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

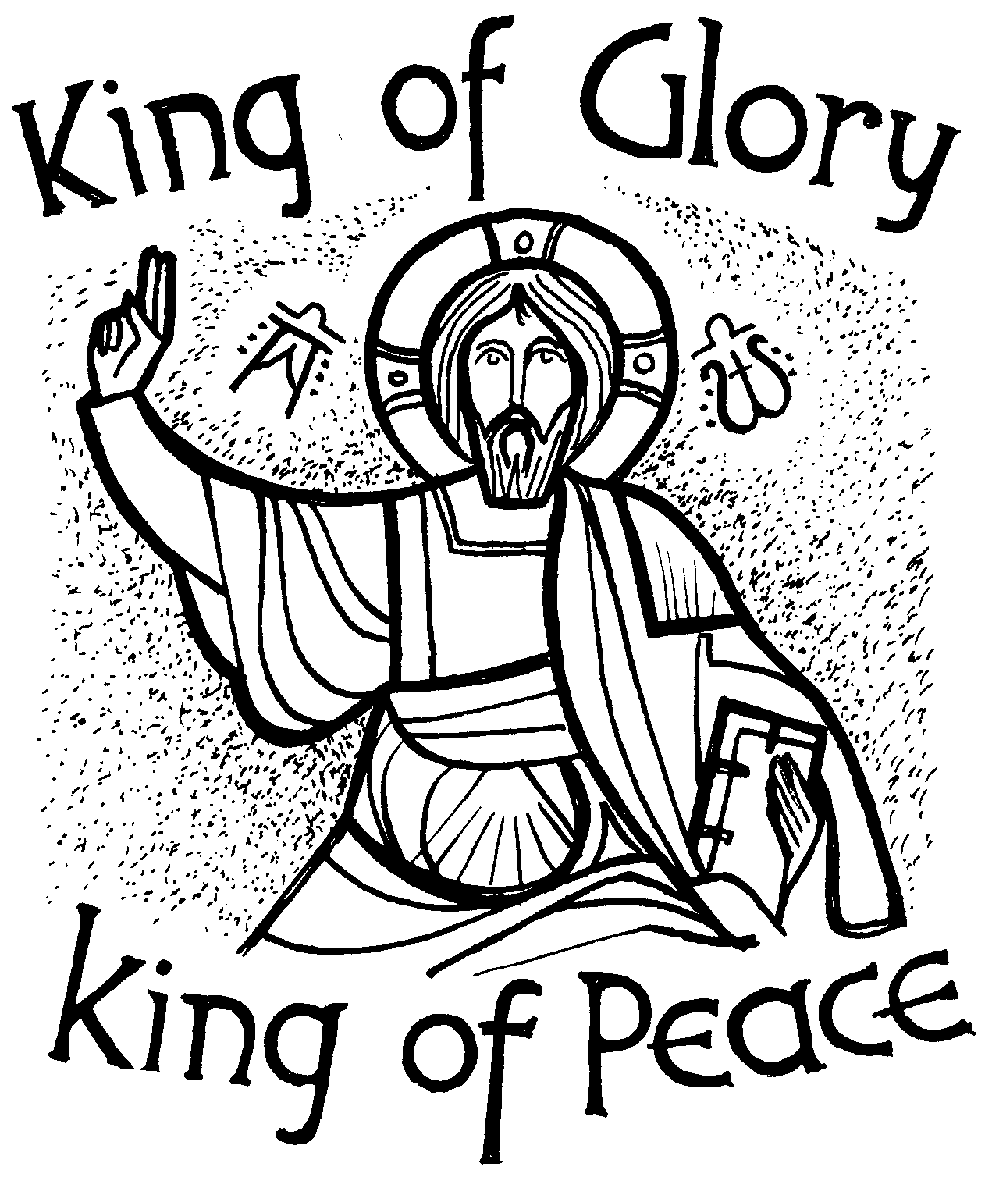
Kilbeggan after 9.30 a.m. Mass on Monday until 12 noon.

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

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Feast of Christ the King 25th November

8p.m. Joe Mulligan, Loughnagore

Tom Reid

11a.m. Bridget McLoughlin Month’s Mind

Jack McCormack and Dolores Corbett,

Nuala Maloney and Julia, Edward, Martin, Jody

and Michael McCormack

John and Rose O’Connor.

Friday 8p.m. Rose Wyer

Sat.10a.m. Ned Rooney, Months Mind.

Eileen Finn

James and Kathleen Coughlan.

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8p.m. Mary Jo and James Carey

Anthony and Mary Trodden

Deceased Members of the Barry Family.

Kitty and YTom Fox and their son Tom

9.30a.m. Tom and Mary Dempsey

11a.m. Joseph McCormack.



Thanks to all who were so kind to me over the past month while I was ill. Thanks for all your prayers and good wishes. Thanks to all who did so much work in the parish . Thanks also to the priests in Tullamore who celebrated Masses , Funerals ,and Baptisms.

It’s Annual St. Vincent De Paul appeal time again and this year we need your friendship and support more than ever. In the countdown to this Christmas we are expecting more demands on our very limited resources than we have experienced in a very long time. An appeal letter, with a return envelope, is being delivered to every home and we ask you to leave your donation to any of the names on the letter or return them on the church collection plate any Sunday. We thank you for your support in the past and we will be grateful for your continued support. On behalf of all local society members, we wish you a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Statement by the Standing Committee of the Irish Catholic Bishops’ Conference on the equal and inalienable right to life of a mother and her unborn child

 The death of Mrs Savita Halappanavar and her unborn child in University Hospital Galway on the 28 October last was a devastating personal tragedy for her husband and family.  It has stunned our country.  We share the anguish and sorrow expressed by so many at the tragic loss of a mother and her baby in these circumstances and we express our sympathy to the family of Mrs Halappanavar and all those affected by these events.

In light of the widespread discussion following the tragic death of Mrs Halappanavar and her unborn baby, we wish to reaffirm some aspects of Catholic moral teaching. These were set out in our recently published *Day for Life* message on 7 October last, available on www.chooselife2012.ie :

          The Catholic Church has never taught that the life of a child in the womb should be preferred to that of a mother.  By virtue of their common humanity a mother and her unborn baby are both sacred with an equal right to life.

         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 has been made to save the life of both the mother and her baby.

         Whereas abortion is the direct and intentional destruction of an unborn baby and is gravely immoral in all circumstances, this is different from medical treatments whichdo not directly and intentionally seek to end the life of the unborn baby.  Current law and medical guidelines in Ireland allow nurses and doctors in Irish hospitals to apply this vital distinction in practice while upholding the equal right to life of both a mother and her unborn baby.

         Some would claim that the unborn baby is less human or less deserving of life.  Advances in genetics and technology make it clear that at fertilisation a new, unique and genetically complete human being comes into existence.  From that moment onwards each of us did not grow and develop *into* a human being, but grew and developed *as* a human being.

With many other religious and ethical traditions we believe in upholding the equal and inalienable right to life of a mother and her unborn child in our laws and medical practice.  This helps to ensure that women and babies receive the highest standard of care and protection during pregnancy.  Indeed, international statistics confirm that Ireland, without abortion, remains one of the safest countries in the world in which to be pregnant and to give birth.  This is a position that should continue to be cherished and strengthened in the interests of mothers and unborn children in Ireland.

Harbour fun walk/run (4 miles) on Saturday, 24th November, starting from the Harbour at 2pm in aid of Kilbeggan Re-new Project.  €10 entry fee. All are welcome. Parking at Church .

 Ethiopian Projects:

Christmas Cards in aid of Ethiopian Projects for sale in Bargain Corner Shop, Kilbeggan.

Meath Diocesan Choir: Bishop Smith and Fr. Liam Lawton will launch a CD of Meath Diocesan Choir and Kentstown Accordion Orchestra on Sunday, November 25th at 7.30pm in Newgrange Hotel, Navan.  Proceeds in aid of Meath Palliative Care and Meath Living Links (supporting the suicide bereaved). Your support would be appreciated.

Kilbeggan Tidy Towns:

Volunteers needed to help with our annual tidy towns car wash. Please let Ger Corcoran know if you can help out, beginning at 8am till 6pm on Saturday Dec. 1st at Topas, Tullamore Rd, hoping to get a rota organised.  
Rahugh Social Services meeting Wednesday 28th November @ 8.30p.m. in Rahugh Hall.

*Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land Led Fr. Gerry McCormack Fr. Dwayne Gavin, Sr. Consilio Rock* 14th – 22nd October 2013. The cost is €1,329 plus taxes. Booking with MAP Travel Dublin, 01878311. For further details contact:   Fr. Gerry McCormack – 042 9667314. Booking and deposit by December 21st 2012 to confirm places . Limited availability.

Plate: €1,108, List of the Dead:  €230, November Offerings: €377, Patron: €25.

Thanks to all who are so generous.