

Aghaviller Parish Newsletter

(Hugginstown and Stoneyford Churches).

30th. and 31st. May 2020. - "Feast of Pentecost"

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 reopened 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 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 1st Feast of Blessed Virgin Mary; Mother of the Church.

Wednesday 3rd. Feast of St. Kevin

Friday 5th. Feast of St. Boniface:

First Friday No House Visitation with Holy Communion this month.

Pray For Anniversaries: Maura Farrell, Oldtown, Stoneyford; Kathleen and John Whelan.

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 T.V. and on K.C.L.R.

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.

Trócaire:

Every year Trócaire asks for your help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world.

This year, of course, it was not possible to return Trócaire boxes through schools or parishes in the usual way. This is the worst possible timing coming just as the world's poorest people need us most.

Therefore, Trócaire are appealing to you to return your Lenten donation. Simply count or estimate

what is in your box and donate in the following ways: a. Online at www.trocaire.org; b. By phone: 1850 408 408.

c. By post to Trócaire, Maynooth, Co. Kildare. d. Or leave Trócaire Box into Parish House, Hugginstown as usual.

The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference.

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;

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

31st. May 2020

First Reading:

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Second Reading:

A Reading from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Gospel:

A Reading from the Gospel of St. John 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Prayer: (Pope Francis' Prayer)

Loving God, Creator of Heaven, Earth, and all therein contained.

Open our minds and touch our hearts, so that we can be part of Creation, your gift.

Be present to those in need in these difficult times, especially the poorest and most vulnerable.

Help us to show creative solidarity as we confront the consequences of the global pandemic.

Make us courageous in embracing the changes required to seek the common good.

Now more than ever, may we all feel interconnected and interdependent.

Enable us to succeed in listening and responding to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.

May their current sufferings become the birth-pangs of a more fraternal and sustainable world.

We pray through Christ our Lord, under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians, Amen.