

Aghaviller Parish Newsletter (Hugginstown, Newmarket and Stoneyford).

6th. and 7th. March 2021. - "Third 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: Richard Holohan, Knocktopher, who died during the week.

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 15th. March for all Pupils. Junior Pupils and Teachers are delighted to be back.

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)

Newmarket School:

Newmarket N.S. is still 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. 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.

The Bible - Our Friend:

Join the virtual gathering to explore the Bible and its importance in the Christian tradition. How can I use the Bible more in my daily life? Join with Fr. Sean Maher, Kildare and Leighlin, as we explore in a simple way the role of Scripture in our lives. To sign up simply email afd@ossory.ie for the link for this gathering on Monday 8th. March at 7.30p.m.

