

## Aghaviller Parish Newsletter

(Hugginstown, Newmarket and Stoneyford).

*6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Priests Living within the Parish:**

**Liam Cassin (Parish Priest) Tele: 056 776 8693 Mobile 087 231 2354**

**Peter Hoyne (Retired) Telephone: 056 776 8678 Mobile 086 373 8492**

Please do not hesitate to ring if you need assistance.

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>.** Feast of St. Scholastica.

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>.** Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. - (World Day of

**Prayer for the Sick.)**

### **Covid-19:**

All Religious Services are suspended until 5<sup>th</sup>. 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. Hopefully there will be some news this week. **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 8<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### **Alhomedcare 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.alhomedcare.ie](http://www.alhomedcare.ie)

### **Trócaire:**

Lent begins on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>. February. 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](http://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](http://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.

### **Carrickshock G.A.A. Club:**

The Annual General Meeting of Carrickshock G.A.A. Club will be held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup>. February at 8.00p.m. This year the meeting will be online using ZOOM. For further information email: [secretary.carrickshock.kilkenny@gaa.ie](mailto:secretary.carrickshock.kilkenny@gaa.ie)

### **Newsletter:**

If you wish to receive the weekly Newsletter by email, please drop your email address to [liamcassin@ossory.ie](mailto: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](mailto:liamcassin@ossory.ie).

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>. February 2021

### First Reading:

#### **A Reading from the Book Job**

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery?

Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages,

months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief.

Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'

Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.

Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind.

Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy. **The Word of the Lord.**

### Responsorial Psalm:

**Response: *Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.***

Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due.

**R.**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds.

He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name.

**R.**

Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured.

The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust.

**R.**

### Second Reading:

#### **A Reading from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians:**

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to

have a share in its blessings.

**the Lord.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!** I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. **Alleluia.**

### Gospel:

#### **A Reading from the Holy Gospel of St. Mark:**

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

#### **The Gospel of the Lord.**

### Bishop Denis Nulty:

Bishop Denis Nulty was appointed Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Ossory on last Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>. February. Following the appointment of Archbishop Dermot Farrell to Dublin, Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Denis Nulty as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Ossory. Bishop Denis is, then, along with his duties as Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin, to shepherd the faithful in Ossory until a new Bishop is appointed. He has appointed Mgr. Dan Cavanagh as Vicar General to assist him with the exercise of his pastoral ministry and has appointed Fr. Dermot Ryan as Priest Secretary to help manage the day to day execution of the office. In accepting the appointment Bishop Denis noted: "*Humbly and happily I have accepted this role. In my years as a neighbour in the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin I have witnessed the many initiatives and activities of, and for, the faith which have been undertaken by people, religious, and priests of this great Diocese. It is my pleasure, then, to walk with the people of Ossory for this period of time as a new Bishop is found. As Archbishop Dermot begins in Dublin I know you will join with me in a prayer of thanksgiving for his time in Ossory and we pray too that the Spirit will continue to guide him in his work now in Dublin.*"

**The Word of**