

## God's People Our Parish

KILBEGGAN: Saturday Vigil 7.30p.m. & Sunday 11a.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30a.m. Wednesday 7.30p.m. & Saturday 10a.m Confessions - Saturday 10.30a.m. - 11.30a.m.

RAHUGH: Sunday 9.30a.m. & Friday 7.30p.m.

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## Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

7.30 p.m. Tom and Mary Rattigan and Soldier Rattigan Eammon Heffernan and his son Colm Shane Malonev

9.30 a.m. Matt Dunne

11 a.m. Nan Moore

Jack and Rose McCormack

Friday 7.30 p.m. Hughie Harte

Saturday 10 a.m Joe Ennis and his daughter Deirdre, Clara Rd.



## Fourth Sunday of Advent

**7.30 p.m.** Tom Carberry, First Anniversary

Phil McMahon Martin Igoe

9.30 a.m. Sheila Heustice

**11a.m.** Christy Jones, First Anniversary

Parents of Joe Flynn, Demense

Pat and Enda Blake

## **Christmas Mass Times**

Christmas Eve (Wed): Children's Mass with Family Choir at 6p.m. and

Mass with Adult Choir at 7.30 p.m.

**Christmas Day: 9.30 a.m.** Rahugh and **11 a.m.** Kilbeggan

St Stephen's Day (Friday 26th) 10 a.m.





Please pray for the repose of the soul of Seamus O'Donoghue, Brosna View, who died this week. May he rest in peace.



Plate Collection: €1,185; Maintenance Fund: €250; List of the Dead: €20; November Offerings: €160; Christmas Offerings: €1,130.

Thanks to all who are so generous.

Catholic Newspaper on sale at the entrance for €3.50 per copy.

The Irish Catholic



**Penitential Service** with visiting Priests on **Tuesday 16th at 7.30 p.m.** 

There are **Examination of Conscience cards** from Lourdes which you might like to take with you after Mass to help you prepare for the Reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Our Christmas Party at the Cosy Café, 11-1 p.m. this Tuesday (16th Dec.) in the Parish Centre Kilbeggan. Carols with children from Scoil an Chlochair and Music by the Elderly Brothers. We are trying to make our Parish more dementia inclusive. All are welcome from the surrounding area. 087 2618353

#### Seeking, Finding, and Loving God

Teach me to seek you Lord, and reveal yourself to me when I seek you, for I cannot seek you unless you teach me, nor find you unless you reveal yourself to me.

Let me seek you in longing, let me long for you in seeking; let me find you by loving you and love you in the act of finding you.

Prayer of St. Anselm of Canterbury, for all who desire to seek, find, and love God.



#### Pope Leo's prayer intention for December - For Christians in areas of conflict:

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope. (see www.kilbegganparish.ie)

Sisters and brothers, when we sit together at the table of the Eucharist on the Lord's Day, we should be willing to let Jesus speak. He becomes our guest and he can tell us how he sees us. It is very important that we see ourselves through his eyes: to see how frequently we reduce life to a competition, how anxious we be-



come to obtain some sort of recognition, and how pointlessly we compare ourselves to others. Stopping to reflect, letting ourselves be taken aback by a word that challenges our hearts' priorities, is to experience freedom, the freedom to which Jesus calls us.

Those who exalt themselves generally think that nothing is more interesting than themselves; yet deep down, they are guite insecure. Whereas those who know that they are precious in God's eyes, who know they are God's children, have greater things to be worried about; they possess a sublime dignity all their own. Once we learn to take the last places, rather than striving for the first, that dignity will appear, and we will come to the fore simply and effortlessly. Pope Leo August 2025

# The Sisters of Mercy wish the parishioners of Kilbeggan and Rahugh a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.







ADVENT CAROL SERVICE ADVENT in the CARMELITE CHURCH, MOATE – 'Preparing the Way' Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. 6pm. St Vincent de Paul Carol Service. Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8pm to 9pm. Reconciliation Service. Carmelite Christmas Shop open Mon. to Sat. - 10am to 5pm.



Parish Charity Shop: Great Christmas gifts available at keen prices. Open Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 5p.m. If you have items you would like to bring to the shop, please do so during opening hours. Thanks to the ladies in the shop and all who support the shop.



Kilbeggan Players will have a CHARITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT in St. James' Hall on Sunday 21st December at 6 p.m. in aid of St. Vincent de Paul, Northeast and Midlands. Tickets €10 each or €35 for two adults and two children. Cash only. All welcome.



Rahugh NS Parents Association would like to sincerely thank parents and the wider community who so generously supported our Christmas raffle fundraiser. We raised funds that are vital for our small school and each child will directly benefit. Wishing you all a blessed and peaceful Christmas.