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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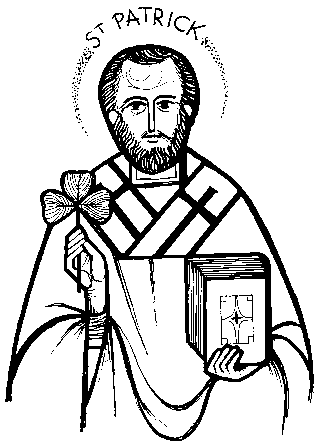
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8 p.m. Leo Baker.

11 a.m. Committment Mass for Confirmation Classes

Tuesday 12th 9.30 a.m. John Danagher

Friday 15th 8 p.m. Bernard and Bridget Crombie.

St. Patrick’s Day

We wish all our parishioners a blessed and happy St. Patrick’s Day. We remember all those who had to emigrate for work.

8p.m.Dermot and Kate Rowan

P.J and Molly Daly

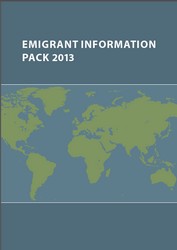
Betty and Joe McCormack

9.30 a.m. Joe and Rose Crombie and their daughter Rose and son Michael

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Bessie Murray First Anniversary

First Penance for Second Class Wednesday 13th at 7 p.m. in St James’ Church.

Between April 2011 and April 2012 over 87,000 people left our shores in the hope of making a new life for themselves abroad. This amounts to almost 250 people a day, over half of them (46,500) Irish nationals. These figures highlight the dramatic effect emigration has on Irish society today. We have returned to a situation where many people are forced to travel abroad in search of new opportunities. These emigrants leave behind loved ones, many of whom find the pain of separation very difficult to cope with. Of course, for many people, living abroad will be a positive experience, allowing them to gain valuable life and work experience. Many of today’s Irish emigrants are well-educated, highly skilled and eager to take on the challenge of building a new life overseas. Sadly, the experience will not be so enjoyable for everyone and some emigrants may struggle to fit in to a new culture and find it difficult to cope with feelings of loneliness and isolation. It is essential that emigrants are prepared for the experience, and the importance of remaining within the legal system of the host country cannot be emphasised enough. We hope that the practical information in this pack will assist emigrants in making informed decisions and support them while they are away.Email emigrants@iecon.ie

Prayer for Those Away from Home

Loving God,  
we pray for those whom we love,  
but who are absent from us.  
Keep them safe from all harm, evil

and danger.  
Bless them with peace, laughter,  
wisdom, love and joy.  
Grant that we may be reunited in t

he fullness of love;  
in Christ’s name we pray.

Amen.

*From* Prayers of our Hearts *by Vienna Cobb Anderson*



A Prayer for our Irish Emigrants

Lord,  
some may know the bleakness of life,  
its capacity to disappoint,  
the waning of energy or health.  
Yet they have a place in the soul

which time cannot touch,  
a wisdom and beauty from

lives deeply inhabited.  
May all of them know the

warmth of their soul,  
the natural shelter around their lives.  
In dignity and freedom,  
may they return home to themselves.  
Amen.

We hope to start work on the project on March 25th . The Contract will be signed on March 20th . The project will end on December 1st with the help of God. Thanks for all your support.

Rahugh Gathering Festival / 60th School Anniversary meeting will be held in Rahugh School on Mon March 11th @ 8.30 pm sharp



Kilbeggan Mercy Secondary School 5K Road Race Fun Run/Walk Saturday, 16th March at 12 noon, meet at school. Sanctioned by the A.A.I. Adults: €10  Juniors:  €5 Registration Open from 10a.m. and closes at 11.45a.m. Refreshments served. Contact Margaret Daly at 086 3207804 Prize giving after race.

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Rahugh Drama Group will stage "A  WAKE  IN  THE  WEST" three more nights  Saturday 9th.  Sunday 10th. and Monday 11th. March in Rahugh Hall @ 8.30p.m For Bookings phone Patricia  044 9223776.

**A NEW AND GROUNDBREAKING** study of every maternal death that occurred in Dublin's three maternity hospitals between 1950 and 2011 has found that no woman died by suicide because she was pregnant. The study, on suicide in pregnancy, examined the Master's Reports relating to over 1 million pregnant women linked to the three Dublin maternity hospitals. It shows that in total there were 394 maternal deaths. Of these, 5 died by suicide - one died during pregnancy (at 30 weeks gestation), while four died shortly after giving birth**.** Vitally and crucially, the data, obtained from these reports, shows that the five women who died by suicide did NOT do so because of their pregnancy but because of problems external to it such as mental illness. Importantly in the context of the present debate, the records cover a period that begins almost 20 years before the liberalisation of the British abortion laws in 1967.This makes it much harder to claim that suicidal pregnant women in the first part of the period under examination were going to Britain for abortions *Prof. Patricia Casey*

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