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.

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

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*The Rosary: A gift from Mary to help us love to pray.*

Advent is a great opportunity for new beginnings. It is a time when we can start, or start again praying as a family or on our own. The Rosary is a great prayer. We can reflect on the life of Mary and Jesus and their love for us. I would like to give a gift of a rosary beads and a prayer card to help recite the rosary. May this Advent be a time of special blessing for you.

'The Rosary is my favourite prayer. A marvellous prayer! Marvellous in its simplicity and in its depth ... The Rosary itself is a contemplative prayer and is also a powerful form of intercession: indeed whoever recites it is united with Mary in the various situations of life and history.' Pope John Paul II

“May this simple Marian prayer show you, young people, the way to give life to God’s will in your lives; dear sick people, love this prayer because it brings consolation for the mind and the heart; and dear newly wedded spouses, may it represent a privileged moment of spiritual intimacy within your new family”. Pope Francis  
 THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES   
  
The Joyful Mysteries are marked by the joy radiating from the event of the Incarnation.To meditate upon the joyful mysteries is to enter into the ultimate causes and the deepest meaning of Christian joy. It is to focus on the realism of the mystery of the Incarnation and on the obscure foreshadowing of the mystery of the saving Passion. Mary leads us to discover the secret of Christian joy, reminding us that Christianity is, first and foremost, evangelization, "good news", which has as its heart and its whole content the person of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, the one Saviour of the world. - *Pope John Paul II* [1. The Annunciation](https://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/prayers/rosary/annunciation.htm) [2. The Visitation](https://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/prayers/rosary/Visitation.htm) [3. The Nativity](https://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/prayers/rosary/Nativity.htm) [4. The Presentation](https://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/prayers/rosary/presentation.htm) [5. The Finding of Jesus in the Temple](https://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/prayers/rosary/finding.htm).

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8 p.m. Tom Reid

9.30 a.m. Thomas and Bridget Coyne.

Kevin, Nancy and Anthony Reid.

11a.m. Julia and Michael McCormack and their children, Nuala, Jodi, Ned and Martin

Hilda, Eddie (Dinger) and Ned Brewer Anniversary Mass.

Friday 9.30 a.m. List of the Dead

Monday 9.30 a.m. MaryJo and James Carey

Ned Rooney, The Hill

Friday 8 p.m. Matt Dunne, First Anniversary and List of the Dead

Saturday 10 a.m. James and Kathleen Coughlan

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8 p.m. Dick and Brendan Keoghan and deceased family

9.30 a.m. Rose Wyer 20th Anniversary

11 a.m. Joseph McCormack, Marian House Kilbeggan

Patrick and Betty McCormack

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RAHUGH HALL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION are holding a meeting on Monday 28th November at 9.00pm.

RAHUGH SOCIAL SERVICES are holding a meeting on Wednesday 30th November at 8.30pm.  Christmas party will take place in Rahugh Hall on Sunday 11th December at 3.00pm .  All senior citizens welcome.

Kilbeggan Tidy Towns Santa Clause will be arriving at the Parish Centre on Saturday 10th December after 8p.m. Mass. Boys and Girls from the National School are welcome to attend.

C:\Users\Brendan\Music\Art for bulletin\CONTENT\SSS_SACR\01\SC_16_R.TIFKilbeggan Parish Lourdes Invalid Fund Christmas Raffle. Pat Lynagh and Lil Gorman have tickets for the tickets for the raffle. Tickets are €2 each or 3 for €5.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation, Confessions.

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.

Bingo every Tuesday night 8.30 p.m. in Kilbeggan Parish Centre. €1,200 in cash

 A woman and Jesus meet. She is an adulteress and, in the eyes of the Law, liable to be stoned. Jesus, through his preaching and the total gift of himself that would lead him to the Cross, returned the Mosaic Law to its true and original intent. Here what is central is not the law or legal justice, but the love of God, which is capable of looking into the heart of each person and seeing the deepest desire hidden there; God’s love must take primacy over all else. This Gospel account, however, is not an encounter of sin and judgement in the abstract, but of a sinner and her Saviour. Jesus looked that woman in the eye and read in her heart a desire to be understood, forgiven and set free. The misery of sin was clothed with the mercy of love. Jesus’ only judgement is one filled with mercy and compassion for the condition of this sinner. To those who wished to judge and condemn her to death, Jesus replies with a lengthy silence. His purpose was to let God’s voice be heard in the conscience not only of the woman, but also in those of her accusers, who drop their stones and one by one leave the scene (cf. *Jn* 8:9). Jesus then says: “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?… Neither do I condemn you. Go your way and from now on do not sin again” (vv. 10-11). Jesus helps the woman to look to the future with hope and to make a new start in life. Henceforth, if she so desires, she can “walk in charity” (*Eph* 5:2). Once clothed in mercy, even if the inclination to sin remains, it is overcome by the love that makes it possible for her to look ahead and to live her life differently.Jesus had taught this clearly on another occasion, when he had been invited to dine at the home of a Pharisee (cf. *Lk* 7:36-50) and a woman, known by everyone to be a sinner, approached him. She poured perfume over his feet, bathed them with her tears and dried them with her hair (cf. vv. 37-38). To the scandalized reaction of the Pharisee, Jesus replied: “Her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little” (v. 47).*Forgiveness* is the most visible sign of the Father’s love, which Jesus sought to reveal by his entire life. Every page of the Gospel is marked by this imperative of a love that loves to the point of forgiveness. Even at the last moment of his earthly life, as he was being nailed to the cross, Jesus spoke words of forgiveness: “Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do” (*Lk* 23:34).Nothing of what a repentant sinner places before God’s mercy can be excluded from the embrace of his forgiveness. For this reason, none of us has the right to make forgiveness conditional. Mercy is always a gratuitous act of our heavenly Father, an unconditional and unmerited act of love. Consequently, we cannot risk opposing the full freedom of the love with which God enters into the life of every person.Mercy is this concrete action of love that, by forgiving, transforms and changes our lives. In this way, the divine mystery of mercy is made manifest. God is merciful (cf. *Ex* 34:6); his mercy lasts for ever (cf. *Ps* 136). From generation to generation, it embraces all those who trust in him and it changes them, by bestowing a share in his very life. 3. What great joy welled up in the heart of these two women. Forgiveness made them feel free at last and happy as never before. Their tears of shame and pain turned into the smile of a person who knows that he or she is loved. Mercy gives rise to *joy*, because our hearts are opened to the hope of a new life. The joy of forgiveness is inexpressible, yet it radiates all around us whenever we experience forgiveness. Its source is in the love with which God comes to meet us, breaking through walls of selfishness that surround us, in order to make us in turn instruments of mercy.

Plate:  €1,027, November Offerings; €420, Lenten Offerings: €15, List of the Dead: €35, Church Renovation envelopes; €350. Thanks to all who are so generous.