

Aghaviller Parish Newsletter
(Hugginstown and Stoneyford Churches).
13th. and 14th. June 2020.

Feast of “The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ”
(Corpus Christi)

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:

New guidelines for the re-opening of Churches and the Celebration of Public Masses were announced during the week. Churches will be re-opening for public worship on 29th. June. Proper protocols need to be put in place in each Church before re-opening. The framework document can be found on: <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/2020/06/09/statement-of-the-irish-catholic-bishops-conference-on-the-publication-of-the-framework-document-for-a-return-to-the-public-celebration-of-mass-and-the-sacraments/>

At the moment Mass will be celebrated privately every day in Hugginstown Church and will be 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 during the late Summer and that First Holy Communion can be celebrated when the schools reopen.

Celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation in the context of COVID19:

In accordance with current public guidelines, bishops expect that the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin to be celebrated from late summer onwards. In arranging the celebrations, public health guidelines will determine the number of candidates that can be confirmed at a time. Local arrangements will only take shape later in the late summer/early autumn. Bishops acknowledged with gratitude how children and their families have continued in their preparation for the sacrament during these difficult days for everybody.

Friday 19th. Feast of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday 20th. Feast of The Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Pray For: Anniversaries: Miriam Brennan, Lawcus, Maura Roche, Lawcus, James and Ellen Duggan, Boolyglass.

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 now limited to 25 people.

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:

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.

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

14th. June 2020

First Reading:

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16

He fed you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not become proud of heart. Do not forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

Second Reading:

A Reading from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 10:16-17

That there is only one loaf means that, though we are many, we form one body

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

Gospel:

A Reading from the Gospel of St. John 6:51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink

Jesus said to the crowd:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

Prayer:

God our loving Father, we gather together this morning but it's not the same: many of us are not here and there is a distance between those who are – not the distance of fear or mistrust, but the distance of care, of thoughtfulness, the distance that will help us to stop the virus from spreading.

We pray for friends and classmates who are at home. We know we will see them again in real life and value their real presence even more, the gift of friendship. Help us to 'see' more clearly what is important, the good things we had perhaps overlooked, the small details of everyday life, graced with your presence.

We pray for a better world to come out of this - more grateful for the people who do the ordinary jobs, more just in the way people are treated, more caring for the vulnerable. We pray for a world which is more determined to look after the earth, our common home; a world that will live wisely, think deeply, love generously. We make all our prayers through Christ our Lord. Amen

