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.i**

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

**Fr. Brendan, Harbour Rd. 057 9332155**

**Thirtheenth Sunday in Ordinary tIME**

**8 p.m. Bobby Gorman**

**Ray Fox and deceased family**

**9.30 a.m. Deceased members of the Cole and Burke**

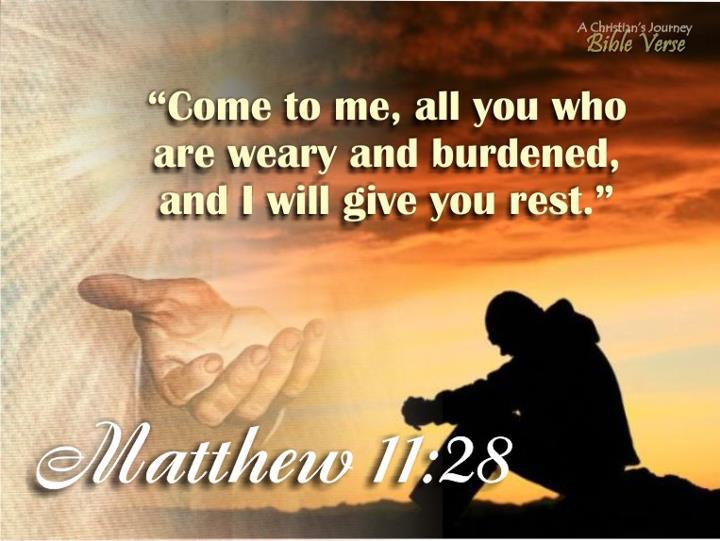
**Family**

**Dan, Pat and Des Lee and deceased family**

**11am. Una Hennesy and her daughter Eileen**

**Friday 9.30 a.m. 8 p.m. List of the Dead**

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**8 p.m. Bridie and Willie Barry and deceased family**

**Kathleen Finnegan**

**9.30 a.m. Tom Phelan**

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**CEMETERY SUNDAY DEVOTION 30th 3 p.m. THE LAST SUNDAY IN JULY**

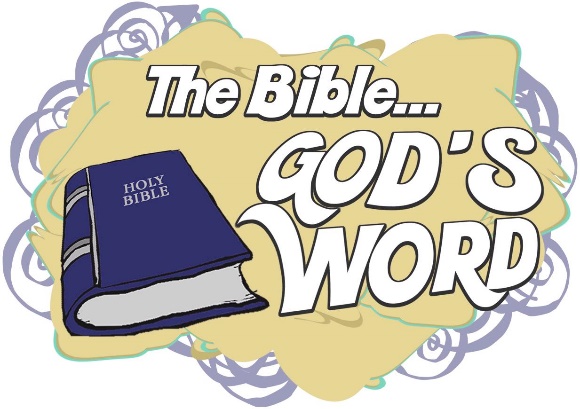
**For those who wish to go to Confessions, I am available in the Confessional before Mass each Saturday from 7 p.m. until Mass time. There is also Confession in Tullamore Saturday: 12-1pm & 3.00-4 pm and Eve of First Friday: After 10 am Mass.**

American Tea Party Sunday Afternoon 5 p.m. Parish Centre to raise funds for the Church Renovation Fund. Tickets are available for tables. €10 each.

**Bingo every Tuesday night in the Parish Centre with €1,200 in cash prizes. All are welcome to come along and have a night out and meet friends.**

**Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Led by Bishop Smith 12 -17 September 2017. Return flights, 5 nights Hotel full board, insurance & taxes, starting from €699. There is a special section for sick pilgrims requiring assistance with accommodation and medical supervision in the Accueil Notre Dame. Contact Pat Lynagh: 087 6628468 if you are interested in a hospital place. There is a special youth section, 18-30 years. Contact: meathyouth@gmail.com book, contact: Pilgrimage Abroad Ltd, 164 Lower Baggot St., Dublin 2. Tel: 01-635930**

 **Dear Brothers and Sisters:  In our continuing catechesis on Christian hope, we now look to the example of the martyrs**.  Their hope gave them the strength even to die for their faith in Christ.  The Lord himself warned his followers that, in proclaiming the Kingdom of God, they would encounter opposition and hostility in this world of sin and injustice.  Jesus asks his disciples to proclaim the Gospel by their lives of detachment from wealth and power, by their rejection of the spiral of hatred, violence and retaliation, and by their trust in his triumph over the power of sin and death.  As his followers, we know that the Lord will never abandon us.  By imitating the example of his own self-sacrifice and love, we demonstrate our faith and hope in him and we become his witnesses before the world.  In this sense, every Christian is a “martyr”, a witness to the sure hope that faith inspires.  The martyrs who even today lay down their lives for the faith do so out of love.  By their example and intercession, may we become ever more convincing witnesses, above all in the events of our daily lives, to our undying hope in the promises of Christ.” Pope Francis



Could you spend time with God’s Word each day? It could be a good time to start.

Lectio Divina is one method of praying with God’s Word

Lectio - Reading the Bible passage gently and slowly several times. The passage itself is not as important as the savouring of each portion of the reading, constantly listening for the "still, small voice" of a word or phrase that somehow speaks to you.  
  
Meditatio - Reflecting on the text of the passage and thinking about how it applies to one's own life. This is considered to be a very personal reading of the Scripture and very personal application.  
  
Oratio – Responding to the passage by opening the heart to God. This is not primarily an intellectual exercise, but is thought to be more of the beginning of a conversation with God.  
  
Contemplatio - Listening to God. This is a freeing of oneself from one's own thoughts, both mundane and holy, and hearing God talk to us. Opening the mind, heart, and soul to the influence of God.

There are some websites which may help. <http://www.beliefnet.com/faiths/catholic/2000/08/how-to-practice-lectio-divina.aspx> <http://www.ignatianspirituality.com/ignatian-prayer/the-what-how-why-of-prayer/praying-with-scripture> <https://www.catholicireland.net/practicing-the-lectio-divina/>

**Meath Diocese Pilgrimage to Knock:  Sunday 13 August:**

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Knock takes place on Sunday 13th August 2017 and will be led by Bishop Michael Smith.  the choir for the Mass is the Meath Diocesan Choir Confessions11.00am to 5.00pm, Anointing of the Sick 2.30pm, Pilgrimage Mass  3.00pm followed by Benediction, Rosary Procession to the Shrine and Blessing of Religious Objects

**Plate (Peters Pence). €1,175, Church Building Fund envelopes: €130, Gift: €455.Thanks to all who are so generous.**