

God's People Our Parish

St. James and St Hugh, Kilbeggan and Rahugh

Saturday Vigil 7.30 p.m. Kilbeggan Sunday 9.30 a.m. Rahugh and 11 a.m. Kilbeggan

Monday to Friday 9.30 a.m. Saturday 10 a.m. Friday 7.30 p.m. Rahugh

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Confessions Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.

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Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”
Mt.11: 28-30



Make love your aim
1 Cor 14:1

Third Sunday of Advent

7.30 p.m. Mary Nannery, Month's Memory

Deceased members of the Westmeath Ploughing Association.

9.30 a.m. Thomas and Bridget Coyne and deceased family

11 a.m. Paddy and Mary Daniels

Monday 9.30 a.m. John and Rose Keenan, and Elizabeth Keenan



Fourth Sunday of Advent

7.30 p.m. Phil McMahon, First Anniversary

9.30 a.m. Hughie Harte



11 a.m. **Do This in Memory of Me Mass**
Eamonn and Colm Heffernan
Monica Duffy
John and Ellen Craig
Martin Igoe, 4th Anniversary

We received a bequest of €5,000 this week. Plate: €1,125; Renovation Fund: €1,375; Offerings and List of the Dead: €720. Thanks to all who are so generous .



Charity Shop will be open on 4 Mondays before Christmas. Massive reductions on ladies and gents clothing before Christmas. Good selection of Christmas stock in shop. Plenty of opportunity to get gifts. Open Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The Irish Catholic Newspaper is available in your parish!

Is available in the church. €2.50



Rahugh Hall Christmas Tractor Run Saturday 17th December. Registration €25 per tractor at 4 p.m. Run begins at 5 p.m. Prizes for best dressed tractor. Raffle in The Hazel with music by the "Sailors". Proceeds for Rahugh Hall. Enquiries 086 6022731

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve: Kilbeggan 6 p.m. with Family Choir and 7.30 p.m. with the Parish Choir.

Christmas Day: Rahugh 9.30 a.m. and Kilbeggan 11 a.m. with the Parish Choir

The Parish Pastoral Assembly (PPA) had its first meeting on Monday. At our next meeting on **January 10th** we hope begin preparing a mission statement and appoint the Chairperson and Secretary. The PPA hopes to identify what is unique about our Parish and its service of the Parish. It will determine its function, values and beliefs and central focus as a PPA. It will specify its commitment to the people and needs of the parish. It will look to identify and develop areas where the parish can grow.

RAHUGH SOCIAL SERVICES: We would like to remind our Senior Citizens that there is a Chiropody Clinic held in Rahugh Hall which is available to them. If anyone requires further information, please phone Mary Kelly on 085 1300257

Advent Preparation for Christmas



Faith: Spend time in Prayer, Read God's Word, Say the Rosary. Pray to Mary our Mother.

Hope: Reflect on the love and mercy of God which is our hope. Jesus has come to save us. Go to Confessions.

Love: Reach out to help someone. Forgive a person who hurt you. Ask for forgiveness.

Penitential Service with visiting priests on Monday 19th at 7.30 p.m. I will provide Confessions after every Mass during Advent. This will give people opportunities go to Confessions along with the Saturday Confessions 10.30 -11.30a.m. There is also Confessions available in neighbouring parishes.



Pope Francis on "Going to Confessions"



First, the fact that the forgiveness of our sins is not something we can give ourselves. I cannot say: I forgive my sins. Forgiveness is asked for, is asked of another, and in Confession we ask for forgiveness from Jesus. Forgiveness is not the fruit of our own efforts but rather a gift; it is a gift of the Holy Spirit who fills us with the wellspring of mercy and of grace that flows unceasingly from the open heart of the Crucified and Risen Christ. Secondly, it reminds

us that we can truly be at peace only if we allow ourselves to be reconciled, in the Lord Jesus, with the Father and with the brethren. And we have all felt this in our hearts, when we have gone to confession with a soul weighed down and with a little sadness; and when we receive Jesus' forgiveness we feel at peace, with that peace of soul which is so beautiful, and which only Jesus can give, only Him.

In fact, the Christian community is the place where the Spirit is made present, who renews hearts in the love of God and makes all of the brethren one thing in Christ Jesus. That is why it is not enough to ask the Lord for forgiveness in one's own mind and heart, but why instead it is necessary humbly and trustingly to confess one's sins to a minister of the Church. In the celebration of this Sacrament, the priest represents not only God but also the whole community, who sees itself in the weakness of each of its members, who listens and is moved by his repentance, and who is reconciled with him, which cheers him up and accompanies him on the path of conversion and human and Christian growth. Dear friends, celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation means being enfolded in a warm embrace: it is the embrace of the Father's infinite mercy.