

Aghaviller Parish Newsletter
(Hugginstown, Newmarket and Stoneyford).
23rd & 24th January 2021 “3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time”
“Sunday of the Word of God”

Priests Living within the Parish:

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Please do not hesitate to ring if you need assistance.

Monday 25th. Feast of The Conversion of St Paul.

Tuesday 26th. Feast of Sts. Timothy and Titus.

Thursday 21st. Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas;

Saturday 30th. Feast of St Aidan.

Pray For: Mai Reyner, (nee Morrissey) late of Croan, who died recently in London. **Margaret Comerford,** Castlewarren, who died during the week.

Anniversaries: Francis Wallace, Ennisnag. **Richard Aylward,** Boolyglass.

Paddy Hennebry, Mylerstown. **Seamus Doyle,** Kilmacshane.

Covid-19:

All Religious Services are suspended until further notice. No Public Masses on Saturdays or Sundays. Mass will continue to be celebrated privately each day in Hugginstown and will be offered for your intentions. Places of Worship may remain open for private prayer. Attendance at Funeral Masses are limited to 10 people; observing social distance. All schools will remain closed until further notice. **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. e. Stay at home as much as possible.**

Local Lotto Aghaviller Parish and Carrickshock G. A. A.

The Lotto is suspended until further notice. Your support is appreciated.

Collections: (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:

Many, many thanks for your very generous contributions to the Christmas Offerings over the Christmas period.

St. Vincent de Paul - St. Brendan's Conference:

Please note the change of Number to their Helpline: **087 616 4621.**

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

Hugginstown Development:

Local News: Kilkenny County Council have allocated €100,000.00 recently to upgrade the footpaths and drainage in Hugginstown during 2021.

Be Safe:

Let's do everything we can to protect others and ourselves from the Covid -19 Virus over the next few weeks. These weeks will determine the kind of Spring and Summer we will have this year. Safe Driving! With the local 'Text Alert' in operation please be vigilant and always be aware there is always a Garda there to help.

Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference:

The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference welcomes the encouraging news that the vaccines for COVID-19 are now available in our country. The Catholic Church recognises that safe and effective vaccination is an essential aspect of the prevention of disease. We are encouraging Catholics to support a programme of vaccination, not only for their own good, but for the protection of life and the health of those who are vulnerable and for the common good of humanity.

St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund Draw:

The January Draw has been postponed in adherence with Covid-19 Regulations. This Draw will now take place on Wednesday 24th. February along with the February Draw, if restrictions permit at that time.

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.

Sunday 17th. January 2021

First Reading:

A Reading from the Prophet Jonah:

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least. God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour, and God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

The Word of the Lord:

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: *Lord, make me know your ways.*

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **R.**

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. **R.**

In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, **R.**
He guides the humble in the right path, He teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

Second Reading:

A Reading from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians;

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

The Word of the Lord:

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is close at hand: repent, and believe the Good News.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of St. Mark:

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Catholic Schools Week 2021:

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated from Sunday 24th. January to Sunday 31st. January this year.

The theme is 'Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith and Resilience'.

As we live through an unprecedented time of challenge and uncertainty, our faith and our resilience can be tested. We can ask questions like 'Will things ever be the same again?', 'When can we get back to normality?', 'Where is God in all of this?' In response to this, we reflect upon how Catholic schools are communities of faith and resilience. In Catholic schools, we are called to support each other and to have faith in the promise of the Good News. Catholic schools are inspired by the belief that God has created each one of us with a capacity to give love and receive love. This love is bound in faith and is more resilient than any virus. While each Catholic school is such a community, every Catholic school fosters the holistic development of its students, promotes their wellbeing and offers them cultivation of a deeper, loving relationship with God. Jesus teaches us to love one another as he has loved us. This week, we celebrate the gifts and talents we have in following Jesus' teaching. This year we celebrate how we are called to be communities of faith and resilience, through our thoughts, words and actions. In doing so, we live out the meaning of the beautiful hymn 'Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est'. - 'Where charity and love are, God is there'.