

**God's People Our Parish** 

KILBEGGAN: Saturday Vigil 7.30p.m. & Sunday 11a.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30a.m. Wednesday 7.30p.m. & Saturday 10a.m Confessions - Saturday 10.30a.m. - 11.30a.m.

RAHUGH: Sunday 9.30a.m. & Friday 7.30p.m.

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## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**7.30 p.m.** Andy and Una and Eileen Hennessy Deceased members of the Fox family, Ballymacmorris

9.30 a.m.

**11 a.m.** Marian Carroll. Month's Mind

# **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7.30 p.m.

9.30 a.m. Vincent Abbott

11 a.m.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Carberry, who died during the week. May she rest in peace.

Plate/Peter's Pence Collection: €1,270; Maintenance Fund: €65. Thanks to all who are so generous.

The Irish Catholic Catholic Newspaper on sale at the entrance for  $\notin$  3 per copy.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday evening from 6.30 p.m. until Mass time at 7.30 p.m. There is also Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday mornings from 10-11 a.m. and in Rahugh on Fridays 7—8.30 p.m. with Mass included at 7.30 p.m.

### **Cemetery Sunday Devotions** are at **3pm on 27th July**, the last Sunday of July.





### New Pastoral Areas have been established in the Diocese of Meath.

Our Pastoral Area includes the parishes of Kilbeggan / Rahugh; Tullamore / Durrow; Rahan / Killina / Mucklagh; Kilcormac / Mountbolus; and Eglish / Rath. Weekly Masses bly and events will be organised within the Pastoral Area to suit the number of Priests available at any time. Up to now the Priests in Tullamore have been very kind in covering

Masses when I was away from the parish. Each Parish must now decide: What can we do for ourselves, what can we do for one another, and what can we do together. Each Pastoral Area in the diocese will meet over the coming months to review the Mass schedules in their area, to ensure that Priests can cover for each other in times of vacation, bereavement, or illness, etc. They will also decide on which course should be run and at which venues, e.g. Training Ministers of the Word or the Eucharist, Sycamore or You-Cat programmes and other areas like pre-baptism meetings. It is hoped that the Pastoral Areas in the Diocese will be inaugurated in September.



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Like the Good Samaritan, may we

not be ashamed of touching the wounds of those who suffer, but try

to heal them with concrete acts of

love.

"The Cosy Café" Kilbeggan meets from 11 a.m. to 1p.m. this Tuesday 8th July in Kilbeggan Parish Centre. This is a free service to help those with dementia, their families and carers, and meets on the second Tuesday of each month. We have music, dance, creative activities, and opportunities to chat over tea or coffee and some light refreshments. Our guest speaker this Tuesday is Anna Carroll, Social Worker, offering guidance for Fair Deal application forms. This will be followed by music with the Elderly Brothers. All are welcome.



The history of Peter and Paul shows us that the communion to which the Lord calls us is a unison of voices and personalities that does not eliminate anyone's freedom. Our patron saints followed different paths, had different ideas and at times argued with one another with evangelical frankness. Yet this did not prevent them from living the *concordia apostolorum*, that is, a living communion in the

Spirit, a fruitful harmony in diversity. As Saint Augustine remarks, "the feast of the two Apostles is celebrated on one day. They too were one. For although they were martyred on different days, they were one" (*Serm.* 295, 7.7).

All this invites us to reflect on the nature of ecclesial communion. Awakened by the inspiration of the Spirit, it unites differences and builds bridges of unity thanks to the rich variety of charisms, gifts and ministries. It is important that we learn to experience communion in this way — as unity within diversity — so that the various gifts, united in the one confession of faith, may advance the preaching of the Gospel. We are called to persevere along this path, following the example of Peter and Paul, since all of us need that kind of fraternity. The whole Church needs fraternity, which must be present in all of our relationships, whether between lay people and priests, priests and bishops, bishops and the Pope. Fraternity is also needed in pastoral care, ecumenical dialogue and the friendly relations that the Church desires to maintain with the world. Let us make an effort, then, to turn our differences into a workshop of unity and communion, of fraternity and reconciliation, so that everyone in the Church, each with his or her personal history, may learn to walk side by side.

Saints Peter and Paul also challenge us to think about the *vitality of our faith*. In our life as disciples, we can always risk falling into a rut, a routine, a tendency to follow the same old pastoral plans without experiencing interior renewal and a willingness to respond to new challenges. The two Apostles, however, can inspire us by the example of their openness to change, to new events, encounters and concrete situations in the life of their communities, and by their readiness to consider new approaches to evangelization in response to the problems and difficulties raised by our brothers and sisters in the faith.

At the heart of today's Gospel lies the question that Jesus asked his disciples. Today he asks us that same question, challenging us to examine whether our faith life retains its energy and vitality, and whether the flame of our relationship with the Lord still burns bright: "Who do you say that I am?" (*Mt* 16:15).

Every day, at every moment in history, we must always take this question to heart. If we want to keep our identity as Christians from being reduced to a relic of the past, as Pope Francis often reminded us, it is important to move beyond a tired and stagnant faith. We need to ask ourselves: Who is Jesus Christ for us today? What place does he occupy in our lives and in the life of the Church? How can we bear witness to this hope in our daily lives and proclaim it to those whom we meet?

From HOMILY OF THE HOLY FATHER LEO XIV ON THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, Saint Peter's Basilica, Sunday, 29 June 2025



### Pope Leo's intention for July: For formation in discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel. We also pray for peace in our world.

**Parish Charity Shop** We have a wide selection of high quality clothing, household goods and Bric-a-brac. **Open Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thanks to all who support the shop.** 

