

Aghaviller Parish Newsletter
(Hugginstown, Newmarket and Stoneyford).
13th. and 14th. March 2021. - “Fourth Sunday of Lent”
- “Mother’s Day”

Priests Living within the Parish:

Liam Cassin (Parish Priest) Telephone: 056 776 8693 or Mobile 087 231 2354

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Please do not hesitate to ring if you need assistance.

Wednesday 17th.: Feast of St. Patrick. (Patron of Ireland) **Thursday 18th.:**

Feast of St. Cyril of Jerusalem.

Friday 19th.: Feast of St. Joseph. (Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Pray For:

Anniversary: Anastasia and Patrick Fitzpatrick, Coolmore Mai Carroll, Kilkeasy.

Covid-19:

All Religious Services are still suspended. 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 Primary Schools will reopen on Monday 15th. March for all Pupils.

First Penance will be celebrated within the schools this year. This celebration will take place before the Easter holidays.

It is hoped we can celebrate **First Holy Communion** during May or June. No dates will be arranged until after Easter.

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:

Many thanks to all who have contributed to the Lenten Station during the past weeks. Envelopes are still available in the Churches. 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)

Monroe School:

Enrolment Forms are now available at Monroe National School for the school year, September 2021 – 2022.

Please call in, or e-mail, or phone the school at 056 776 8931 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. Please collect a Trócaire Box which are available in Church Porch. You can 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 of Lent.

Lectio Divina:

Each Monday night of Lent why not join for a virtual gathering of Lectio Divina. This 30-40 minute gathering allows us to come together to reflect on the scriptures and what they are saying to us today. To sign up simply email afd@ossory.ie

Preparing for the Sacraments:

Parents are invited to join the virtual gathering to explore the importance of preparing to celebrate the Sacraments. Your children are preparing for the Sacraments that we hope to celebrate this year. Join with Sacramental Theologian and Lecturer in Boston College Rev. Dr Liam Bergin who will lead parents in our parish on a reflection of the importance of preparation. To sign up simply email afd@ossory.ie for the link for this gathering on Monday 22nd. March at 7.30p.m.

Sunday 14th. March 2021

First Reading:

A Reading from the Second Book of Chronicles:

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, ‘Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.’

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: ‘Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, “The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up.”’

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: *O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not!*

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps.

R.

For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy.
‘Sing to us,’ they said, ‘one of Zion’s songs.’

R.

O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil?

If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither!

R.

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys!

R.

Second Reading:

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

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God’s work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son: everyone who believes in him
has eternal life.

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Gospel:

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of St. John:

Jesus said to Nicodemus: ‘The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world
so much that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For
God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one
who believes in him will be
condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has
refused to believe in the name of
God’s only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has
come into the world
men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And
indeed, everybody who does wrong
hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who
lives by the truth comes out into the
light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

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.

Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers and Families.

Important message from An Garda Síochána Crime Prevention Unit

Gardaí are receiving an ever increasing number of complaints in relation to fraudulent and illegal scams. These scams can come in the form of texts, emails, telephone calls to your mobile or landline or even through social media. They can be difficult to spot as the correspondence claims to come from a reputable organisation such as your bank, card issuer or even a government department such as Revenue.

The message can appear within a genuine thread of text messages that you may have received from a legitimate organisation. Anyone can fall victim to these scams, however Gardaí are asking the public to make vulnerable persons aware of them. The worldwide nature of these scams which are designed to steal money from unsuspecting parties means that they are particularly difficult to investigate.

How to avoid becoming a victim:

- a. Be suspicious of text messages received out of the blue that claim to come from a reputable organisation, such as a bank or credit/debit card issuer.

- b. Be cautious of text messages that prompt you to call a phone number or visit a website to resolve an issue or verify your details urgently.
- c. Do not respond to text messages that request personal information, such as your bank account details, without first independently verifying that they are from a genuine source.
- d. Never reply to text messages that request your PIN, online banking password, or any other password.
- e. Be wary about calling any phone number, or clicking on any link, that is embedded within a text message.

Examples of recent fraudulent messages that have been received are purporting to be from Revenue, Amazon, Various Couriers/Delivery Companies, Financial Institutions, and even Covid-19 related (seeking people's details to register for the Vaccine.)

Gardaí would ask that we all look out for more vulnerable persons with regards to these scams.

Remember never click on unknown links or divulge your personal information over the phone.