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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World Day of Migrants and Refugees

8 p.m. Ollie Finn, First Anniversary

9.30 a.m. Michael Crombie

11 a.m. Jack, and Mary Anne Gorry

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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9.30 a.m.

11.a.m. We will have Mass from the “Do this in Memory of Me” programme with the children for First Holy Communion on Sunday.

Meeeting of the Parish Centre Committee Monday 16th January 7.30 p.m.

Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council Monday 16th January 8 p.m.

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Please pray for the repose of the soul of Cecilia Daly, late of Dublin Rd. Una Mulligan, Walkinstown, mother of Sinead Buckley, Coola, who died this week. May they rest in peace.

An Gardai Siochana Athlone are holding their Annual Elder Persons Party in the Springs Hotel Athlone on Sunday 22nd January with entertainment from 4 -8 p.m. and some food served. Tickets available at Athlone Garda Station. Ask for Andrew, Brian, Aileen or Clare. All are welcome. Tickets €6 per person with spot prizes for tickets. Or 0906 498550

‘’Family Carers Ireland are proving the QQI Level 5 Healthcare Support Award in your area based on demand in February 2017.  One Day workshops also available on Nutrition, Dementia and Mental Health in Tullamore. For more info contact 0579322920.

Bingo every Tuesday night 8.30 p.m. in Kilbeggan Parish Centre.

€1,200 in cash prizes. Warm friendly environment. Good night out

**Dear Brothers and Sisters, ‘Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me’ (Mk 9:37; cf. Mt 18:5; Lk 9:48; Jn 13:20). With these words, the Evangelists remind the Christian community of Jesus’ teaching, which both inspires and challenges. This phrase traces the sure path which leads to God; it begins with the smallest and, through the grace of our Saviour, it grows into the practice of welcoming others. To be welcoming is a necessary condition for making this journey a concrete reality: God made himself one of us. In Jesus God became a child, and the openness of faith to God, which nourishes hope, is expressed in loving proximity to the smallest and the weakest. Charity, faith and hope are all actively present in the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, as we have rediscovered during the recent Extraordinary Jubilee. But the Evangelists reflect also on the responsibility of the one who works against mercy: ‘Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin: it is better for him to have a great millstone fastened round his neck and be drowned in the depth of the sea’ (Mt 18:6; cf. Mk 9:42; Lk 17:2). How can we ignore this severe warning when we see the exploitation carried out by unscrupulous people? Such exploitation harms young girls and boys who are led into prostitution or into the mire of pornography; who are enslaved as child labourers or soldiers; who are caught up in drug trafficking and other forms of criminality; who are forced to flee from conflict and persecution, risking isolation and abandonment. For this reason, on the occasion of the annual World Day of Migrants and Refugees, I feel compelled to draw attention to the reality of child migrants, especially the ones who are alone. From** Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the 103rd World Day of Migrants and Refugees (15 January 2017)

**There is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and time for quite personal prayer in both churches during the week. In Kilbeggan, Adoration starts after the 9.30a.m. Mass every Monday and ends at 12 noon. In Rahugh there is Adoration from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. on Friday with Mass at 8 p.m. All are welcome to come and spend time in silent prayer and reflection.**

Am I being called to priesthood or the religious life?

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The Diocese of Meath wishes to guide you in whatever way we can. We want to help you discover whether or not priesthood is for you. If priesthood is your calling, we will assist you in whatever way we can to fulfil it. Priesthood is not for everyone, but it could be for you. Why not contact us to find out? Our Vocations Directors are: Fr Shane Crombie Parochial House, Tullamore,: 057-9322244 E: [frshane@gmail.com](mailto:frshane@gmail.com) Fr Joseph Campbell St Mary's Parish, Drogheda, County Louth :  041 9834958 E:  [frjoecampbell@gmail.com](mailto:frjoecampbell@gmail.com)

Loving God, Jesus, has shown us that an open heart finds the way. Help me to find my way in this world. Keep my heart open to following Jesus' way of serving others in love. Give me the courage to accept the guidance you offer me through my family, my friends, and my parish community. Through the Holy Spirit, you call me to a particular way of life. If it is the way of a priest, sister, brother or deacon, then help me to walk it in joyful service to your people. With you, my God, I know I can find my way. Amen.

Plate: Friday 6th and Sunday 8th January:   €1,666, Christmas Offerings: €520, Church Renovation - envelopes:  €775, Gift:  €500. Thanks to all those who are so generous.