

Aghaviller Parish Newsletter (Hugginstown, Newmarket and Stoneyford).

19 and 20 December 2020 "Fourth Sunday of Advent"

Priests Living within the Parish:

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Please do not hesitate to ring if you need assistance.

Friday 25th. Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Saturday 26th. Feast of St. Stephen (First Martyr)

Mass Times in Aghaviller Parish Monday 21st. to Sunday 27th. December 2020.

Hugginstown: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday at 9.30a.m. **Thursday at 8.00p.m**

Friday at 9.30a.m and 11.00a.m. Vigil - Saturday 26th. at 8.00p.m Sunday 27th. at 10.00a.m.

Stoneyford: Thursday 24th. at 5.00p.m. and 6.30p.m Friday 25th. at 10.00a.m.

Vigil - Saturday 19th. at 6.30p.m. No Mass on Wednesday.

Pray For:

Anniversary Masses:

Stoneyford Church on Saturday 19th. December at 6.30p.m **Patricia Neville and Mary McGrath**, Norelands.

Hugginstown Church on Saturday 19th. December at 8.00p.m **Richard and Mary Burke**, Croan.

Hugginstown Church on Sunday 20th. December at 10.00a.m **Tommy, Katie and Cissie Delahunty**, Catstown.

Hugginstown Church on Tuesday 22nd. December at 9.30a.m **Walter Aylward**, Catstown.

Rota for next week-end: 26th. and 27th. December 2020 (Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph)

Readers:

Stoneyford: Saturday 6.30p.m. Tony Roche. **Hugginstown:** Saturday 8.00p.m. Tommy Murphy; Sunday 10.00a.m. Deirdre Rohan

Eucharistic Ministers:

Stoneyford: Saturday 6.30p.m. Bernie Grace. **Hugginstown:** Saturday 8.00p.m. Mary Murphy; Sunday 10.00a.m. Mary Cahill.

The Rota of Readers and Eucharistic Ministers for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day have been arranged.

Covid-19:

Proper protocols are again in place in both Churches for the safety of all.

Week-end Masses in the Parish will be as follows while numbers are restricted to 50 in each Church: Stoneyford Church on Saturdays at 6.30p.m: Hugginstown Church on Saturdays at 8.00p.m. and Sundays at 10.00a.m.

1. Please use the seats that are marked for seating: Every second row of seats is available for seating and family members are asked to sit together in the same seat. Wear a face mask in the Church at all times.
2. Please call to the Sacristy before Mass and let us know if you are staying outside in your cars, as the outside speaker can be turned on and Holy Communion given.
3. Attendance at Funeral Masses are still limited to 25 people; observing social distance. **We are required to: a. Wash our hands properly and often: b. Practice social distancing. c. Cover coughs and sneezes: d. Wear a face mask in Churches, Shops and crowded outdoor settings.**

Christmas Masses:

With restricted numbers permitted in Churches for Christmas Masses, we ask people to follow the protocols that will be put in place in the parish for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day this Year.

Mass Times in **Stoneyford Church:** 1st. Mass on Thursday 24th. at 5.00p.m. 2nd.

Mass on Thursday 24th. at 6.30p.m. 3rd. Mass on Friday 25th. at 10.00a.m.

Mass Times in **Hugginstown Church:** 1st. Mass on Thursday 24th. at 8.00p.m. 2nd.

Mass on Friday 25th. at 9.30a.m. 3rd. Mass on Friday 25th. at 11.00a.m.

In order to divide the numbers attending Mass in both Churches we invite families in as far as is possible, with Family-Names from (A. to G. to attend the 1st. Mass); Family Names from (H. to N. to attend the 2nd. Mass) and Family Names from (O. to Z. to attend the 3rd. Mass). If people are unable to enter the Churches they are invited to sit in their cars outside the Church; the outside speakers will be functioning and you will be invited to receive Holy Communion.

Stewards will be in place in both Churches to remind people to sanitise their hands and to show people to their seats. Please follow their directions. We hope we can protect one another and ourselves by following the guidelines set out.

Lotto Aghaviller Parish and Carrickshock G. A. A.

Draw: Monday 14th. December 2020 Numbers: 11; 32; 05 Bonus No: 03.

No Match 3 Winner: No Match 4 Winner: No Jackpot Winner:

€100.00 Winner: Aidan Coady, Ballyhale, Co. Kilkenny. 5 x €30.00 Winners:

Margaret Ryan, Stoneyford Aoife Sheehan, Stonecarthy; Paddy and Breda, c/o James Irish; Jimmy Butler, c/o James Irish; Margaret Hickey, Stoneyford.

3 x €15.00 (Sellers): James Irish; Catherine Barron, Walshe's Shop; Next week:

Match 3: €1,000.00; Match 4: €2,000.00; Jackpot: €20,000.00; An extra €100.00 prize will be drawn each week until such time as the Jackpot is won.

Next Draw on Monday 21st. December. Please submit returns by 8.30p.m. **Draw at 9.00p.m.**

Your support is appreciated.

Ossory Virtual Cribs:

Why not take a picture of your parish crib, the crib in your town/village/locality, home or place of work and send them to ADF@ossory.ie - let it become part of the virtual display of cribs which will be on the Diocesan Website this Christmas.

Collections: The "Church Door" Collection on last weekend amounted to €560.00. **Thank You.** (To donate directly.) For Aghaviller Parish Funds: Use IBAN: IE74 AIBK 9330 9000

0610 47 (BIC: AIBKIE2D) For the support of the Clergy: Use IBAN: IE19 AIBK 9330 9000 0561 20 (BIC: AIBKIE2D). All Parish Property and Accounts are registered under the (Diocese of Ossory, Reg. Charity No. 20015831)

Christmas Offerings 2020:

Envelopes for your Christmas Offerings 2020 may be collected in the Church Porch, and your contributions may be handed in during the coming weeks. Many thanks for your support and contributions during the past year.

Ossory Adult Faith Development:

“Diocesan Carol Service” On Sunday 20th. December at 8.00p.m. live on KCLR. 96fm.

St. Brendan's Conference (St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.)

Thank you for your contribution to the Christmas Appeal last weekend. Without this help, we simply would not be able to support our fellow Parishioners on your behalf. You can donate directly to our Conference at svp.ie/donate, or directly to our bank account: IBAN: IE45 BOFI 99609916123232 BIC:BOFIE2D. or call directly on 087 616 4621. Please note the change of Number to our Helpline: **087 616 4621** Happy and Peaceful Christmas to All

Be Safe this Christmas:

If you are leaving your home even for a short time, do lock all external doors and windows. Make sure all candles and naked lights are out before you leave or before you retire to bed. Be extra careful on the roads during the Christmas season and do show care for others. Safe Driving! With the ‘Text Alert’ in operation please be vigilant and always be aware there is always Garda there to help.

Newsletter:

If you wish to receive the weekly Newsletter by email, please drop your email address to liamcassin@ossory.ie.

The Newsletter is available on the Stoneyford Website every weekend. (Stoneyford.ie:) News. All notices for the Newsletter to be left in by Thursdays at 5.00p.m. please.

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

13th. December 2020 - “Third Sunday of Advent”

First Reading

A reading from the Second Book of Samuel

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, ‘Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.’ Nathan said to the king, ‘Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.’

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

‘Go and tell my servant David, “Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will

make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me; if he does evil, I will punish him with the rod such as men use, with strokes such as mankind gives. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established forever.”

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: *I will sing forever of your love, O Lord.*

I will sing forever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.

Of this I am sure, that your love lasts forever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**

‘I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant:

I will establish your dynasty forever and set up your throne through all ages. **R.**

‘He will say to me: “You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me.”

I will keep my love for him always; with him my covenant shall last.’

R.

Second Reading

A Reading from St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me.

Alleluia!

*A VERY HAPPY, HOLY and SAFE CHRISTMAS TO
ALL*