

God's People Our Parish

St. James and St Hugh, Kilbeggan and Rahugh

Vigil 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m.

Monday to Friday 9.30 a.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. Fr. Brendan, Harbour Rd. 057 9332155 087 2618353

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Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”
Mt.11: 28-30



Make love your aim
1 Cor 14:1

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 p.m.

8 p.m. Michael Rattigan

9.30 a.m.

11 a.m. Thomas and Eithne Barry
Daniel and Patricia McCarthy.

Friday 8 p.m. Andy Daly

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 p.m.

8 p.m. Malachy and Kathleen
Lynham Coola

9.30 a.m. Michael and Phil
Condron, Rahugh

11 a.m.



Confessions are available on Saturday after 10 a.m. Mass and after 6 p.m. Mass and before 8 p.m. Mass or on request. All are welcome to receive the Sacrament. An examination of Conscience is available for reflection outside the Confession Room.



Tuesday - Friday 10a.m. - 5p.m.
and Saturday 10a.m. - 1p.m.
Thank you for your continued support.
There is a great display of new stock. Everyone is welcome. Thanks to the staff



Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Sister Sacred Heart who is 90 this week. She was the Biology Teacher in Mercy, she worked in the sacristy, promoted the

P.T.A.A. , devotion to the Sacred heart and the Messenger. She is known by all, and was a much loved teacher.



Thanks!



Thanks to all who are involved in sanitising the church between all the Masses and those who steward the Masses, along with the sacristans, and ministers of Word and Eucharist they make it possible for us to have public Masses. We appreciate all their voluntary Work. If you would like to volunteer for sanitising duty or stewarding please let me know.

In order to comply more with the Government guidelines, we will use the two side entrances at the weekend Masses. This will ensure that the two “pods” are 4 metres apart. There are hand sanitisers at each door. Stewards will be in place to direct parishioners.



Thank You

We received a gift this week of €1,000 and a gift of €200 for the Renovation Fund.

Plate: €865 Offerings
€100, Renovation Fund

€627. Thanks to all who contribute in what ever way to the parish your generosity is appreciated. Please place your offerings in the collection tables at the back of the church.

Pope Francis spoke about last Sunday's Gospel .

To correct a brother who has made a mistake, Jesus suggests a pedagogy of rehabilitation. And Jesus' pedagogy is always a pedagogy of rehabilitation, of salvation. And this pedagogy of rehabilitation is articulated in three passages. In the first place he says: "point out the fault when the two of you are alone" (v. 15), that is, do not air his sin in public. It is about going to your brother with discretion, not to judge him but to help him realize what he has done. How many times have we had this experience: someone comes and tells us: 'But listen, you were mistaken about this. You should change a little in this regard'. Perhaps in the beginning we get angry, but then we say 'thank you', because it is a gesture of brotherhood, of communion, of help, of rehabilitation.

And it is not easy to put this teaching of Jesus into practice, for various reasons. There is the fear that the brother or sister may react badly; at times you may lack sufficient confidence with him or with her. And other reasons. But every time we have done this, we have felt it was precisely the way of the Lord.

However, it may happen that, despite my good intentions, the first intervention may fail. In this case it is good not to give up and say: 'Make do, I wash my hands of it'. No, this is not Christian. Do not give up, but seek the support of some other brother or sister. Jesus says: "if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses" (v. 16). This is a precept of Mosaic law

(cf. Deut 19:15). Although it may seem a disadvantage to the accused, in reality it will serve to protect him against false accusers. But Jesus goes further: the two witnesses are called not to accuse and judge, but to help. 'But let us agree, you and I, let us go talk to this man or woman, who is mistaken, who is making a bad impression. Let us go as brothers and speak to him or her'. This is the attitude of rehabilitation that Jesus wants from us. In fact Jesus explains that even this approach – the second approach, with witnesses - may fail.

Indeed, even the love of two or more brothers or sisters may be insufficient, because that man or woman is stubborn. In this case – Jesus adds – "tell it to the church" (v. 17), that is, the community. In some situations the entire community becomes involved. There are things that can have an impact on other brothers and sisters: it takes a greater love to rehabilitate the brother. But at times even this may not be enough. And Jesus says: "and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector" (ibid.). This expression, seemingly so scornful, in reality invites us to put the brother in God's hands: only the Father will be able to show a greater love than that of all brothers and sisters put together.

This teaching of Jesus helps us a great deal, because – let us consider an example – when we see a mistake, a fault, a slip, in that brother or sister, usually the first thing we do is to go and recount it to others, to gossip. And gossip closes the heart to the community, closes off the unity of the Church. The great gossipier is the devil, who always goes about telling bad things about others, because he is the liar who seeks to separate the Church to distance brothers and sisters and not create community. Please, brothers and sisters, let us make an effort not to gossip. Chatter is a plague more awful than Covid! Let us make an effort: no gossip. It is the love of Jesus, who had embraced the tax collectors and Gentiles, scandalizing the conformists of the time. However it is not a sentence without an appeal, but a recognition that at times our human attempts may fail, and that only being before God can bring the brother to face his own conscience and responsibility for his actions. If this matter does not work, then silence and prayer for the brother or sister who has made a mistake, but never gossip.