

God's People Our Parish

St. James and St Hugh, Kilbeggan and Rahugh

Saturday Vigil 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. Sunday 9.30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Monday to Friday 9.30 a.m. Friday 7.30 p.m. Saturday 10 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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

6 p.m.

8 p.m. Eamonn and Colm Heffernan

Martin Igoe

9.30 a.m.

11 a.m. Andy, Una and Eileen Hennessy

Mon. 9.30 a.m. Peter and Elizabeth Flynn, their daughter Elizabeth and son Peter.

Wed. 9.30 a.m. Tom and Mary Guilfoyle; Nellie and Lizzie Guilfoyle

Thurs. 9.30 a.m. Pat Blake

Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Eve

4 p.m., 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Christmas Day

9.30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Mass on St Stephen's Day 10 a.m..

Last year 1,600 people attended Mass for Christmas. There is only space this

year for about 500 with the Government Restrictions. Many will have to stay in their cars at Mass and listen on the outside speakers or join on their iPhones. They can receive Holy Communion at the entrances.

Could I suggest that people come together as a family at home, light a candle and join one of the five Christmas Masses on the webcam. Then later in the day visit the Crib when things are not so hectic, and later in the week you can attend Mass. **Fr. Brendan.**

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus , Mary and Joseph 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

9.30 a.m. Oliver Geoghegan **11 a.m.** John and Annie Keoghan and their son Frank

Dolores Heffernan 4th Anniversary

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Brendan Kinahan, Clara Road who died during the week. May he rest in peace.

Confessions 12 noon to 1 p.m. on Christmas Eve.





Sisters
of Mercy

The **Sisters of Mercy** wish all the parishioners of Kilbeggan and Rahugh a very Happy Christmas and New Year. A triduum of Masses has been offered for your intentions.

CHARITY SHOP

Parish Charity Shop Next week we will be open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 10a.m. - 5p.m. Sale on all ladies and gents clothing.

Thank you for your great support.



Many words have been used to describe this year, bleak, strange, lonely, tragic, and so on but despite all the names which try to describe the pain and suffering it was the Year of the Lord 2020. Now we come to remember the birth of the Lord in the stable of Bethlehem, in the most humble of surroundings. He came to be our Saviour in all situations. He came to be with us. He is with us now.



Sometimes we do not notice his presence because of our busyness, because the noise and activity blind us to the Lord. Sometimes it is our possession, or pleasures, our appetite for more

that dulls our taste for the Lord. But, these things do not mean that the Lord will abandon us or turn away he is always knocking at the door of our hearts.

One great lesson of the pandemic is that we are not alone, we are all dependent on each other. We need each other. That is what the church is, "ecclesia", people coming together for the Lord. We have seen all the people who put their lives on the line for the pandemic. "Doctors, nurses, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caregivers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests, men and women religious, and so very many others. They understood that no one is saved alone... How many people daily exercise patience and offer hope, taking care to spread not panic, but shared responsibility. How many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children, in small everyday ways, how to accept and deal with a crisis by adjusting their routines, looking ahead and encouraging the practice of prayer. How many are praying, making sacrifices and interceding for the good of all". Pope Francis.

I would like to wish you all a happy and blessed Christmas. Sympathies to those who are mourning the death of a loved one. God's blessing on all who made new starts in 2020. It has been difficult for many who lost their jobs, or whose businesses are at risk. Many are isolated in their homes. Our prayers are will all who are suffering. It is difficult that we cannot be with our families to celebrate, but those days will come again. Jesus Mary and Joseph had to leave Bethlehem as migrants and escape to Egypt. We ask their blessing on all our families and our fellow parishioner and all we love.

Plate €1,030; Renovation Fund Envelopes €555. Thanks to all who contribute in whatever way to the parish, your generosity is appreciated. If you wish you can leave your envelopes in the collection tables in the Church or in the Parochial House.

