# 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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### Second Sunday of Christmas

**7.30 p.m.** Stephen Kelly, Cumminstown

Richard Keoghan

**9.30 a.m.** Margaret Egan and deceased family

11 a.m.

### Feast of The Epiphany of the Lord Holy Day of Obligation (Monday 6th Jan.)

**9.30 a.m.** (Rahugh)

11 a.m. (Kilbeggan)

7.30 p.m. Monday Evening (Kilbeggan)





### The Baptism of the Lord

my Son." 7.30 p.m.

9.30 a.m. Michael Crombie

Michael Feeney, 2nd Anniversary

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Betty McCormack who died during the week. May she rest in peace.



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

Plate: €4,080; Maintenance Fund: €1,220; Offerings: €4,195;

Shrines: €844. Thanks to all who are so generous.





Forgive us our trespasses, Lord,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

In this cycle of forgiveness, grant us your peace,

the peace that you alone can give

to those who let themselves be disarmed in heart,

to those who choose in hope to forgive the debts of their brothers and sisters,

to those who are unafraid to confess their debt to you,

and to those who do not close their ears to the cry of the poor.

**Pope Francis Holy Year Prayer for Peace** 

#### Parish Charity Shop reopens on Wednesday 8th January 2025 (10am to 5pm).

Thanks to all who support the shop and the ladies in the shop.





Today, the Pope continued, on this World Day of Peace, "all of us are invited to take up the summons that flow from the maternal heart of Mary: to cherish life, to care for life, to restore dignity to the lives of everyone 'born of woman,' for this is the basis for building a culture of peace."

This, he said, is the reason for his appeal "for a firm commitment to respect the dignity of human life from conception to natural death."

"Let us entrust to Mary this new Jubilee Year," the Holy Father concluded. "Let us entrust to her our questions, our worries, our sufferings, our joys and all the concerns that we bear in our hearts. Let us entrust to her the whole world, so that hope may be reborn and peace may finally spring up for all the peoples of the earth." From Homily of Pope Francis at Mass on New Year's Day 2025



The Cosy Café will meet on Tuesday 14th of January from 11am - 1pm in the Parish Centre. We will have Occupational Therapy with Noleen Dillon, and a person from Chime speaking about hearing aids and giving practical help. TY students will serve tea/coffee and cakes etc. Welcome to those with dementia and their helpers. All are welcome to attend.





#### 2024 'one of the worst years in history' for children in conflict

"By almost every measure," asserted UNICEF Executive Director Catherine Russell, "2024 has been one of the worst years on record for children in conflict in UNICEF's history—both in terms of the number of children affected and the level of impact on their lives."

Russell observed that a child growing up in a conflict zone is far more likely to be out of school, malnourished, or forced from their home—too often repeatedly—

compared to a child living in places of peace.

"This must not be the new normal," she appealed, "We cannot allow a generation of children to become collateral damage to the world's unchecked wars." In the latest available data, from 2023, the United Nations verified a record 32,990 grave violations against 22,557 children, marking the highest number since Security Council-mandated monitoring began.

The situation for women and girls is particularly concerning, with widespread reports of rape and sexual violence in conflict settings.

Children in the Gaza Strip, and a significant portion of children in Sudan, have missed out on more than a year of school, while in countries such as Ukraine, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Syria, schools have been damaged, destroyed or repurposed, leaving millions of children without access to learning.

#### Pope's Intention for January 2025: For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

PPA meeting Tuesday 14th at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre.