

Aghaviller Parish Newsletter
(Hugginstown, Newmarket and Stoneyford).
30th & 31st January 2021 “4th Sunday in Ordinary Time”

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Please do not hesitate to ring if you need assistance.

Monday 1st. Feast of St. Brigid

Tuesday 2nd. Feast of The Presentation of Our Lord.

Wednesday 3rd Feast of St. Blase. Blessing of Throats will take place today, the Feast of St. Blase. Please call to Parish House, Hugginstown any time today and blessing will be given observing social distance.

Friday 5th. Feast of St. Agatha.

Saturday 30th. Feast of St Paul Miki and his companions.

Pray For:

Anniversaries: Ned Millea, Kyleva. Walter Broderick and Sr. Canice

Broderick. Croan

Covid-19:

All Religious Services are suspended until 5th. March. No Public Masses on Saturdays or Sundays. Mass will continue to be celebrated privately each day by Fr. Peter and Fr. Liam and will be offered for your intentions. Churches may remain open for private prayer. Attendance at Funeral Masses are still limited to 10 people; observing social distance. Parish 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. Might be back on 8th. March!!!!

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)

Newmarket School:

Newmarket N.S. is now taking Enrolments for September 2021. Please contact 087 396 5020 or email mbrennan@newmarketns.ie for an Enrolment Form. Planning Permission for the new classrooms has been granted and it is hoped that building will commence as soon as possible. When the building is completed it is the intention of the Board of Management to offer an ‘After-School Club’ for pupils.

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

If you need help! Number of 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

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.

St. Mary’s Cathedral Restoration Fund Draw:

The January Draw was postponed in adherence with Covid-19 Regulations. This Draw is due to take place on Wednesday 24th. February along with the February Draw, if restrictions permit at that time.

Alhometcare Carer Support:

Affordable Live-in Homecare provides live-in carers for the elderly in your area. If you are looking for a live-in carer for your relative, please call Eileen or Tom at 087 991 6791 or 087 744 0729. Their website is www.alhometcare.ie

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 31st. January 2021

First Reading:

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy:

Moses said to the people: ‘The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. “Do not let me hear again” you said “the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die”; and the Lord said to me, “All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.”’ **The Word of the Lord:**

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: *O that today you would listen to his voice! ‘Harden not your hearts.’*

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice! ‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah
in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.’ **R.**

Second Reading:

A Reading from St. Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians:

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord’s affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world’s affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord’s affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world’s affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The Word of the Lord:

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

Alleluia.

Gospel:

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of St. Mark:

Jesus and his disciples went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came he went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit and it shouted, ‘What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.’ But Jesus said sharply, ‘Be quiet! Come out of him!’ And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. ‘Here is a teaching that is new’ they said ‘and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.’ And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Catholic School Week 2021:

Dear Principal and School Management, Chairperson, Teacher, Special Needs Assistant, Ancillary Staff, Board of Management, Student Council, Parents' Association, and all in our school communities,

I am writing to you on the occasion of *Catholic Schools Week 2021*. These are extraordinary times. Since last March our school communities have been at the frontline of this pandemic. Students have suffered and education has had to be re-imagined. The immense dedication and commitment of all in the education sector has ameliorated this suffering and made education in new ways possible. Our Catholic schools have been to the fore in this.

Our Catholic ethos has always reminded us that education is far more than mere learning and our school communities have embodied that since their inception. This week as we celebrate our Catholic schools it is an opportunity to step back and reflect upon all that these communities are. We are reminded that they are places of faith, learning, love, resilience and hope. Characteristics now much needed.

We need faith to be a companion to us in these times. We need learning as it is the product of such learning that helped humanity develop a vaccine. We need love to find new ways to care for each other as we must continue to stand apart. We need resilience in these days, weeks and months as we continue to operate in strange and unfamiliar ways, but most of all we need hope - a hope that our Christianity promises of brighter days ahead.

I want then to thank you for all that you do to bring these characteristics to life. In doing so you are gifting to the next generation all that will sustain them in their future, and you are gifting to us a wonderful present even in the midst of these strange times. With renewed thanks,

Yours sincerely, Bishop Dermot Farrell.