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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8 p.m. Lockie, Kathleen and Jack Guilfoyle

John Maxwell 8th anniversary

9.30 a.m.

11.a.m. Jean Landers

Jodi Hogan

Patrick Ryan

Saturday 10 a.m. Arthur O’Rourke

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8 p.m. Mary Colgan

Patrick and Elizabeth Morgan, Moate Rd.

Tom Guilfoyle 1st Anniversary

Anne Donoghue, Mullingar Rd.

9.30 a.m.

11 a.m. P.J. Smith

Next Sunday we will have the Commitment Ceremony for the Confirmation boys and girls at the 11 a.m. Mass. They will be making the commitment to practice their faith. These are the questions I will ask them in the Ceremony.

*Fr. Brendan* Dear boys and girls, you have expressed a readiness to prepare worthily for your Confirmation. And so I ask you:

Are you preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation with the support of prayer and good deeds?

*Children:* **We are.**

*Fr. Brendan* Have you chosen special ways of showing love to God and to your neighbour?

*Children:* **We have.**

*Fr. Brendan* Do you promise to carry out these responsibilities to the best of your ability?

*Children:* **We do.**

*Fr. Brendan:* Have you the desire to grow in faith and become true and faithful followers of Jesus Christ?

*Children:* **We have.**

*Fr. Brendan* You are God’s children and the children of God’s Kingdom. May each one of you grow in wisdom and strength and come to a knowledge of God who loves you.

*Children:* **Amen.**

These are the questions I will ask their parents.

Are you ready to help your children carry out their promises to love God and love their neighbour?

Parents: **We are.**

*Fr. Brendan* Are you satisfied that these promises are in keeping with their age and young faith?

Parents: **We are.**

*Fr. Brendan* Are you ready to help them prepare for the reception of the sacraments by your prayers, your encouragement and your example?

Parents: **We are.**

*Fr. Brendan* The fruits of the Holy Spirit include love, kindness, and peace. Are you ready to help them experience these Christian virtues in the sanctity of your own home?

Parents: **We are.**

*Fr. Brendan* May the love of God which knows no boundaries and no limits strengthen your own commitment to a living faith, and may the Holy Spirit of God be among you at this grace filled time.

Parents: **Amen.**

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Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jim Plunkett, brother of Shelia Maher, Rahugh, Pol Pender, Ballykeane, sister of Peter Nolan, who died last week. May they rest in peace.

Stations of the Cross and Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Thursday 8p.m. in St James’ Church.

Trócaire Trocaire was founded in 1973, it is the Irish for Mercy or Compassion. So it is a very appropriate named in this Year of Mercy. For over 40 years it has been the practical outreach of the Catholic Church in Ireland to 20 countries. Only 9% is used for advertising and administration etc. 91% goes to the poor. So, well done to all who have been so generous.

 We have now celebrated the second anniversary of the opening of Kilbeggan Parish Centre. I would like to thank all who are involved in the Centre. The Centre is a building the people involved are the ones that make it a success and are helping build community life in our Parish. The Centre is in use nearly every day of the week. Thanks to those who do the catering at funerals. It has proved a great success and has really helped families and the larger community.



Bingo every Tuesday night 8.30 p.m. in Kilbeggan Parish Centre. All are welcome. We have €1,200 in cash prizes each night.

RAHUGH SOCIAL SERVICES are holding a meeting on Wednesday 24th February at 8.30pm

<http://www.news.va/en> Is a great site to get daily news about Pope Francis, and Church events.

In this regard the Pope pointed out: “in the Rite of Baptism, with the candle, the light of faith lit, we — the parents — say ‘Safeguard it, protect it, make it grow in your son and in your daughter, and leave it as a legacy”. Thus, “bequeath the faith: David teaches us this. And thus he dies, simply, like every man”. But “he knows just what to advise his son and what is the best legacy he can leave him: not the kingdom, but the faith. And he recites by heart what the Lord had promised”.Francis then affirmed, “we will all go on the path of our father, but only he knows when”. Therefore “it will do us good” to ask ourselves: “What is it that I bequeath with my life? Am I leaving the legacy of a man or woman of faith? Am I leaving this legacy to my family?”.

**On this note, the Pope concluded: “let us ask two things of the Lord”. First and foremost: “not to fear this final passage, like the sister at the Wednesday Audience” who shared: “I am ending my journey and beginning the other”. The second thing to ask of the Lord is “that, with our lives, we may all leave faith as the greatest legacy: faith in this faithful God, this God who is always at our side, this God who is Father and never disappoints. Homily of Pope Francis.**



Plate:   €1,185,  Lenten Offerings: €570, Christmas Offerings; €120, Church Renovation Fund envelopes: €510. Thanks to all who are so generous