

**ST. JAMES' CHURCH**  
**KILBEGGAN**

*Vigil 8p.m. Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m.*  
*Monday to Friday 9.30a.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.*

**ST. HUGH'S CHURCH**  
**RAHUGH**

*Sunday 9.30a.m.*  
*Friday 8 p.m.*

*Confessions on Saturday after 10a.m. Mass, before the Vigil Mass*  
*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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***Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Year***

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 8 p.m.** Tom Reid

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 9.30 a.m.** Jock Lyons

**11 a.m.** Christopher Conlon

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> 9.30 a.m.** Deceased members of the O'Reilly Family, The Square.

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 9.30 a.m.** Deceased members of the Clabby Family.

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>** Totty Herity, Months Memory.

***Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 8 p.m.** Ted Cloonan.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> 9.30 a.m.** Paddy Quinn

**11 a.m.** Joseph, Mary, Bernadette, (Nootsy) Guilfoyle



The death has occurred this morning of **Father Peter Mulvany**, Parish Priest of Moynalvey. Removal of remains on Sunday evening to the Church of the Nativity, Moynalvey. Funeral Mass at 12 noon on Monday with burial afterwards in Church grounds. You are also asked to pray for **Bernadette Kelly**, sister of Margaret Stones, who died in California.

**November the Month of Prayer**

Over the years the tradition of having memorial cards printed for the dead has grown in Ireland. They are a nice memento of the deceased which urges us to pray for them. In November I will place a basket of memorial cards, and the List of the Dead before the altar in each church as we pray for all our deceased loved ones. If you wish to have a memorial card placed in the basket please put it in the collection basket any Sunday in October.



**“Do this in Memory of Me” There will be Mass with the Communion Children on the following Sundays.**

**25<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

**22<sup>nd</sup> November 2009**

**20<sup>th</sup> December 2009**

**24<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

**14<sup>th</sup> February 2010**

**7<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

**18<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

There is a meeting of all readers and Ministers of the Eucharist from Kilbeggan and Rahugh Churches in Kilbeggan Church on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 8 p.m.. It is important that all attend.

**Day for Life**

Day for Life – the day dedicated to celebrating the dignity of life from conception to natural death – will this year focus on suicide. There are around 6,000 deaths by suicide in Ireland and the UK each year. In recent years this figure has been falling, except in Northern Ireland and Wales. Building upon last year's theme of mental health, this year's Day for Life aims to raise awareness of the vital role to be played by families and

supportive parish communities in sustaining those who may be struggling to cope. The Day also aims to help reduce the number of myths associated with mental illness, depression and suicide. It emphasises the importance of encouraging people to seek professional help if they are troubled by persistent suicidal feelings. Life matters. It is a precious gift to be cherished. Our fulfilment and destiny come from a living relationship with Jesus Christ through faith, nourished by the sacraments and the support of the Church community. 'I have come to give you life to the full' (John 10:10). He invites us to ask him for this Life. The message of the Gospel is that, whatever has happened to us, and whatever we have done, we can never be separated from the love of God in Jesus

Christ. Pain, even tragedy – are never God's last word. Someone may feel that life is so painful or hopeless that it is not worth living. But with appropriate help and support these feelings do subside. 'Suicide should never be romanticised, promoted or encouraged. On the other hand, attempting suicide is typically the act of a desperate person and it should be greeted with compassion rather than with blame.' (***Cherishing Life***, 181).....

Suicidal thoughts are not uncommon but most people don't act on these thoughts and feelings of despair. For some, these thoughts and feelings may happen after experiencing a bereavement, relationship breakdown, the loss of a job, financial pressures or following emotional or sexual abuse. For others, it is a profound fear that they will be unable to cope with whatever has disturbed their peace of mind. Sometimes these thoughts occur without any apparent reason.

People with serious mental illness, such as schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and clinical depression or people who are dependant on drugs or alcohol are more likely to try to take their own lives. They may need specialist and sometimes intensive medical and psychosocial care either in hospital or in the community. Sometimes they may have little insight into their condition and urgent specialist help will need to be requested by a family member, friend or colleague.

Some people who are terminally ill or severely disabled may feel their life is no longer worth living, even that they are a burden to their family. Others fear that they will experience great suffering in dying. What is needed is a response of love and care by family, friends and the wider community, and the assistance that good palliative care can offer. Assisted suicide is not the answer; it would only compound any sense of hopelessness and undermine the absolute value of every human life. Assisted suicide is illegal, and a change to the law would place pressure on vulnerable people – including those who are elderly, disabled, depressed, terminally or chronically ill – to request assisted death.

Sometimes suicidal feelings may arise from a sense of loss or abandonment by God, worthlessness, a lack of meaning in life and an inner emptiness. Or it may be an overwhelming sense of guilt, or of low self-worth, of insecurity and purposelessness. Prayer, opportunities for spiritual conversation, the sacrament of reconciliation and the support of family and parish community are very important. **Extract from the Bishops Pastoral Letter for "Day for Life" The full text is available**

**KILBEGGAN TIDY TOWNS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009.8.30p.m.**  
**S.W.E.E.T.S. Meeting Room, Tullamore Road.**

**Thought for the Week.** There are two lessons in today's Gospel. The first one is in Jesus' rejection of divorce when he is questioned by the Pharisees. His words are followed by the story of the little children. Parents owe their children fidelity and stability but we are told that those who suffer most from marriage break up are the children.

**'The Flu Vaccine is now available at Kilbeggan Medical Centre.** This is the seasonal flu vaccine. Anyone wishing to have this vaccine please call in or contact the surgery.'

**Annual Kilbeggan Grand Canal Bank Walk.**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2009 (weather permitting) Transport from Harbour Buildings to Ballycommon at 1.30p.m. for start of walk. All are welcome. For further details contact Dan Scally 057 93 32316**

**Church Gate Collect ion 10<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> in aid of LARCC Cancer Centre at Ballinalack which provides counselling and support for people diagnosed with cancer.**

**Kilbeggan Ballinagore Social Services** will be holding a table quiz in the Bodhran Bar, in Ballinagore Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct. 9 p.m.. Spot prizes on the night. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

**Thanks to all those who contributed to the Collection €1,118**