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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*Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Saturday and Sunday the Sacred Heart Fathers will speak at the Masses

8 p.m. Nancy, Connie and Pat Joe Cloonan.

9.30a.m.

11a.m. Seamus Dunican M.M.

Tom and Margaret Cantwell, Tullamore Rd.

Therese and Noel Scally

Tuesday 9.30 a.m.  Joseph O’Neill Anniversary

Next Saturday 5 p.m. Outdoor Mass for Gathering and 60th Anniversary of the School in Rahugh.

*Twelvth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

8 p.m Sean Duffy, Month’s Mind

9.30 a.m. Michael Maher

11a.m.

Meeting of the Parish Council 7.30 p.m. Monday. Staffroom, Scoil an Chlochair.

Meath Diocese, Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2013 12 – 17th September In recent years many young people have travelled to Lourdes seeking to find out more about this famous Shrine: to lend a hand to the pilgrims who are sick or infirmed, to look for some prayer space in busy lives and still to have a good time! Youth Section (ages 18-30) €350 Contact Fiona McCabe 087 7631916. To book as a Hotel Pilgrim contact Pilgrimages Abroad 60 Upper O’Connell St. 01 6359300 Cost €699. The fare includes Flights, 5 nights full board Gov. Tax and travel insurance. To book a hospital pilgrim contact Pat Lynagh 087 6628468.

On the second day of the June General Meeting of the Irish Catholic Bishops’ Conference in Maynooth, the following statement has been issued:

 On Saturday last, tens of thousands of women, men and children gathered in Dublin to express their support for the equal right to life of mothers and their unborn children. We are at a defining moment for our country.The Gospel of life is at the heart of the message of Jesus.  He came that we may have life and have it to the full (Jn 10:10).  The Gospel challenges us to work for a world in which the dignity and beauty of every human life are respected.

*A time to uphold the right to life*

 The right to life is the most fundamental of all rights; it is the foundation of all other rights.  No individual has the right to destroy life and no State has the right to undermine the right to life. Yet the Irish Government is proposing abortion legislation that will fundamentally change the culture of medical practice in Ireland.  For the first time legislation will be enacted permitting the deliberate and intentional killing of an unborn child. This represents a radical change. Every citizen, not just people of faith, should be deeply concerned.

 We value the skill and efforts of our doctors, nurses and other care professionals who have helped to earn Ireland’s place as one of the safest countries in the world for mothers and their babies during pregnancy.

 Catholic Church teaching is clear: where a seriously ill pregnant woman needs medical treatment which may put the life of her baby at risk, such treatments are ethically permissible provided every effort is made to save both the mother and her baby. This is different from abortion, which is the direct and intentional taking of the innocent life of the unborn.  No matter what legislation is passed in any country, abortion is, and always will be, gravely wrong.

*A time for clarity and truth*

 The Government is under no obligation to legislate for the X case.  People are being misled. We challenge repeated statements that this legislation is about saving lives and involves no change to the law or practice on abortion.  Legalising the direct and intentional destruction of the life of an unborn baby can never be described as ‘life-saving’ or ‘pro-life’.

 Contrary to clear psychiatric evidence, this legislation proposes abortion as an appropriate response to women with suicidal feelings during pregnancy.  It is even possible to envisage as a result of this legislation the deliberate destruction of a child, who could otherwise be saved, right up to and including the moment of birth.

 Furthermore, we challenge assurances that the proposed legislation will provide limited access to abortion.  As published to date, the legislation will allow for a very wide margin of subjective professional assessment by which the deliberate destruction of an unborn baby can be legally justified. As we have learned from other countries, such legislation opens the door to ever wider availability of abortion.

We remain convinced that enhanced medical guidelines, which do not envisage the direct and intentional killing of the unborn, could provide the necessary clarity as well as a morally, legally and medically acceptable way forward.  While good health can normally be restored, life, once taken, can never, never be restored.

*A time for freedom of conscience*

 Freedom of conscience is a fundamental human right.  A State that truly cherishes freedom will respect the conscience of its citizens, including its public representatives, on such an important human value as the right to life. It is ethically unacceptable to expect doctors, nurses and others who have conscientious objections to nominate others to take their place.  Neither should any institution with a pro-life ethos be forced to provide abortion services.

*A time to decide: a time to act; a time to pray*

 We call on citizens to exercise their right to make their views known respectfully to our public representatives and to leave them in no doubt about where they stand on this issue. We ask our public representatives to uphold the equal and inviolable right to life of all human beings, even if this means standing above other pressures and party loyalties. We also invite our priests and people to continue to pray the *Choose Life* prayer at Mass and in the home that the dignity and value of all human life will continue to be upheld in this country. Some mothers today are facing difficult or crisis pregnancies. Other people who have had, or who have assisted with abortions, may be re-living what happened in the past.  They deserve to receive all the love, support and professional care that they need.

As Bishops we will join this weekend in prayerful solidarity with millions of Catholics all over the world in the Year of Faithcelebration of Blessed John Paul II’s Encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life). Every human life is precious, every human life is beautiful, every human life is sacred. Choose life!

Rahugh Community Text Alert would like to advise householders to be vigilant during the Rahugh Gathering Festival and the 60th Anniversary of the opening of the New School, Sat. 22nd June - Sun. 23rd June. There are people coming from the U.K. U.S. across Europe and from all parts of Ireland to join their families and friends at the celebrations.  It obviously is an ideal time for house burglaries.  It is important to have house alarms and security locks in place.  Cars parked in car parks around the School and Church should be locked, windows closed, and no valuables left visible in them.  All looking forward to meeting their friends once again.

Rahugh Gathering Festival

Every household  are asked to put up Flags or buntings . Flags can be obtained in Rahugh School.. Final preparations are in full swing. Commencing at 5pm on Sat eve 22nd with Open Air Concelebrated Mass. Group photograph. Music of Clara Town Band & Later Sailors Group on Gig Rig. Photographic exhibition running in school on both days. Rahugh Children’s Drama & BBQ.  Free Car parking at both ends approaching the School. All events are free.  Sundays Events beginning From 1.30- Art Exhibition in Hall & Snacks, Hunt & Vintage Parade, Old time Fair with various Animals & Culinary.  Children’s football match @ 2.30, Old Accordion Band revival@ 4pm approx,  Dancing & Céilí @ 6.30,  Various Stalls & Balloon Release.

Later at Hazel Bar - A Tug- O -War @ 8.30 between Willie's Pub Tyrrellspass & Hazel Bar Rahugh  followed by A Barn Dance. Monster Raffle & Fire Performers @ 11.30.  Army Band, Music Galore, Sports events, Stalls, Old time Fair, Dancers, Accordian Band Revival, Vintage & Hunt Parade BBQ, Photographic & Art Exhibition..and much more..over the two days.  Barn Dance at Hazel to close Festival on Sun night. A super weekend for all the family, Each household are asked to put up buntings & flags.

Anyone who went to Rahugh School or have any connections with Rahugh - why not TAKE THE ROAD TO RAHUGH & come along and join in the celebrations. No Hawkers

 Renew Kilbeggan:  Breda O’Toole from the IDA will be attending a meeting to promote ideas on town enhancement with a view towards job creation, on next Thursday, 20th June at 8pm in the Harbour Buildings.  All welcome.

.   Dochas Nasamu Orphanage - in Nairobi, Kenya,  which is an Irish run and Irish built Aids orphanage, are holding a used clothing appeal of ladies, gents and childrens  -  clothes, shoes, household linens  i.e.  towels, sheets, blankets, soft toys, handbags  etc.(whatever condition - even in need of  - recycling - so long as the items are clean).This appeal will take place on WEDNESDAY  19th  JUNE, UNTIL  10.30  AT  KILBEGGAN   CHURCH PORCH,  AND  RAHUGH  CHURCH CAR PARK.For further information, please contact Marie on  087  6890995.

Plate:   €1,022,   Easter Offerings:   €400.Thanks to all who are so generous.