St. James’ Church St. Hugh’s Church

Vigil 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m. Sunday 9.30 a.m.

Monday to Friday 9.30 a.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. Friday 8 p.m.

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

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

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**Gaudete Sunday**

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Jim Ryan

Annie Jo and Peter McLoughlin

**9.30 a.m.** Tom and Bridget Coyne

**11.00 a.m**. John and Ellen Craig

Colm and Eamon Heffernan

**Friday 8 p.m. Kilbeggan** Alacoque Flanagan, Month’s Mind

Cantori Tullamore are singing at Mass on Friday 19th at 8p.m. St. James Church. They well be singing some carols after Mass. There is a collection for Trocaire at the Mass.

Saturday 10 a.m. John Carroll, Month’s Memory.

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**8 p.m**. Tom and Mary Rattigan and Soldier Rattigan

Kilbeggan Race Committee and Westmeath Ploughing Association

**9.30 a.m.** Deceased members of the Coyne Family, Attyconnor.

**11a.m**. *Joe and Deirdre Ennis*

Pat Seery,Month’s Mind**.**

The word Advent means ‘arrival’ or ‘coming’ and with this season the Church begins another year. There is a threefold coming of Christ to which the Church draws out attention in this season. First, Jesus coming as a human being at Bethlehem; second, his daily coming into the lives of those who open their heart to receive him and third, his glorious coming at the end of time. The use of purple vestments underlines the special character of the Season. Our Advent Wreath reminds us of the gift s of Love, Hope, Joy, and Peace. Each of these are represented by the lighted candles. The white candle reminds of Jesus the Light of the World.

**C:\Users\Brendan\Music\Pictures\1KUDO\CONTENT\SSS_SACR\01\SC_35_E.TIFCongratulations to Freda Kelly, Grange who was received into the Church last Saturday and is receiving Holy Communion on Sunday next. Thanks to Sr. Perpetua Henry who accompanied Freda and her family in her preparations to become a Catholic.**

We will have our **Penitential Service in** Kilbeggan at **7 p.m. on Sunday 21st December.** There are visiting priests .**Tyrrellspass 8 p.m. Sunday** night also. Individual Confessions for Christmas Saturday 20th , after 8 p.m. Mass. Christmas Eve 5.30 - 6 p.m.



**Annual St. Stephen’s Day Fun Run/Walk** starts at 12 noon in the Square, with 6 km. Route around the town. All proceeds raised for Childrens’ Medical and research Foundation at Our Lady Hospital for Sick Children. Refreshments afterwards in Saddlers’ Bar. All are welcome to come and run, jog, or walk. ponorship Cards available from D. Smith 087 7767887

**** Colm Hogan has been invited by the **Youth Liturgy Group** to speak at the Masses this weekend 13th and 14th of December. The collections at Masses will be given to the Midlands Simon Community to help the homeless in the Midlands. The Youth believe it will help us feel solidarity with Jesus who was born in a stable and the homeless.

Trócaire'Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.' Hebrews 13:16. Trócaire Christmas gifts are now on sale and can make a life-changing difference to families in some of the world's poorest countries. Log on to [trocaire.org/gifts](http://trocaire.org/gifts)

**Bingo every Tuesday night 8.30 p.m. in Kilbeggan Parish Centre.** All are welcome. We have €1,100 in cash prizes each night.

**TWITTER @PONTIFEX Pope Francis** .   “The joy of going out to seek the brothers and sisters who are far off: This is the joy of the Church. Here the Church becomes a mother, becomes fruitful”:“When the Church does not do this, then the Church stops herself, is closed in on herself, even if she is well organized, has a perfect organizational chart everything’s fine, everything’s tidy – but she lacks joy, she lacks peace, and so she becomes a disheartened Church, anxious, sad, a Church that seems more like a spinster than a mother, and this Church doesn’t work, it is a Church in a museum. The joy of the Church is to give birth; the joy of the Church is to go out of herself to give life; the joy of the Church is to go out to seek the sheep that are lost; the joy of the Church is precisely the tenderness of the shepherd, the tenderness of the mother.”

**Lourdes Invalid Fund Christmas Raffle: The local Lourdes Invalid Fund Group is holding their Annual Christmas Raffle with many prizes on offer. Tickets are €2 each or 3 for €5 and can be sourced from Lil Gorman or Pat Lynagh. Your support would be appreciated.

Santa is arriving to the Parish Centre Kilbeggan on Saturday after 8 p.m. Mass and the Christmas lights will be turned on. All are welcome.

Senior Citizens’ Christmas Dinner Party (65+)

Kilbeggan Parish Centre

Thanks to the Centre Committee, the Centre Hospitality Groups and all who gave Hampers and Spot Prizes

or provided food. It was a very enjoyable event.

Plate:  Sunday 7th Dec. and Holy day 8th Dec. €1,418,  November Offerings: €55, Patron: €20, List of the Dead: €20.Church Building Fund:  €485.

Thanks to all who are so generous.