God's People Our Parish

St. James and St Hugh, Kilbeggan and Rahugh

KILBEGGAN: Saturday Vigil 7.30 p.m. & Sunday 11 a.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 9.30 a.m. & Friday 7.30p.m.

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.30 p.m. Mick Dillon, Anniversary Mass

9.30 a.m.

11 a.m. Do this in Memory of Me Mass for First Communion Children and their families

Saturday 1st February Feast of St. Brigid, Blessing of St Brigid Crosses

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.30 p.m. Julia and Paddy Maher

Kathleen McDonnell and deceased members of the Kelly and McDonnell Families

9.30 a.m.

Betty McCormack, Month's Mind 11 a.m.

Teresa Dunne, St Mary's Ave., Third Anniversary

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bernie Clavin, Durrow, who died during the week. May she Rest in Peace.

Catholic Newspaper is on sale at the entrance for €3 per copy.

Plate: €1,300; Maintenance Fund: €315; Offerings: € 330.

Thanks to all who are so generous.

Pope Francis and the Wedding feast of Cana - In this Gospel we can find two things: lack and superabundance. On the one hand, there is a shortage of wine and Mary tells Her Son: "They have no wine" (v.3); on the other hand, Jesus intervenes, filling six large jars and, in the end, the wine is so abundant and exquisite that the master of the banquet asks the groom why He has kept it until the end (v. 10). Thus,



our sign is always lack, but "the sign of God is superabundance", and the superabundance of Cana is its sign (cf. Benedict XVI, Jesus of Nazareth, vol. I, 294). How does God respond to man's lack? With superabundance (cf. Rom 5:20). God is not mean! When He gives, He gives a lot. He does not give

you a little bit, He gives you a lot. The Lord responds to our shortcomings with His superabundance.

In the banquet of our life – we might say – at times we realize that the wine is missing: that we lack the strength and many things. It happens when the worries that plague us, the fears that assail us or the overwhelming forces of evil rob us of the taste for life, the exhilaration of joy and the flavour of hope. Take note: in the face of this lack, when the Lord gives, He gives in superabundance.

Pope Francis Last Sunday



Charity Shop - Open Monday to Friday 10am - 5pm. Wide selection of good quality winter clothing and household goods. We give Dóchas €750 each month to help those with cancer. The Charity Shop also supports the Cosy Café. Thanks for your continued support.

For those who wish to go to Confessions, I am available in the Confession Room (beside the organ) before Mass each Saturday from 7 p.m. until Mass time.

Confessions also available every Saturday 10.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. Confession in



Tullamore, Saturday: 12-1pm & 3pm — 4pm, and on the Eve of First Friday: after 10 am Mass.



On Sunday, January 26th at 4pm, there will be a celebration of sung vespers in the Cathedral in Mullingar with the religious, the priests, sisters and brothers of religious congregations in the diocese. The Church celebrates the contribution of religious life on the Feast of the Presentation. All are welcome to join with the Cathedral and Dioce-

san Choir for this celebration as we mark the contribution of religious to our diocese.

We must **fan the flame of hope** that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope. This will indeed



be the case if we are capable of recovering a sense of universal fraternity and refuse to turn a blind eye to the tragedy of rampant poverty that prevents millions of men, women, young people and children from living in a manner worthy of our human dignity. **Pope Francis Letter for Jubilee of Hope**



The Cosy Café will meet on Tuesday 11th February, from 11—1 p.m. in the Parish Centre. We will have music, tea, coffee and nibbles. The speakers for this session are Sinead Dolan, Audiologist, and Orla Dempsey, Community Resource Officer. Our aim is to make our parish dementia inclusive. All are welcome.

At our Mission in December we gave out **Volunteer Forms** to help people reflect on how they could play a more active part in the Parish. There is a wide scope of ministries in the parish which you can choose from. There are forms available at the entrance to the Churches which you could take home and think about. Please think about how you could help our Parish. If you wish to discuss anything, contact me at 087 2618353



Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 9th September 2025, led by Most Rev. Thomas Deenihan.

The Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is a fully escorted tour including:

Direct return flight from Dublin to Lourdes; Airport taxes; Airport transfers and assistance between Lourdes Airport and your hotel; 4 or 5 nights' accommodation - Full board: breakfast, lunch and dinner each day. 20kg check-in luggage plus one small personal item in the cabin. Full services of Joe Walsh Tours guides and representatives throughout the Pilgrimage. Full religious programme facilitated in conjunction with Meath Diocese. Contact Joe Walsh Tours Ireland: 01 241 0800 or Pat Lynagh Local Lourdes area Secretary 0876628468



Would it be a bright idea to come and visit the Church and have a quiet time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, 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." Jesus says in Matthew 11:28-30