

*ST. JAMES' CHURCH
KILBEGGAN*

*Vigil 8p.m. Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m.
Monday to Friday 9.30a.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.*

*ST. HUGH'S CHURCH
RAHUGH*

*Sunday 9.30a.m.
Friday 8 p.m.*

*Confessions on Saturday after 10a.m. Mass, before the Vigil Mass
after Mass in Rahugh Friday evening.*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Kilbeggan after 9.30 a.m. Mass on Monday until 12 noon.

Mercy Convent Wednesday 7-9 p.m.

Rahugh on Friday from 7 – 9 p.m. with Mass at 8 p.m.

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Gaudete Sunday

Saturday 12th 8 p.m. Richard Keoghan

Sunday 13th 9.30 a.m. Deceased members of the Coyne Family, Attyconnor

11 a.m. Colm Heffernan.

Monday 14th 9.30 a.m. James, Marcella and Thomas Keating

Tuesday 15th 9.30 a.m. Elizabeth and Patrick Coyle and deceased family.

Wednesday 16th 9.30 a.m.

Thursday 17th 9.30 a.m. James and Bridget McCormack and

Deceased family.

Friday 18th 9.30 a.m. John and Rose Keenan

8 p.m Cusack Family Rahugh

Saturday 19th 10 a.m. Tom Mc Daniels and his daughter Ann

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday 19th 8 p.m Tom and Mary Rhattigan, Relic Road.

Sunday 20th 9.30 p.m. Edward and Ann Daly

11a.m. John and Ellen Craig



Welcome to the parish **Libbey Marie McDermott**, who was baptised this week.

There is a bulletin for Primary School Children. It is called **LOOK**. They will be available on the tables where the adult bulletins are left.

The Annual Church gate collection for the Society will be held this weekend 12th and 13th. All the funds are used locally.



A Youth Choir has been established in the parish. The choir will sing at the 8 p.m. Mass on Saturday evenings, starting next week. I would like to thank all those who are involved and have been preparing for the past number of weeks. If you would like to be involved please contact me or come along to a practice/meeting at 8.30 p.m. on Friday next at the church.



Christmas Cake Sale in aid of Rahugh Social Services after 9.30 a.m. Mass in the Community Centre Sunday 13th December.

Donation Clinic, G.A.A. Centre Tullamore 4.30 - 8.30 p.m. Monday 14th – Thursday 17th.



WESTMEATH IFA ATHLONE FLOOD VICTIMS FODDER AID.

Farmers in the Kilbeggan and surrounding areas who wish to donate fodder for the above can drop bales at the old FABRI-CAST site Dublin Road Kilbeggan from SAT 12th to SAT 19th Dec 2009 inclusive. For further information contact; Willie Dolan IFA 086 2514243 Joe Henson Rahugh 087 2407318 Cllr Paul Daly Kilbeggan 086 8314388

The Annual Mass for Trócaire. Cantóirí Tulach Mhóir at 8p.m.

Mass Friday night 18th Dec. Collection taken up for Trocaire





THE STUDENTS OF THE SCHOLA CANTORUM (ST. FINIAN'S COLLEGE, MULLINGAR) PRESENT A CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE ON TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER 2009 AT 7.30PM IN ST CAMILLUS NURSING CENTRE, KILLUCAN, CO. WESTMEATH. EVERYBODY WELCOME.

Statement from the Winter General Meeting of the Irish Bishops' Conference

We, as bishops, apologise to all those who were abused by priests as children, their families and to all people who feel rightly outraged and let down by the failure of moral leadership and accountability that emerges from the Report.

As an initial response to the Report, we agreed today to request the National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church to explore with the relevant Government departments and statutory authorities, North and South, a mechanism by which to ensure that the Church's current policies and practices in relation to the safeguarding of children represent best practice and that allegations of abuse are properly handled.

We are deeply shocked by the scale and depravity of abuse as described in the Report. We are shamed by the extent to which child sexual abuse was covered up in the Archdiocese of Dublin and recognise that this indicates a culture that was widespread in the Church. The avoidance of scandal, the preservation of the reputations of individuals and of the Church, took precedence over the safety and welfare of children. This should never have happened and must never be allowed to happen again. We humbly ask for forgiveness.

The Report raises very important issues for the Church in Ireland, including the functioning of the Bishops' Conference, and, how the lay faithful can be more effectively involved in the life of the Church. We will give further detailed consideration to these issues.

Press Release from the Vatican on Friday

"Today the Holy Father held a meeting with senior Irish bishops and high-ranking members of the Roman Curia. He listened to their concerns and discussed with them the traumatic events that were presented in the Irish Commission of Investigation's Report into the Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin. "After careful study of the report, the Holy Father was deeply disturbed and distressed by its contents. He wishes once more to express his profound regret at the actions of some members of the clergy who have betrayed their solemn promises to God, as well as the trust placed in them by the victims and their families, and by society at large. "The Holy Father shares the outrage, betrayal and shame felt by so many of the faithful in Ireland, and he is united with them in prayer at this difficult time in the life of the Church. "His Holiness asks Catholics in Ireland and throughout the world to join him in praying for the victims, their families and all those affected by these heinous crimes. "He assures all concerned that the Church will continue to follow this grave matter with the closest attention in order to understand better how these shameful events came to pass and how best to develop effective and secure strategies to prevent any recurrence. "The Holy See takes very seriously the central issues raised by the report, including questions concerning the governance of local Church leaders with ultimate responsibility for the pastoral care of children. "The Holy Father intends to address a Pastoral Letter to the faithful of Ireland in which he will clearly indicate the initiatives that are to be taken in response to the situation.

"Finally, His Holiness encourages all those who have dedicated their lives in generous service to children to persevere in their good works in imitation of Christ the Good Shepherd".

14th Dec: 'Caring for Yourself – Minimising Stress in Your Life During The Festive Season. Venue: Kilbeggan Primary School @7.30pm



Scoil an Chlochair, Kilbeggan is holding its Christmas Carol Service at 7pm on Tuesday 15th December 2009 in St James' Church, Kilbeggan. All the children in the school from Jnr. Infants up to 6th Class will be taking part and we would like to invite everyone to come along and join us in our Christmas celebration.

Penitential Service

7 p.m. on Sunday next 20th . Visiting priests will be available for Confessions. This is a wonderful opportunity to receive forgiveness and healing in the Sacrament. There will prayers of blessing for inner healing.

Thanks to all who contributed to the Sunday Collection, €1,259. Candle Shrine €667

