

**Aghaviller Parish Newsletter**  
**(Hugginstown and Stoneyford Churches).**  
**20<sup>th</sup>. and 21<sup>st</sup>. June 2020.**

**“Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time” (Father’s Day)**

**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 on Friday. Churches will be re-opening for public worship on 29<sup>th</sup>. June. Proper protocols need to be put in place in each Church before re-opening; Volunteers are needed to help in putting these new protocols in place. Please ring 087 2312354 and make contact if you are free to help. Weekend Masses will begin 4<sup>th</sup>./5<sup>th</sup>. July. At the moment Mass will be celebrated every weekday in Hugginstown Church at 9.30a.m. with a maximum number of six people and the Mass 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 after 20<sup>th</sup>. July.

**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.

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>.** Feast of St. John Fisher and St. Thomas Moore

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>.** Feast of The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>.** Feast of St. Cyril of Alexandria.

**Pray For:** **Mary Malzard**, Stoneyford who died on Friday 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Anniversaries:** **Patricia Neville**, Norelands, (1<sup>st</sup>. Anniversary), **Michael Brennan**, Keatingstown,

**Mary, Sonny and Stephen Kelly**, Castlemorris. **Jenevive Kelly**, Waterford

**Sunday Mass Times on the Web and Radio:**

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.

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

St. John’s Church: [www.stjohnskilkenny.com](http://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.

**Stoneyford School:**

Meeting of the Board of Management will be held in the school on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>. June at 8.00p.m.

**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 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.

**June Collection:**

The “**June Collection 2020**” for the support of the priests of the Parish and the Diocese will be taken up during the months of June/July. Envelopes for this collection are available at the back of the Church.

**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 re. Collection.

**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).

# MASS READINGS

21<sup>st</sup>. June 2020

## **First Reading:**

**A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah 20:10-13**

**He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men**

Jeremiah said: I hear so many disparaging me, “Terror from every side!” Denounce him! Let us denounce him!’ All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, ‘Perhaps he will be seduced into error.

Then we will master him and take our revenge!’ But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.

But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart,

let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you.

Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

## **Second Reading:**

**A Reading from St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans 5:12-15**

**The gift considerably outweighed the fall**

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of ‘law-breaking’, yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man’s fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

## **Gospel:**

**A Reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew 10:26-33**

## **Do not be afraid of those who kill the body**

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops.

‘Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

‘So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.’

## **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