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.

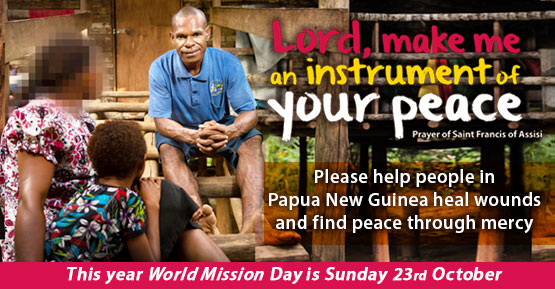
Rahugh on Friday from 7 – 9 p.m. with Mass at 8 p.m.

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Twenty Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mission Sunday in Kilbeggan

A Prayer for Missionaries

I offer my sufferings to you,  
O Lord, for your Church.  
In particular, I offer them for missionaries,  
those who have left all for the sake of the Gospel. Bless them in their work of spreading the Good News among those who still do not know you.

AMEN

Embracing The Lord’s Call

Mary, mother of Jesus, our mother too,  
called to a life of deep trust, pondered in her heart the call of God.  
We too are urged to ponder our call.  
To Mary we say: give us hearts to respond to God’s call.

AMEN

I would like to welcome Fr. Niall Colgan, who is working in Brazil, to speak at our Masses this weekend.

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 p.m. Maureen Wrafter First Anniversary

Joe and Betty McCormack, St. Mary’s Ave.

9.30 a.m. Eileen Flanagan, Lowertown, Months Mind

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11a.m. Jock Lyons Anniversary Mass.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Josephine Cusack, Ballinderry, Francie Deegan, Ballinagore. May they rest in peace.

The Kilbeggan Apostolic Workers’ Display is in the church on Saturday and Sunday for all to see. We would like to thank everyone for their generosity. On Mission Sunday all chalices, vestments etc., will be given to returning missionaries.

The Kilbeggan Festival Committee AGM is being held in the Parish Centre on Wednesday 26th October 2016 at 8PM. All are welcome.

North Westmeath Hospice would like to thank everyone who supported the Coffee Morning in Rahugh. The total raised was €732 , your support is greatly appreciated.

Kilbeggan got an increase of 14 points this year, which is a great achievement for the town, and encouraging for all involved. Well done .

The Sacrament of Reconciliation, Confessions.

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First Penance and First Holy Communion for their children in the coming year, Meeting at 8 p.m. on Wednesday in the Kilbeggan Parish Centre. I look forward to seeing you there. We will discuss the “ Do This In Memory of Me” preparation programme and the dates of various events.



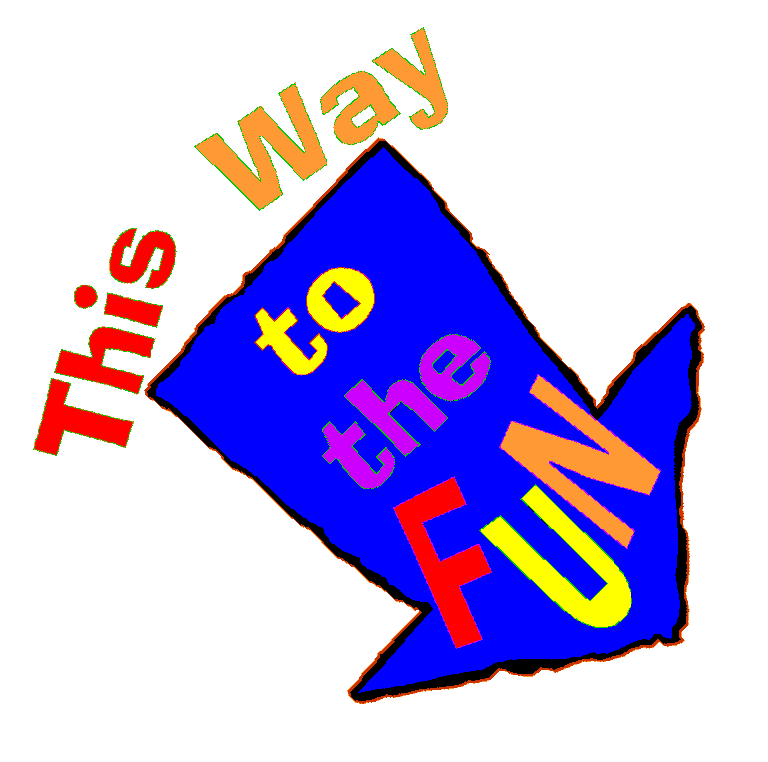
Liam Lawton in Concert St. James’ Church Kilbeggan, Sunday October 23rd. Renovation Fund of St. James’ Church. Liam will be joined by the Kilbeggan and Rahugh Church Choirs. Starts at 8 p.m. sharp. Doors open at 7.30 p.m. €20 Tickets from Parish Pastoral Council.



  The PTAA Spiritual Day Sunday 9th October in St. James’ Church Kilbeggan starts at 2 p.m. with a welcome from Joe Monaghan, followed by Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Confessions. The PTAA Presidents Address. Mass with main Celebrant Fr. Seamus Houlihan, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre. All are welcome.

In the Footsteps of the Nazarene, Chaldean Catholic Bishop of Aleppo Aleppo is one of the cities most affected by the conflict in Syria, given the nearly daily bombings that have taken place over the course of the last four years. Its bishop, His Excellency Antoine Audo, begins by affirming: “Christians are not interested in the war and do not have an organization to defend themselves. So, because of the war there is a great deal of emigration. Many young people leave Syria because of the danger they live in and because Syria does not offer enough work to make a living today.”

When the war started, on March 15, 2011, the Christian population in Aleppo numbered 170,000. Christian communities were very active and involved in the society of Aleppo, which had 2.5 million inhabitants. After five years of war, the city has been left with little more than 30,000 Christians. Even though the Church tries to maintain its historical presence in Syria, “many Christians are leaving because of the war, unemployment, and poverty.” It is a sad reality, given the fact that Aleppo is just fifty kilometers from Antioch, the place where Christians were first called Christians, at the time of St. Peter and St. Paul. The Bishop of Aleppo explains: “We used to have fanatics attacking us every so often, because we were a minority in a country with a Muslim majority. But now, there is a wave of Islamic fanaticism throughout the world. They are more organized, with arms and with Daesh, this group that wants to establish Islamic states. So, this is a new situation and Christians are fearing for their future.” In response to a question regarding the causes of the conflict, Bishop Audo makes a profound analysis. “There is a political dimension, a religious dimension, and an economic dimension. In my opinion, when I see the evolution of the war, on a national level the conflict is an economic one. Given the fact that we are facing an international economic crisis, arms and petroleum negotiations contribute to causing the war. The most powerful countries try to maintain a high economic standard. Pope Francis has spoken about this on several occasions, when he speaks about the crisis in Syria, saying that it is an issue of economics and arms, interests in buying and selling arms. That is the first reason for the war.



Youth Liturgy Group meet in The Parish Centre every Friday from 6.30 – 8 p.m.. They organise Saturday Evening Mass for 20 -30 minutes and they spend the rest of the time having fun and sport. All teenagers are welcome to come along.

Plate:  €1,075,   Church Buildings Fund:  envelopes:  €200.. Thanks to all who are so generous.