

Aghaviller Parish Newsletter

(Hugginstown and Stoneyford Churches).

9th. and 10th. May 2020 “Fifth Sunday of Easter”

Priests Living within the Parish:

Liam Cassin (Parish Priest) Tel: 056 776 8693 or Mobile 087 231 2354

Peter Hoyne (Retired) Telephone: 056 776 8678 or Mobile 086 373 8492

Please do not hesitate to ring if you need assistance.

Mass in Aghaviller Parish: - All Public Masses on Saturdays, Sundays and Weekdays are cancelled.

Mass is celebrated privately each day and is offered for all the people of the parish and for those who continue to care for the sick and those in need. Still no change in the celebration of Masses in Churches.

Wednesday 13th. Feast of Our Lady of Fatima.

Thursday 14th. Feast of St. Matthew (Apostle)

Saturday 16th. Feast of St Brendan. (St. Brendan was born in 486 and from Kerry. He studied at Clonard under Finnian. His name is connected with many places in Kerry such as Ardfert and Mount Brandon. He visited Scotland and reached the Hebrides and possibly areas beyond. He founded a monastery in Clonfert in 568 and died there in 578. He was known as St. Brendan the Navigator. According to Carrigan’s History it is St. Brendan of Birr, who is the patron Saint of Aghaviller Parish.

Pray for: Anniversaries: John and Kathleen Maher, Boolyglass. Michael Maher, Hugginstown. Anniversary Mass on Sunday 10th. May.

Sunday Mass Times on the Web:

St. Canice’s Church www.stcanicesparish.ie at 10.00a.m. St. Mary’s Cathedral:

www.stmaryscathedral.ie at 11.00a.m.

St. John’s Church: www.stjohnskilkenny.com at 11.30a.m. Mooncoin Church;

www.mooncoinparish.ie at 11.00am.

Mass is celebrated every Sunday and is also relayed on RTE Radio and T.V.

St. Mary’s Cathedral Restoration Fund Draw:

The new Draw was due to begin on Wednesday 25th. March. This was delayed for some months. Tickets are still available from the Parish House, Hugginstown. Prize money €5,000.00 per month. If you can support, please let us know as soon as possible; For more information please Telephone: 056 776 8693. or 087 231 2354

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

COVID-19:

During these weeks please note that every Catholic is entitled to a dignified Christian Burial. Attendance at Funeral Masses or Service has to be private and are still limited to 10 family members.

Accord:

If you need to speak to experienced counsellors during this time of unprecedented stress and pressure on family life; Please Contact: 01 531 3331 from 9.00am to 8.00 pm, Monday to Friday . All calls charged at local rate.

Volunteers for Hugginstown area for Kilkenny Co. Co (Covid-19)

Emergency Response:

Lismatigue/Harristown: Tommy Murphy 0872115125; Ger Carroll 0862571713; Mary Carroll 0872128834

Larry O Shea 0877413113; Paddy O Shea 0872289020; Shane Power 0872228185

Hugginstown: Paddy Farrell 0872062638; Darragh Doyle 0873834434

Keatingstown: Darragh Brennan 0857058337; John Butler 0861964489

Carricketna: Mick Rohan 0861019191

Stoneyford: Aoife Sheehan 0862032583; Dan Blanchfield 0863263026

Stoneyford Development Association and Parents Association have established a group of community volunteers who will assist anyone in need, to deliver medication, groceries, fuel to your front door. All volunteer’s numbers are listed in the Stoneyford area.

Scripture Reflection:

Reflection on the Sunday Readings: Readings for Sunday Mass are available overleaf.

Prayer: (Pope Francis’ Prayer to Our Lady for May 2020)

O Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus’ suffering, and persevered in your faith.

Protector of the all people; you know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God; Do not despise our petitions in our necessities,

but deliver us always from every danger, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

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

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First Reading

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Second Reading

A Reading from the First Letter of St. Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: *See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed.* That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel

A Reading from the Gospel of St. John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house;

if there were not, I should have told you.

I am going now to prepare a place for you,

and after I have gone and prepared you a place,

I shall return to take you with me;

so that where I am

you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?''

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself,

he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'