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 from 7 – 8 p.m.

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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The Nativity of the Lord

8 p.m. 9.30 a.m. 11 a.m.

The Christmas Masses are offered for all the people of the Parish at home and away and deceased parishioners.

St. Stephen’s Day 10 a.m. Teresa Wozniak, Marianna Iskra, Agnieszka Wozniak, Wtadystawa Tabaczyk.

Tuesday 10 a.m. Creevy family, Ballymacmorris

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Thursday 9.30 a.m. Bridget, Joseph, and Arthur O’Rourke

There is no Mass in Rahugh on Friday night.

Feast of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

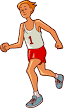
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9.30 a.m. Margaret Egan and deceased family

11 a.m. Kevin Davey

Deceased members of the Duffy family, Ballinderry.

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I would like to thank all those who work so hard for the good of our parish of Kilbeggan and Rahugh. Thanks to the Parish Pastoral Council, the Liturgy Committee, Thanks to the Finance Committee, the Parish Centre Committee, and the Cemetery Committee, the Sisters of Mercy. Thanks to the Altar Societies who keep the churches so well, and those who open and close them each day. Thanks for flowers, flower arranging, and for the decoration of the church and cribs. Thanks to all who work in the sacristies. Thanks to all our altar servers, our readers and ministers of the Eucharist. Thanks to the choirs their leaders, musicians and organists. Thanks to the collectors and to all who help with the bulletin, and the work of the parish. Thanks to the parents’ committee who are involved in preparing the Masses for the Communion Children. Thanks to the child protection representatives. Thanks to all the teachers in our schools who care for the children so well and pass on our faith. There is a very generous army of volunteers who keep the parish going each day, so a sincere thanks to them all. Thanks to all those who support the parish so generously in the collections. Finally thank you for your support for me personally. May you all have a blessed and joyful Christmas and a happy New Year.

St Stephen’s Day Fun Run/Walk St. Stephen’s Day at 12 noon. It is a 6 km route around the town for all age groups who wish to run or walk. Everyone is welcome !! Registration at Parish Centre fro 10.30 a.m. with refreshments for all in the Parish Centre asfterwards. All prceeds go to the Children’s Medical and Research Foundation Our Lady Hospital for Sick Childreore details contact D.Smith 087 7767887

Related imageThe Sisters of Mercy wish all the parishioners a very happy Christmas. Three Masses will be offered for your intentions.

Bingo every Tuesday night 8.30 p.m. in Kilbeggan Parish Centre. €1,200 in cash prizes. Warm, cheerful and friendly environment. Good night out.

On this holy night, while we contemplate the Infant Jesus just born and placed in the manger, we are invited to reflect. How do we welcome the tenderness of God? Do I allow myself to be taken up by God, to be embraced by him, or do I prevent him from drawing close? “But I am searching for the Lord” – we could respond. Nevertheless, what is most important is not seeking him, but rather allowing him to seek me, find me and caress me with tenderness. The question put to us simply by the Infant’s presence is: do I allow God to love me? More so, do we have the courage to welcome with tenderness the difficulties and problems of those who are near to us, or do we prefer impersonal solutions, perhaps effective but devoid of the warmth of the Gospel? How much the world needs tenderness today! The patience of God, the closeness of God, the tenderness of God. The Christian response cannot be different from God’s response to our smallness. Life must be met with goodness, with meekness. When we realize that God is in love with our smallness, that he made himself small in order to better encounter us, we cannot help but open our hearts to him, and beseech him: “Lord, help me to be like you, give me the grace of tenderness in the most difficult circumstances of life, give me the grace of closeness in the face of every need, of meekness in every conflict”. Dear brothers and sisters, on this holy night we contemplate the Nativity scene: there “the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light” (*Is* 9:1). People who were unassuming, people open to receiving the gift of God, were the ones who saw this light. This light was not seen, however, by the arrogant, the proud, by those who made laws according to their own personal measures, who were closed off to others. Let us look to the crib and pray, asking the Blessed Mother: “O Mary, show us Jesus!”. Homily of Pope Francis Christmas Eve 2014

Plate:  €1,003,  Christmas Offerings: €675,  Church Renovation: envelopes: €760, gift: €50. Thanks to all who are so generous.