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. Sonny Maxwell Month’s Mind

Mary O’Neill Month’s Mind

Mary Ann Caffrey and family, late of Meadow Park,

9.30 a.m. Dan, Pat and Des Lee

Lizzie Matthews

11a.m. Joe and Bridget Hogan

Noreen Lennon

Joseph Whaley

Wednesday 9.30 a.m. Willie and Bridie Barry and deceased members of the Barry Family, Main St.

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Mass is offered for all deceased family members and all those interred in our Cemeteries. May they rest in peace and may their loved ones be comforted.

Cemetery Devotions in The Relic Sunday next at 3 p.m. At the ceremony there will be Rosary and prayers. Thanks to the Cemetery Committee and all those who keep their family plots so well. Please let family and friends know the date and time.

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Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eileen Dillon (née O’Keeffe), Gageboro, Horseleap, Beloved wife of the late Val. May they rest in peace.

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Kilbeggan Apostolic Society are starting their annual collection in the coming weeks. They would like to thank all who have been supporting them .

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: Sunday 14th August. Bishop Smith will celebrate Mass at 3 pm in the Basilica and will be joined by the Diocesan Choir.

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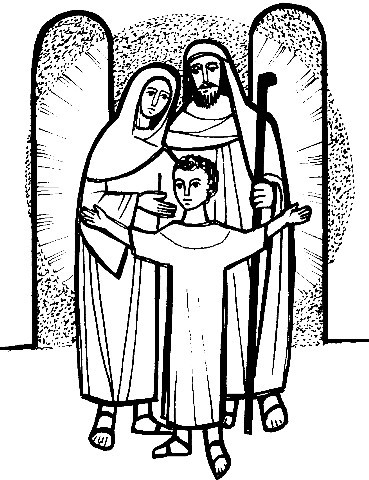
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**World Youth Day Krakow, Poland 2016!**!  During the two week trip the youth will spend time with Polish families, enjoy cultural exchanges, inspirational talks and workshops, fun and friendship along with celebrating their faith in the presence of Pope Francis. Check out [dioceseofmeath.ie/youth](http://dioceseofmeath.ie/youth) Facebook Meath Diocese WYD 2016 and Instagram Meath Diocese WYD 2016 for updates from Poland.

Family Carers Ireland are providing a one day training programme on Understanding Dementia being scheduled for September in Tullamore based on demand.  More topic specific training programmes available.  To express an interest kindly contact 0579370221.



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

“The choice of a civil marriage or, in many cases, of simple cohabitation, is often not motivated by prejudice or resistance to a sacramental union, but by cultural or contingent situations”. In such cases, respect also can be shown for those signs of love which in some way reflect God’s own love. We know that there is “a continual increase in the number of those who, after having lived together for a long period, request the celebration of marriage in Church. Simply to live together is often a choice based on a general attitude opposed to anything institutional or definitive; it can also be done while awaiting more security in life (a steady job and steady income).In some countries, de facto unions are very numerous, not only because of a rejection of values concerning the family and matrimony, but primarily because celebrating a marriage is considered too expensive in the social circumstances. As a result, material poverty drives people into de facto unions”. Whatever the case, “all these situations require a constructive response seeking to transform them into opportunities that can lead to the full reality of marriage and family in conformity with the Gospel. These couples need to be welcomed and guided patiently and discreetly”. That is how Jesus treated the Samaritan woman (cf. Jn 4:1-26): he addressed her desire for true love, in order to free her from the darkness in her life and to bring her to the full joy of the Gospel. Along these lines, Saint John Paul II proposed the so-called “law of gradualness” in the knowledge that the human being “knows, loves and accomplishes moral good by different stages of growth”. This is not a “gradualness of law” but rather a gradualness in the prudential exercise of free acts on the part of subjects who are not in a position to understand, appreciate, or fully carry out the objective demands of the law. For the law is itself a gift of God which points out the way, a gift for everyone without exception; it can be followed with the help of grace, even though each human being “advances gradually with the progressive integration of the gifts of God and the demands of God’s definitive and absolute love in his or her entire personal and social life.

*From the Encyclical the Joy of Love. Pope Francis*.

Plate:  €992,  Patron Offerings;  €35,  Church Renovation envelopes: €435. Thanks to all who are so generous.