

Aghaviller Parish Newsletter

(Hugginstown and Stoneyford Churches).

11th. and 12th. January 2020.

“Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord”

Priests living in the Parish:

Liam Cassin Telephone: 056 776 8693 or Mobile 087 231 2354

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Mass Times in Aghaviller Parish: - Monday 13th. to Sunday 19th. January 2020.

Hugginstown: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9.30a.m. **Sunday 19th. at 10.00a.m.**

Stoneyford: No Mass on Wednesday. **Vigil - Saturday 18th. at 6.30p.m.**

Monday 13th. Feast of St. Hilary. Wednesday 15th. Feast of St. Ita.

Friday 17th. Feast of St. Anthony.

Pray For:

Months Mind Mass: Michael Murphy, Stoneyford. Mass in Stoneyford Church on Saturday

11th. January at 6.30p.m. -

Anniversaries: May O’Shea, Croan. Mass in Hugginstown Church on Sunday 12th. January at

10.00a.m **Eddie Walsh, Ennisnag. Tess McGuire, Stoneyford.**

Rota for next week-end: 18th. and 19th. January 2020 - (Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Readers:

Stoneyford: Saturday 6.30p.m. Eileen Sutton; Hugginstown: Sunday 10.00a.m. Valerie Farrell

Eucharistic Ministers:

Stoneyford: Saturday 6.30p.m. Kitty Wallace; Hugginstown: Sunday 10.00a.m. Ruth Crowley.

Anniversary Mass next week:

In Stoneyford Church on Saturday 18th. January at 6.30p.m. - Andy Brennan, Stoneyford

In Hugginstown Church on Sunday 19th. January at 10.00a.m. - Richard Aylward, Boolyglass

Eucharistic Adoration:

Eucharistic Adoration in Hugginstown Church every Thursday from 10.00a.m. to 8.00p.m. All are welcome to join for any period of time.

Safeguarding Contacts:

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person: Mr. Cathal Cullen Tel: 087 100 0232 or dlp@ossory.ie.

Aghaviller Parish Representatives are: Teresa Broderick and Carmel O’Toole

Christmas Offerings 2019:

Many thanks for your very generous contributions to the Christmas Offerings over the Christmas period. These Offerings are for the support of the priests working and retired within the Diocese of Ossory. Extra Envelopes for the Offerings can be collected in the Church Porch, and your contributions may be handed in during the coming weeks.

Dates to Remember for 2020:

First Holy Communion:

The Family Masses in preparation for First Holy Communion will be celebrated on: 25th./26th. January; 22nd./23rd. February; 14th./15th. March; 25th./26th. April.

First Holy Communion 2020.

For Stoneyford School on Sunday 10th. May in Stoneyford Church at 11.00a.m.

For Monroe/Newmarket Schools on Sunday 17th. May in Hugginstown Church at 11.00a.m.

Confirmation 2020: In Hugginstown Church on Friday 20th. March at 11.00a.m.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be celebrated around the world from January 18th. to January 25th. 2020. Theme “They Showed Us Universal Kindness” (cf. Acts 28:2)

The theme stresses the unusual kindness given to St. Paul, that must be seen in the quest for Christian unity. Through unusual kindness towards one another, Christians are drawn closer

together, heeding the prayer of Jesus, ‘that they all may be one’. There must also be awareness of the need for hospitality to the many migrants and refugees who today embark on journeys as dangerous as that of St. Paul.

Newmarket School:

Enrolments are now being taken for September 2020 in St. Brendan’s School, Newmarket. Please contact the school at 056 776 8919 for Enrolment Form.

Bingo:

Bingo Session in the Community Centre, Stoneyford on every Tuesday at 8.30p.m.

Lotto: Aghaviller Parish and Carrickshock G. A. A. Draw: Monday 6th. January 2020

Numbers: 14; 22; 31 Bonus No: 03. One Match 3 Winner No Match 4 Winner: No Jackpot

Winner: €1,000.00 Winner: Emelie Maher, c/o Tessie Maher €50.00 Seller of Ticket:

James Irish, Hugginstown **€100.00 Winner: Matthew Hanrahan 3 x €15.00 (Sellers):**

James Irish; Catherine Duggan; Alice Murphy. **Next week: Match 3: €1,000.00; Match 4: €2,000.00; Jackpot: €20,000.00; An extra €100.00 prize will be drawn each week until such time as the Jackpot is won.** Next Draw on Monday 13th. January. Please submit returns by 8.30p.m. **Draw at 9.00p.m.**

Revised Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: Stoneyford 6.30p.m. Bigwood 6.30p.m. Ballyhale 7.30p.m.

Sunday: Huggintown 10.00a.m. Knockmoylan 9.00a.m. Mullinavat 10.00a.m.

Knocktopher 11.00a.m.

Pilgrimage to Rome:

Ossory Adult Faith Development will lead a pilgrimage to Rome from 24th. to 29th. August 2020.

For further information or to make a booking please contact Adult Faith Development, St.

Kieran’s College, Kilkenny at 056 775 3624 or afd@ossory.ie.

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages:

Pilgrimages will be held from April to October 2020: Seven Night Stay and Airport Shuttle service from Dubrovnik or Split. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further information or to book the dates that suit you. Telephone: 01 443 4510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com.

Reflection:

John the Baptist was driven by one mission: to point people to Jesus, to prepare the way for Jesus. The moment has arrived but he is standing before someone much greater than himself and is being asked to minister. John feels unqualified, unworthy of such a task. After some persuasion ‘*John gave into him*’ and accepted his responsibility. This is a lesson to all of us, not to let feelings of inadequacy stop us from carrying out our various missions and vocations in our lives.

Today we might consider our own baptism and what it means to us. At our baptism we were anointed as priests, prophets and Kings. To what extent do we live this out in our Christian lives? John points us towards Jesus and we can ask, do we also point the way to Jesus for others? How can we be a signpost for others in life?

Remember today those who pointed the way for us at various times in your life. Maybe a parent, a teacher, priest, grandparent, a friend. At various times in our lives we meet these ‘signposts’ which help us to grow in our faith and deepen our awareness of Christ’s love. Let us celebrate all of these ‘baptismal’ moments today.

Newsletter:

All notices for the Newsletter to be left in before 5.00p.m. on Thursdays please.

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