

Aghaviller Parish Newsletter (Hugginstown, Newmarket and Stoneyford).

3rd. and 4th. April 2021. - "Easter Sunday"

Priests Living within the Parish:

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Please do not hesitate to ring if you need assistance.

Pray For: Donal Geary; Ballincrea, Slieverue and Bigwood: who died last weekend.

Anniversary: Agnes Kenny, Lawcus Fields, Stoneyford.

Sunday 4th. - Easter Sunday: Blessed Easter Water will be available in the Churches on Sunday 4th. after 10.00a.m.

Schedule of RTE Broadcasts for Easter.

Holy Saturday - 3rd. April

RTE 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.

RTE 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 RTE One. (Radio will air it with a slight delay at 11.00p.m.)

Easter Sunday - 4th. April

RTE 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). From 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.

Covid-19:

All Religious Services are still suspended. No Public Masses are permitted. It appears Churches will not be open for public worship until the end of May. It is hoped we can celebrate **First Holy Communion** during June. Dates will be arranged when we have further information.

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. This will change to 25 people during April.

Easter Offerings:

Envelopes for the Easter Offering Collection are available at the Church Porch. Please take one and return it with your offering during the Easter Season. This offering is for the support of the priests of the Parish and Diocese.

Trócaire:

Please return the Trócaire Boxes over the Easter Season as we need to get your contribution to where it is needed as soon as possible.

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.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open every day from 8.00a.m. to 8.00p.m. Please call 0818 222 024.

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.

A Very Happy and Holy Easter to All Keep Safe Easter Sunday 4th. April 2021

First Reading:

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: ‘You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.’

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: *This day was made by the Lord: we rejoice and are glad.*

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say: ‘His love has no end.’

R.

The Lord’s right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die; I shall live and recount his deeds.

R.

The stone which the builders rejected, has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

R.

Second Reading:

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

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is

revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed: let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of St. John:

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb’ she said ‘and we don’t know where they have put him.’

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Prayer for those who cannot receive the Eucharist:

My Jesus, I believe that you are really present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things and I desire you into my soul. As I cannot receive you now sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart as you have now come. I embrace you and unite myself wholly to you. Do not permit me to be ever separated from you. Amen.