

## Aghaviller Parish Newsletter

(Hugginstown and Stoneyford Churches).

**16<sup>th</sup>. and 17<sup>th</sup>. May 2020. - "Sixth Sunday of Easter"**

**Priests Living within the Parish:**

**Liam Cassin (Parish Priest)** Telephone: **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 are still not allowed.**

The Roadmap for Reopening Society and Business sets out how the COVID-19 restrictions will be lifted. One of the measures announced as part of Phase 4 of the roadmap which takes place on 20<sup>th</sup>. July.; says that **Places of Worship** can be re-opened with social distancing measures. These measures are only an indication of what might happen if everything goes well with restricting the spread of COVID-19 in Ireland. They will only come into effect when the National Public Health Emergency Team says that the conditions are right for more relaxation of the restrictions in place to protect us all.

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. Please let us know of Anniversaries or any other intention you may wish to have prayed for in the Masses.

It is hoped that Cemetery Masses may be possible from August.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>.** Feast of St. John 1, (Pope and Martyr) .

**First Holy Communion:**

Today 17<sup>th</sup>. May we were due to celebrate First Holy Communion with the pupils of Monroe and Newmarket Schools. We have been preparing for this day since last September and we hope that the children and families will not be too disappointed. As soon as schools reopen we will plan to celebrate your First Holy Communion; you will not miss your Big Day.

We will also need to plan to celebrate Confirmation when schools reopen.

**Sunday Mass Times on the Web:**

St. Canice's Church [www.stcanicesparish.ie](http://www.stcanicesparish.ie) at 10.00a.m.

St. Mary's Cathedral: [www.stmaryscathedral.ie](http://www.stmaryscathedral.ie) at 11.00a.m.

St. John's Church: [www.stjohnskilkenny.com](http://www.stjohnskilkenny.com) at 11.30a.m.

Mooncoin Church; [www.mooncoinparish.ie](http://www.mooncoinparish.ie) at 11.00am.

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

**Safeguarding Contacts:**

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

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People:**

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19. Professional staff is available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8.00a.m. to 8.00p.m, by calling 0818 222 024.

**Volunteers for Hugginstown area for Kilkenny Co. Co (Covid-19) Emergency Response:**

**Lismatigue/Harristown:** Tommy Murphy 087 211 5125; Ger Carroll 086 257 1713; Mary Carroll 087 212 8834, Larry O Shea 087 741 3113; Paddy O Shea 087 228 9020; Shane Power 087 222 8185; **Hugginstown:** Paddy Farrell 087 206 2638; Darragh Doyle 087 383 4434; **Keatingstown:** Darragh Brennan 085 705 8337; John Butler 086 196 4489; **Carricketna:** Mick Rohan 086 101 9191; **Newmarket/Aghaviller:** Pauric Crowley 056 776 8612 or 087 278 5673; **Stoneyford:** Aoife Sheehan 086 203 2583; Dan Blanchfield 086 326 3026

**Stoneyford Development Association and Parents Association** has 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.

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes:**

In an effort to mark what would have been the Pilgrimage to Lourdes from May 17<sup>th</sup>. to 22<sup>nd</sup>., A number of volunteers will pray the Rosary using the WebCam facilities of Urlingford Church. The Rosary will be prayed for five nights at 8.00p.m. using the WebCam facilities of Urlingford Parish Church. To login simply enter, Urlingfordparish WebCam.

**Trócaire:**

As you know the Trocaire Boxes from the Lenten Campaign were by and large not returned this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Trocaire is launching a national Advertising Campaign to encourage parishioners to return their donations before the Pentecost Weekend, i.e. 29<sup>th</sup>. May - 1<sup>st</sup>. June 2020.

**Crochet or Knit a square to help vulnerable children in South Africa.**

Kilkenny County Council Arts Office has initiated a blanket project to help you use up of all that extra wool you have lying around your house and to help improve the lives of children in South Africa. What better time to get back to knitting, crocheting or indeed take it up for the first time or to get your children knitting. Knit or Crochet a square 7'' x 7'' and your squares will be stitched together into beautiful blankets for the children supported by the Elkana Childcare charity in South Africa.

If you are interested in getting involved in this wonderful project please let us know by email [bernadette.roberts@kilkennycoco.ie](mailto:bernadette.roberts@kilkennycoco.ie) / or call the Arts Office on 056 779 4203. We ask that for now you collect your knitted squares at home and we will send out further instructions regarding collection in due course.

**St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund Draw:**

The new Draw was due to begin on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>. 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;

**Newsletter:**

All notices for the Newsletter to be left in by Fridays please. Contact: Telephone: 056 776 8693 or email [liamcassin@ossory.ie](mailto:liamcassin@ossory.ie).

## **First Reading**

### **A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8,14-17**

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

## **Second Reading**

### **A Reading from the First Letter of St. Peter 3:15-18**

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

## **Gospel**

### **A Reading from the Gospel of St. John 14:15-21**

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If you love me you will keep my commandments.  
I shall ask the Father,  
and he will give you another Advocate  
to be with you for ever,  
that Spirit of truth  
whom the world can never receive  
since it neither sees nor knows him;  
but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day you will understand that I am in my Father  
and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them  
will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,

and I shall love him and show myself to him.’

### **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.*