

Aghaviller Parish Newsletter

(Hugginstown and Stoneyford Churches).

23rd. And 24th. May 2020. - “Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord”

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: 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 20th. July.; it 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 every day in Hugginstown Church 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; and that First Holy Communion and Confirmation can be celebrated when the schools reopen.

Monday 25th. Feast of St. Gregory V11 (Pope)

Tuesday 26th. Feast of St. Philip Neri

Friday 29th. Feast of St Paul V1 (Pope)

Sunday Mass Times on the Web and Radio:

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

St. Mary’s Cathedral: www.stmaryscathedral.ie at 11.00a.m.

Mooncoin Church; www.mooncoinparish.ie at 11.00a.m.

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

Mass is celebrated every Sunday and is also relayed on RTE Radio and TV and on KCLR.

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 this time please note that every Catholic is entitled to a dignified Christian Funeral Mass and 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.

Trocaire:

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 by the Pentecost Weekend, i.e. 29th. May - 1st. 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 / 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 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;

Research Scholarships:

The Application deadline has been extended to Friday 29th. May 2020
As the lockdown continues, we are conscious that candidates may not have had a chance to apply for our PhD scholarships. With this in mind, we have extended the deadlines for both the Eriugena Research Scholarship for Theology and the Coffey Research Scholarship for Philosophy to Friday 29th. May at 4.00p.m. Application forms may be found on our website. St. Patrick’s College, Maynooth. For any questions about either of the scholarships, please contact our Admissions Team at admissions@spcm.ie

Newsletter:

All notices for the Newsletter to be left in by Fridays please.

Contact: Telephone: 056 776 8693 or email liamcassin@ossory.ie.

MASS READINGS

24th. May 2020

First Reading:

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Second Reading:

A Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you

can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel:

A Reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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.*