

Aghaviller Parish Newsletter (Hugginstown, Newmarket and Stoneyford).

20th. and 21st. March 2021. - "Fifth Sunday of Lent"

Priests Living within the Parish:

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Please do not hesitate to ring if you need assistance.

Thursday 25th. Feast of The Annunciation of the Lord

Pray For:

Anniversaries: Matty and Mary O'Shea; Kitty and Betty O'Shea; John O'Shea. Boolsglass.

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. **First Penance** will be celebrated during this coming week within the Parish schools. It is hoped we can celebrate **First Holy Communion** during May or June. Dates will be arranged after Easter holidays. **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 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.

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 iBook 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.

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. March 2021

First Reading:

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: *A pure heart create for me, O God.*

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

R.

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

R.

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you.

R.

Second Reading:

A Reading from Hebrews:

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, there also will my servant be.

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

Gospel:

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of St. John:

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: ‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life.

If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too.

If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled.

What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!’ A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ People

standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus

answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

‘Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.

And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.’

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

The

Gospel of the Lord.

Schedule of RTE Broadcasts for Holy Week and Easter.

Palm Sunday - 28th March

RTÉ News Channel, 2.15pm, Mass from the Cathedral of SS. Patrick and Felim, celebrated by Bishop Martin Hayes -

<https://www.churchservices.tv/cavancathedral>

Monday - 29th March

RTÉ News Channel, 10.30am, Mass, Holy Family Church, Ardfinnan, Co Tipperary - Fr Michael Toomey - <https://www.churchservices.tv/ardfinnan>

Tuesday - 30th March

RTÉ News Channel, 10.30am - Mass, Mary Immaculate Refuge of Sinners, Rathmines Dublin - Fr Andrew O'Sullivan -

<https://www.churchservices.tv/maryimmacdublin>

Wednesday - 31st March

RTÉ News Channel, 10.30am - Mass, The Star of the Sea Church, Riverchapel, Courtown, Wexford - Fr Tom Dalton -

<https://www.churchservices.tv/riverchapel>

Holy Thursday - 1st. April

RTÉ One, 4.40p.m. (repeated Radio 1 Extra / LW252, 1900) - Mass of the Lord's Supper celebrated by Fr Martin Smith (Chaplain, Carlow IT) with members of RTÉ Cor Linn

Good Friday - 2nd. April

RTÉ One / Radio 1 Extra / LW252, 3.00p.m – 4.00p.m. - Solemn Liturgy for Good Friday from Knock Basilica. Chief Celebrant is the Rector of the National Shrine, Monsignor Richard Gibbons. The Choir is the Schola Cantorum Basilicae directed by Úna Nolan. The Organist is Mark Keane.

Holy Saturday - 3rd. April

RTÉ One, 12.00Noon. Countdown to Calvary (Rpt). Downton Abbey star and Cambridge University theology graduate, Hugh Bonneville, tells the story of the last days of Jesus' life.

RTÉ One, 10.45p.m. Radio 1 Extra / LW252, 2300-0015 - Easter Vigil Mass from Knock Basilica, which is to be recognised by Pope Francis on 19 March as an International Marian and Eucharistic Shrine.

Chief Celebrant is the Rector of the National Shrine, Monsignor Richard Gibbons. The Choir is the Schola Cantorum Basilicae directed by Úna Nolan. The Organist is Mark Keane. 2240-2355 on RTÉ One. (Radio will air it with a slight delay at 11.00p.m.)

Easter Sunday - 4th. April

RTÉ One / Radio 1 Extra / LW252, 10.00a.m -11.00a.m. - Easter Sunday Mass from « La Carità » COVID hospital in Locarno, Switzerland, celebrated by the Archpriest of Locarno, Fr Carmelo Andreatta, with commentary and translation by Fr Thomas McCarthy OP (This Mass will air with a delay on Radio 1 Extra / LW252 in our regular slot at 11.00a.m. – 12.00Noon). 12.25 - 12.55 (approx) Pope Francis' Easter Urbi et Orbi Message and Blessing.

This will be followed by live coverage of the 1916 commemoration by President Michael D. Higgins

Sunday Mass Times (Local) on the Web every Sunday:

Callan Church: www.callanparish.ie at 10.00a.m. Thomastown Church:

www.thomastownparish.ie at 10.00a.m

St. Canice's Church: www.stcanicesparish.ie at 10.00a.m. St. Mary's Cathedral:

www.stmaryscathedral.ie at 11.00a.m.

Mooncoin Church; www.mooncoinparish.ie at 11.00a.m. St. John's Church:

www.stjohnskilkenny.com at 11.30a.m.

Sunday 28th. March ---- Palm Sunday:

Blessed Palm will be available in Hugginstown and Stoneyford Churches after 10.00a.m.

on Sunday 28th. March.