

# Aghaviller Parish Newsletter (Hugginstown, Newmarket and Stoneyford).

*27<sup>th</sup>. and 28<sup>th</sup>. February 2021 “Second 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: John Drea**, Tullamore, late of Oldtown, Stoneyford who died during the week.

**Anniversaries: William and Margaret O’Meara**, Croan. **Julia Morrissey**, Croan. **David Kenneally**, Catstown

**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 Schools will reopen on Monday 1<sup>st</sup>. March for Junior Pupils and on Monday

15<sup>th</sup>. March for all Pupils. **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 still taking Enrolments for September 2021. Please contact 087 396 5020 or email [mbrennan@newmarketns.ie](mailto: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](mailto:director@kilkennybereavementsupport.com).

**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

**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](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.

**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.

**Dying with Dignity:**

Join a virtual gathering to explore the Dying with Dignity Bill with Moral Theologian, Rev. Dr Michael Shortall (Maynooth) who will lead this group in a short reflection on this controversial bill facing the Irish people. To sign up please email: [afd@ossory.ie](mailto:afd@ossory.ie) for the link for this virtual gathering on Monday 1<sup>st</sup>. March at 7.30p.m.

**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 28<sup>th</sup>. February 2021**

### **First Reading:**

#### **A Reading from the Book of Genesis:**

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

**Lord.**

### **Responsorial Psalm:**

**Response:** *I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.*

I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted,'  
O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.

**R.**

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds.  
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make; I will call on the Lord's name.

**R.**

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

**R.**

### **Second Reading:**

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

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

**The Word of the Lord.**

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:

'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

### **Gospel:**

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

**Lord.**

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