

# 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**



**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

**Second Sunday of Christmas**

8 p.m. Richard Keoghan First Anniversary

11 a.m. Sean Davey First Anniversary and his son Kevin.

**Epiphany of the LORD**

Tuesday 8 p.m. Wednesday

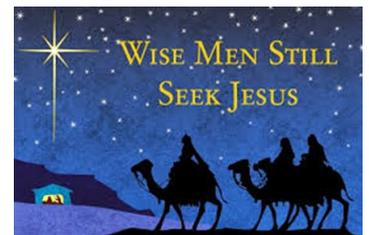
11 a.m.



**Baptism of Our Lord.**

8 p.m.

11.00 a.m.



**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. J.P. Bohan, SPS who died during the week. May he rest in peace.**



I wish all our Parishioners a blessed 2021. . St Paul gave this blessing to the parish of Ephesus in his day, we can pray it for our parish today. "For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with might through his Spirit in the inner person, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have power to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fulness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen."



We have launched a new Parish Website. [www.kilbegganparish.ie/](http://www.kilbegganparish.ie/)

It is easier access information and has a brighter layout and has more information and links to various helpful sites. I hope you get a chance to browse the site and if you have any suggestions you would like to make please let us know. We are still working on the site and have lots more to add.

It is possible to go directly to webcam from the site, get the newsletter, Mass times, information about the sacraments, death notices, collections and current information on the parish.

**CHARITY SHOP** Thank you for your great support to the shop throughout the year. It is greatly appreciated. It will remain closed until further notice. Thanks to all the ladies in the shop for their wonderful work and commitment.



Dear brothers and sisters, may these brief reflections help us to celebrate Christmas with greater awareness. But there is another way to prepare, which I want to remind you and me, and which is within everyone's reach: to contemplate a little, in silence, before the crib. The Nativity display is a catechesis of this reality, of what was done that year, that day, that we have heard in the Gospel. Therefore last year I wrote a Letter, which it would be good for us to pick up again. It is entitled "Admirabile signum", "Enchanting image". In the school of St. Francis of Assisi, we can become a little childlike by pausing to contemplate the scene of the Nativity, and by letting the wonder of the "marvellous" way in which God wanted to come into the world be reborn in us. Let us ask for the grace of wonder: before this mystery, a reality so tender, so beautiful, so close to our hearts, that the Lord may give us the grace of wonder, to encounter Him, to draw closer to Him, to draw closer to us all. This will revive tenderness in us. The other day, while I was speaking with some scientists, we spoke about artificial intelligence and robots... there are robots programmed for everyone and everything, and this continues to advance. And I said to them, "But what will robots never be able to do?" They thought about it, they made suggestions, but in the end they were all in agreement about one thing: tenderness. Robots will never be capable of this. And this is what God brings us, today: a wonderful way in which God wanted to come into the world, and this revives tenderness in us, the human tenderness close to that of God. And today we are in great need of tenderness, we are in great need of a human touch, in the face of so much misery! If the pandemic has forced us to be more distant, Jesus, in the crib, shows us the way of tenderness to be close to each other, to be human. Let us follow this path. Merry Christmas! **Pope Francis audience Wednesday**

**Plate €685; Renovation Fund Envelopes €715, Offerings €960. We received a gift this week of €2,500 for the Renovation Fund.** Thanks to all who contribute in whatever way to the parish, your generosity is appreciated. If you wish you can leave your envelopes and contributions in the collection tables in the Church or in the Parochial House.

