

Aghaviller Parish Newsletter

(Hugginstown, Newmarket and Stoneyford).

20th. and 21st. February 2021 “First Sunday of Lent”

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.

Pray For: Francis McBride, Sheepstown; **Liam Kelly**, late of Lawcus; both died during the week.

Mary Power, Bigwood who died on Friday 19th. **Eamonn Cuddihy**, Kilmoganny; who died recently.

Anniversaries: John Dwyer, Bayesrath. **Paddy Joe Rohan**, Carricketna (1st. Anniversary) **Fr. Christy Dwyer**, late of Croan, (1st. Anniversary)

Covid-19:

All Religious Services are suspended at the moment. 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.

Lenten Station:

Envelopes for the Lenten Station Contribution are available in the Church. Your contribution is for the support of the priests of the Parish and the Diocese.

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.

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

If you need help! Number of their Helpline: 087 616 4621.

Kilkenny Bereavement Support:

Kilkenny Bereavement Support is a voluntary organisation that offers a free listening service to bereaved people of all ages. Since the arrival of Covid 19, we have not been able to offer face to face meetings.

At the moment, we continue to support the bereaved by phone or by Zoom.

People can discuss their preferred option with their bereavement support volunteer. To make an appointment, please phone 056 775 6538 or email: director@kilkennybereavementsupport.com.

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

Trócaire:

Every year during Lent, Trócaire asks for your help to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. Families like Awut and Ajak's in South Sudan (as shown on Trócaire Box) need your support now more than ever. Trócaire are appealing to you to continue your support this Lent. Resources, prayers and videos are available on www.trocaire.org and donations can be made to the Lent campaign in the following ways:

1. By collecting a Trócaire Box (*Boxes will be available in Church Porch from Ash Wednesday*)
2. Contribute Online at www.trocaire.org or By phone: 1850 408 408

The contents of each and every Trócaire Box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.

Lenten Text Message:

Sign up for a free daily thought sent to you by text message. A little prompt on your phone to pause each day during this Lenten journey. Text your number to 085 831 3100 to sign up.

Thought for the Day eBook

Why not download the simple Thought for the Day eBook, free, from the Diocesan website or iBook Store. Each day is marked by a short moment of prayer and reflection as we journey thought Lent together.

Sundays of Lent eBook:

Why not download the Sunday's of Lent eBook, free, from the Diocesan website or iBooks store. What does the Gospel say? What does it say to me/us? What does it lead us to? Short reflections on the gospels of each Sunday as we make our Lenten journey.

St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Draw:

The February Draw, scheduled to take place on Wednesday next 24th. February is postponed. If Covid-19 restrictions allow, the January and February Draws will take place, along with the March Draw on Wednesday 31st. March 2021.

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 21st. February 2021

First Reading:

A Reading from the Book of Genesis:

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: nothing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Response: *Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.*

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.

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,
He guides the humble in the right path, He teaches his way to the poor.

R.

Second Reading:

A Reading from the First Letter St. Peter:

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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Gospel:

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of St. Mark:

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him. 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection:

"Repent and believe the Good News" was the focal point of the message of Jesus. It was not a call to penance but to a change of heart, a change of attitude, leading to a change in behaviour. The kingdom of God is a kingdom of right relationships: with God, with one another, with creation, with ourselves. It is a change that leads to a fuller life. Have we ever found that a change in our attitude towards God, towards others, ourselves, or the world around us, has led us to a more fulfilled or more fruitful life?