## God's People Our Parish

#### St. James and St Hugh, Kilbeggan and Rahugh

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

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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



**Churches Open Every Day** Masses and Exposition with Rosary are on WEBCAM each day MCN MEDIA KILBEGGAN Exposition of Blessed Sacrament Sunday— Wednesday 7.30 – 8 p.m.

I will be in the church each day 2– 6 p.m. if you would like to receive Holy Communion while taking vour permitted exercise. 087 2618353



# **Pope Francis Praises women** Pandemic

Dear brothers and sisters, we heard that the women

gave the disciples the announcement of the Resurrection of Jesus. Today I would like to remind you of what many women do, even in this time of medical emergency, to take care of others: women doctors, nurses, agents of the forces of the order and prisons, employees of basic necessities stores ..., and many mothers and sisters and grandmothers who find themselves locked in the house with the whole family, with children, the elderly and the disa-

bled. Sometimes they are at risk of being subjected to violence, for a coexistence of which they carry too great a burden. Let us pray for them, so that the Lord may give them strength and that our communities can support them together with their families. May the Lord give us the courage of women, to always go forward.".

Mercy Sunday

Saturday 8 p.m. Joe Scally Moate Rd. 11 a.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. Tom and Ellen Gannon

Third Sunday of Easter

8 p.m.

11 a.m. Frank and Nancy Ryan.



**Regina Coeli** (We say this prayer instead of the Angelus in Eastertide)

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

for their role in the Covid 19 The Son whom you merited to bear, alleluia, has risen as he said, alleluia. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia! For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

> Let us pray, O God, who through the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, did vouchsafe to give joy to the world; grant, we beseech you, that through his Mother, the Virgin Mary, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord.

Renovation Fund €700 Easter Offerings €450





.The Council's COVID-19 Community Response Forum is there to ensure the very best use of the many resources assisting vulnerable persons with their daily needs at this unprecedented time, whether that is collecting medication, food shopping, social support and contact. Dedicated community support Free Phone helpline is now available 1800 805 816 with the lines open from 9am to 5pm, seven days a week .

### Some sites you might like to look at during the lockdown.

The Holy See site is http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html



You can join in Pope Francis Mass each day with a commentary in English. The Mass is at 7 a.m. but you can watch it during the day, and get a translation of his homily.

https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html Gives all the news from the Church around the world and is very informative about positive and reliable.

### **THINKING** https://www.thinkingfaith.org/

WFaith https://pray-as-you-go.org/ These sites have helpful tools for prayer and reflection . Pray as you go has a reflection for each day.

https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/ This site has more helps for prayer and reading.

Diocese of Meath Vocations Facebook page.

https://www.facebook.com/Meath-Diocese-Vocations-300918140115142/

https://clicktopray.org/ People all over the world pray with each other and Pope Francis every day. This is a grea site for young people.

Jesus, like a seed buried in the ground, was about to make new life blossom in the world; and these women, by prayer and love, were helping to make that hope flower. How many people, in these sad days, have done and are still doing what those women did, sowing seeds of hope! With small gestures of care, affection and prayer. At dawn the women went to the tomb. There the angel says to them: "Do not be afraid. He is not here; for he has risen" (vv. 5-6). They hear the words of life even as they stand before a tomb... And then they meet Jesus, the giver of all hope, who confirms the message and says: "Do not be afraid" (v. 10). Do not be afraid, do not yield to fear: This is the message of hope. It is addressed to us, today. These are the words that God repeats to us this very night. Tonight we acquire a fundamental right that can never be taken away from us: the right to hope. It is a new and living hope that comes from God. It is not mere optimism; it is not a pat on the back or an empty word of encouragement, uttered with an empty smile. No! It is a gift from heaven, which we could not have earned on our own. Over these weeks, we have kept repeating, "All will be well", clinging to the beauty of our humanity and allowing words of encouragement to rise up from our hearts. But as the days go by and fears grow, even the boldest hope can dissipate. Jesus' hope is different. He plants in our hearts the conviction that God is able to make everything work unto good, because even from the grave he brings life. The grave is the place where no one who enters ever leaves. But Jesus emerged for us; he rose for us, to bring life where there was death, to begin a new story in the very place where a stone had been placed. He, who rolled away the stone that sealed the entrance of the tomb, can also remove the stones in our hearts. So, let us not give in to resignation; let us not place a stone before hope. We can and must hope, because God is faithful. He did not abandon us; he visited us and entered into our situations of pain, anguish and death. His light dispelled the darkness of the tomb: today he wants that light to penetrate even to the darkest corners of our lives. Dear sister, dear brother, even if in your heart you have buried hope, do not give up: God is greater. Darkness and death do not have the last word. Be strong, for with God nothing is lost! Excerpt from Pope Francis Homily Easter Vigil.

