

Aghaviller Parish Newsletter

(Hugginstown and Stoneyford Churches).

2nd and 3rd May 2020 “Fourth 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. Easter Water is still available in Hugginstown Church.

Monday 4th. Feast of St. Conleth.

Tuesday 5th. Feast of Blessed Edmund Rice

Pray for: Anniversaries: Fr. Jim Walsh, Ballagh Nellie and Sean Duggan, Hugginstown. Anniversary Mass on Sunday 3rd. May.

Anniversaries next weekend: John and Kathleen Maher, Boolyglass

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.

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 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.

Trócaire:

Please retain your Trócaire Box to return donations to Trócaire at a later date.

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.

Newsletter:

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 2:14, 36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Second Reading

A Reading from the First Letter of St. Peter 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel

A Reading from the Gospel of St. John 10:1-10

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out.

When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands;

but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe:

he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy.

I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

(to the Faithful for the Month of May 2020)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this "family" aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing a prayer to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include it with this letter so that it is available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 25th. April 2020

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