baptism- Powerscourt
5th	Tues	Kilbride Select Vestry meeting
10th	Sun	Trinity 2
8.30am		Holy communion One (said)
10.00am		Family service - Kilbride
11.30am		Family service & Holy Baptism - Powerscourt
11th	Mon	Powerscourt Select Vestry meeting
17th	Sun	Trinity 3
8.30am		Holy communion One (said)
10.00am		Holy Communion One - Kilbride
11.30am		Holy Communion Two - Powerscourt
1.00pm		Church Lunch in Powerscourt Arms Hotel
24th	Sun	Trinity 4
8.30am		Holy communion One (said)
10.00am		Morning Prayer Two - Kilbride
11.30am		Morning Prayer Two - Powerscourt
Thursdays		
10.00am		Holy Communion & prayer for the sick - Powerscourt
Everyday		12pm, & 5pm Open Church (Powerscourt) & Daily Prayer

June 2018 Cor

6th Wed	Garden Club visit to Fe Powerscourt School Bo
9th/10th Sat/Sun	Soccer in the Meadow
15th Fri	CLARION DEADLINE F
30th Sat	9.00am Car Boot Sale

Future Dates

21st July	7.00pm	Annual Powersc
28th July	10.00am	Annual Kilmaca
7th- 9th Sept		Enniskerry Fest kind permission
7th Sept		Bagatelle in the
8th Sept		Power Disco (12
9th Sept		Victorian Field

MASS TIMES IN THE PARISH OF THE IMM

Morning Masses in St. Mary's M
Morning Mass in St. Mochonog's on the 2n
Prayer Services in St. I
Mass on First Friday of the M
No Saturday Vigil

Confessions are held in St. Mary's afte
Exposition of Blessed Sacramen
St. Mary's each

Rosary is recited each morning at 09.

WEEKEND MASSES

St. Mary's Parish Church, Enniskerry
St. Mochonog's, Kilmacanogue
St. Patrick's, Curtlestown
St. Kevin's, Glencree

THE CL

Please submit all articles for
15th of each month to clar

CONTACT

Hazel Thompson - Powerscot
Margaret Blackbyrne - St Mar

Community Diary

Drumdale, Church Hill, Enniskerry
Board of Management Meeting 8.00pm

FOR JULY/AUGUST

in Powerscourt Church Carpark

Powerscourt Parish BBQ in Rectory Grounds
Monogue Horse Show at Monastery, Enniskerry

Festival (at Monastery Cross in Enniskerry by
John of Syl and Mary Fenelon Bourke)

15-19 Festival Marquee
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1 Day

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Mon/Tues/Thurs/Sat at 10.15am.
Wed/3rd/4th Friday of the Month at 10.00am.
St. Mary's Wed/Fri 10.15am
1st Friday of the Month in St. Mary's at 10.15am.
Mass in St. Mary's.

at 10.15am Mass each Saturday morning.
at after 10.15am Prayer Service in
Friday morning.

10.15am in the Prayer Room in St Mary's.

Sunday 11am.
Sunday 10.00am.
Sunday, 10.00am.
1st Sunday of the month - 9am.



The Clarion by noon on the
ionenniskerry@gmail.com

DETAILS

Drumdale Parish Office - 01 2863862
St. Mary's Parish Office - 01 2760030

June 2018 Liturgical Diary

Parish of Immaculate Heart of Mary

Fri. 1st	10.15am	Mass in St. Mary's. First Friday Calls to the Sick & Elderly in Parish
Sat 2nd.	3.00pm	(Healing Mass of all Generations) Little Ones of Glencree –St. Kevin's Church, Glencree.
Sun 3rd	9.00am	Mass in St. Kevin's, Glencree
	10.00am	Mass in St. Patrick's & St. Mochonog's.
	11.00am	Mass in St. Mary's.
Mon 4th		Bank Holiday Monday
	10.15am	Mass in St. Mary's.
Tues 5th	10.15am	Mass in St. Mary's.
	11.30am	Legion of Mary, Kilmacanogue - Sacristy.
Wed 6th	10.15am	Prayer Service in St. Mary's
Fri 8th	10.15am	Prayer Service in St. Mary's
Sun 10th	10.00am	Mass in St. Patrick's & St. Mochonog's.
	11.00am	Mass in St. Mary's.
Tues 12th	10.15am	Mass in St. Mary's.
	11.30am	Legion of Mary, Kilmacanogue - Sacristy.
Wed 13th	10.15am	Prayer Service in St. Mary's
Thurs 14th	10.15am	Mass in St. Mary's.
Fri 15th	10.15am	Prayer Service in St. Mary's
Sat 16th	10.15am	Mass in St. Mary's. Confessions after Mass.
Sun 17th	10.00am	Mass in St. Patrick's & St. Mochonog's.
	11.00am	Mass in St. Mary's.
Mon 18th	3.30pm	Mass in Dargle Valley
Tues 19th	10.15am	Mass in St. Mary's.
	11.30am	Legion of Mary, Kilmacanogue - Sacristy.
Wed 20th	10.15am	Prayer Service in St. Mary's
Thurs 21st	10.15am	Mass in St. Mary's.
Fri 22nd	10.00am	Mass in St. Mochonog's.
Sat 23rd	10.15am	Mass in St. Mary's. Confessions after Mass.
Sun 24th	10.00am	Mass in St. Patrick's & St. Mochonog's.
	11.00am	Mass in St. Mary's.
Tues 26th	10.15am	Mass in St. Mary's.
	11.30am	Legion of Mary, Kilmacanogue - Sacristy.
Wed 27th	10.15am	Prayer Service in St. Mary's
Thurs 28th	10.15am	Mass in St. Mary's.
Sat 30th	10.15am	Mass in St. Mary's. Confessions after Mass.



It's been another busy few weeks in the club, as the weather improves and matches and training continue apace.

Soccer in the Meadow.

By the time you read this, it's likely that our annual end of season mixed mini-World Cup, Soccer in the Meadow will have taken place. Come back and check out the next Clarion to see how it went!

Belles in the Meadow

It was a great weekend for Enniskerry FC, as we hosted:

- over 20 clubs
- over 90 teams
- over 800 girls, who all competed in the all-girls Belles in the Meadow.



All the girls who played were winners... some even got medals and cups to show it! This tournament is only possible because of the community spirit in Enniskerry, so a big Thank You to everybody that was involved in preparing, funding, car parking, catering and all the work that was put in over the weekend! (By the way, there's some awesome drone footage that you can check out on the club's Facebook page (search 'Enniskerry Football Club' on Facebook).



Bag Pack in Dunnes, Cornelscourt. The good folks in Dunnes Stores, Cornelscourt, were kind enough to allow the club to carry out a bag pack at the end of April. Almost €2,000 was raised to go towards resurfacing the 'Cage' astro surface in the Bog Meadow. A big well done to all the teenagers and adults who gave up a couple of hours on a Saturday afternoon (and especially Dee Byrne for organising!).

St Mary's & St Gerards had an action-packed Family Fun Day in April, which was a huge success. Thanks to the volunteers who set up a goal and had some fun skills and drills going on, including penalties trying to beat Morgan Browne in goal.

New Members

We have 350 members but would love you to join the fun - new members are always welcome to the club.

If you like the sound of playing football with a focus on fun, participation and being encouraged to be your best both on and off the field, shoot us an email to hello@enniskerryfc.ie :) And that goes for new volunteers too!

Club Facebook Page

Did you know the club has a Facebook page?

If you haven't done so already, please search for '**Enniskerry Football Club**' on Facebook and like our Page to get all the club updates

LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY LECTURES - JUNE 2018

Genealogical Society of Ireland

Declan F. Brady will present 'History and Genealogy: you can't have one without the other' at 8 p.m. on Tuesday June 12th in Dún Laoghaire Further Education Institute, Cumberland Street, Dún Laoghaire, Co. Dublin. All welcome - €3 donation.

Dalkey Library

Brendan Moriarty will present 'Ulysses on the South Dublin coast' at 7 p.m. on Thursday June 14th in Dalkey Library, Castle Street, Castle Street, Dalkey, Co. Dublin. All welcome - admission free.

Western Front Association (Dublin Branch)

Philip Lecane will present 'Torpedoed! The Sinking of the RMS Leinster' at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday June 16th in the Museum of Decorative Arts & History Lecture Theatre, Collins Barracks, Dublin 7. All welcome - €3 donation appreciated.

Publications

'Genealogical Society of Ireland Journal 2018', Editor Tom Conlon, published by the Genealogical Society of Ireland.

Variety and excellence of content is the hallmark of this excellent annual publication which includes in this issue articles on 'The Irish DNA Atlas - Publication of Results' by Ed Gilbert; 'A Radio Officer's Last Days at Sea' by Anna Stavely-Finnerty; 'From Charlemont Avenue, Kingstown to the House of Lords - Valentine McEntee, 1871-1953' by Charles Callan; 'Stepping Stones at Glendalough' by Tom Conlon; 'The Royal Marine Hotel and the Last Days of Charles Stewart Moriarty' by Seamus Moriarty; 'Maher/Meagher of Clonan/Cloneen, Roscrea' by Thomas Burke; 'Writing the History of an Irish Townland' by Billy Saunderson; 'Kingstown to Kilmainham - An Insight into a Bygone Era' by Mary P. Conway; 'Uncle Denis Cavanagh and World War 1' by Cathal Cavanagh; 'Limerick - a city of three towns' by Gerald Costello, and 'An Odlum Letter to Buenos Aires, 1884' by Sean McCartan.

Copies of this journal, €10, are on sale at monthly meetings of the Society or from the Society's Archive and Research Centre in the grounds of Loughlinstown Leisure Centre which is open on Tuesday and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Saturday 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., or via www.familyhistory.ie.





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MU NOTES

On Wednesday 21st April Valerie King gave a most interesting Talk on her World Cruise.

Valerie told us of her trip on the C.M.V Magellan Cruise Ship on her Around the World in 120 Days trip. She sailed through the beautiful Panama Canal to Tahiti, New Zealand. Then on to Sydney where she attended an Opera in the famous Opera House. On then to the Great Barrier Reef, Bali, Hong Kong, Singapore, Madras, Egypt and Jordan. She travelled through the Suez Canal which she found very uninteresting compared to the Panama Canal. Then a visit to Bethlehem before cruising through the Mediterranean Sea and on to the U.K and back home.

We thank Valerie for a most enjoyable evening which was held in the Rectory by kind permission of Ricky and Elizabeth. We were therefore able not only to hear Valerie describe her trip but also to see the many pictures she had on her computer which was hooked up to the T.V. We had a lovely cup of tea and cakes to round off a great evening. We thank Elizabeth and some members for the supper.

We close for June, July and August, reopening in September (D.V). E. Kearon Sec.

CHARABANC

We will break for the Summer on Friday June 8th but will meet up for a get together during the break for tea at least once during the break just to keep in touch , We will phone around to let you know nearer the time.

We had a trip to Kildare for a day of shopping and also afternoon tea with Ann which we all enjoyed which was a fitting finale to the season. We do hope Anna feels a lot better now that the summer is here to warm us up. It was lovely to have Albert to join us at the beginning of May. You are most welcome Albert.

Have a great summer everyone and we look forward to seeing you all on September 7th next but remember if anyone wants a chat or a little help during the break we here and delighted to hear from you.

FLOWER GUILD NOTES contact Marjorie Mold 2863499

Now the wedding season is here we look forward to hearing from any brides and grooms planning their wedding in the coming year so keep us in mind to prepare your flowers. Church flowers in June will be by Mrs Sibley on 3rd and Mrs Duff on 24th in July by Mrs Cameron on 8th and Mrs Kearon on 22nd. Should any one wish to have memorial flowers on any Sunday do let us know and it can be arranged.

ENTERTAINMENTS COMMITTEE contact Joyce Roe 2862645

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the **Barbeque on Saturday 21st July in the tent at the rectory.** As usual it costs €10 each and you bring your meat and we supply the treats to go with it.



THE CURATE COMMENTS

A recent enforced period away from work and duties owing to illness allowed for some time for reflection. A very rough and ready “spider” diagram disclosed some thirty different aspects to my life with a similar number of offshoots coming directly from these first identifiers. At this point in time I stopped as there was an acute danger of being overwhelmed by its sheer scale and complexity. Adding to the sense of inadequacy of input (on my part) to many areas was the realisation that this represented only areas of my life that I might be said to have some control over. How much time do I devote to family and friends, especially those who may be having a difficult time right now? Am I carrying out my parish duties in an efficient manner and where in all of these tangled balls of wool do I fit in time for myself?



It takes no account of my “whale song” which includes themes on the appalling behaviour of “POTUS”, of those responsible for losing the country billions of euros through their mismanagement of the banking system and of course, cyclists. It also includes the miserliness of many people living across the water from us (never mind Brexit, just watch the t.v. ads) and the inability of many presenters on RTE to use the English language correctly. (For the full version of the song please ask any family member except the duchess who has been known to threaten violence regarding this matter). One feels occasionally like a land version of the 52-hertz whale, a single individual of unidentified species, which roams the world’s oceans calling but with no other listening.

If these thoughts are intruding into my life, causing me to think negatively or even coming between me and my sleep, then a different approach is definitely needed. What will bring life into balance? What will bring peace of mind and reward for effort? From a strictly mathematical point of view what equals 100%? What does it mean to give more than 100%? Ever wonder about those people who say they are giving more than 100% and haven't we all been in situations where someone was looking for us to give over 100%? What does it take to achieve 101%?

Here is a little mathematical formula that might help.
 If A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
 are represented by the numbers
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 1 4 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26
 Then H-A-R-D-W-O-R-K $8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 = 98\%$
 And K-N-O-W-L-E-D-G-E $11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5 = 96\%$
 But A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E $1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5 = 100\%$
 However, Look and see how far the Love of God will take you.
 L-O-V-E-O-F-G-O-D $12+5+22+5+15+6+7+15+4 = 101\%$
 One can therefore conclude with mathematical certainty that whilst HARD WORK and KNOWLEDGE will get you close and ATTITUDE will get you there, it is the LOVE OF GOD that will put you over the top!

I've seen better days but I've also seen worse. I don't have everything that I want but I do have all that I need. I woke up with some aches and pains but I woke up. My life may not be perfect but I am blessed.

And finally...
 The duchess said that if I didn't get off my computer and do some jobs around the house she'll slam my head on the keyboard, but I think she's jokin'fjreoiwrtwe4to8rkljreun8f4ny84c8y4t58lym4wth-ylmhawt4mylt4amlathnatyn

NIALL'S NOTES

I never cease to marvel at the wonders of the world in which we live. Thankfully we have witnessed the sun and its effects in recent weeks. Having endured a period during which there appeared to be little - if any growth - a sudden burst of life has suddenly appeared. The variety of colour- whether it be from early summer flowers or the sheen of pearlescent paint on some upmarket vehicle - is a joy to behold. Colour lightens and brightens our lives. What you may wonder is my fascination with colour? is it perhaps simply a way of expressing some of my inner feelings?



Colour is intentionally in complete contrast to the darkness that can and does surround and fill our lives. Indeed if we allow ourselves to be consumed by the darkness of the world we simply do not see any colour anywhere.

We Irish have a great way of expressing a particular thought or sentiment - such as 'Getting behind '. There are so many worthwhile 'causes' for us all to 'Get Behind'. One such cause is the 'Darkness into Light' campaign to raise awareness about and amongst those who may contemplate self harm. The 'Darkness into Light' annual event is, it appears, becoming a significant 'Movement' whereby there are no barriers to those who wish to become involved. It is both symbolic and real. For sufferers of depression, anxiety and the many and enduring stresses of life, colour no longer exists, or at least the sense of joy filled colours.

It is indeed true that life is not simply 'Black and White' although many see it as such. Life has at a minimum very many differing shades of Grey. When we can see and experience the greyness in the world I sense that we are open to the exploration of seeing colour in other people, places and objects.

As we journey into the months ahead ,which we hope will be gloriously sun drenched, may we open not only our eyes to the colours around us but also our hearts and ears and use our senses to see and dream.

As this time of year heralds exams of all types, I wish all who are involved, peace to study, peace to participate and peace to endure and progress.

Niall

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRY - 'THE SHED GANG' !

Nothing confirms the arrival of Summer like the smell of a BBQ !

The arrival of Summer also heralds the dreaded 'E' word and sadly that also means that Shedgang activities come to an all too sudden end.

It has been an eventful year for the Shedgang and so our closing session before Exams was a BBQ to which even parents were allowed to attend!

No one went home hungry!

A Big Thanks to the Dads who took on the task of cooking and of course a BBQ wouldn't be complete without 'S'mores'. Sticky melted marshmallow is - well just that - sticky!

Some of our members have ordinary school exams - as is there is anything ordinary about any exam, whilst others are embarking upon the Junior Certificate.

To one and all we wish you every success and a wonderful summer break.

We are gathering our thoughts for a new season of activities.

Teacher; "What is a line?"

Student: " A line is a dot going for a walk !"

Niall & Kate



A colorful promotional banner for the Enniskerry Festival 2018. The banner features a purple ribbon with the text "Enniskerry Festival 2018". Below this, the event schedule is listed: Friday 7th Sep (BAGATELLE), Saturday 8th Sep (POWER DISCO (13-15 yrs)), and Sunday 9th Sep (VICTORIAN FIELD DAY). The Victorian Field Day section lists activities like pony rides, fairground, kids races, live music, food village, bouncy castles, traditional sports, dog show, baking competition, vintage cars, art & craft fair, and soapbox race. It also states "KIDS ENTRY FREE". The banner includes logos for Purple House, open door, and Enniskerry Joint Parishes, along with the website www.enniskerryfestival.ie. The background of the banner shows a stylized Ferris wheel and a hot air balloon.

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