God's People Our Parish

St. James and St Hugh, Kilbeggan and Rahugh

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

Sunday 9.30 a.m. Rahugh

Monday to Friday 9.30 a.m. and Saturday 10 a.m

Friday 8 p.m

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



Make love your aim 1 Cor 14:1

Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

8 p.m. Mick Dillon and deceased family and deceased members of the Murray family.

Patrick Maher.

Zelie Hartnett.

9.30 a.m. Mollie Slevin

11 a.m. Jack and Mary Ann Gorry Friday 8 p.m. Colm Harte and Family.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 p.m. Richard Keoghan Month's Memory.

James Rock First Anniversary

Philomena and and Patrick Robinson and deceased family.

Kathleen McDonnell and deceased members of the McDonnell and Kelly Family. Sean and Elanor Gillic

9.30 a.m. Michael Matthews First Anniversary

11.a.m Teresa Cunningham 2nd Ann

Meeting of the Pioneer Association next Wednesday Parish Centre 7.30 p.m. All are welcome. If you due a Jubilee Pin, please come along.

Plate: €930,

Offerings: €340,

Church Renovation: €530.

Christ Jesus is knocking at our door in the words of sacred Scripture. If we hear his voice and open the doors of our minds and hearts, then he will

- Pope Francis

Meeting of Special Ministers of the Eucharist and Special Ministers of the Word, for both churches in the Parish Centre at 7. 30 p.m. Wednesday 12th

Gala Concert Monday 17th February 2020 in St. James' Church for Church Renovation Fund Tickets €20: John Hogan,



Larissa Tormey, Ryan Turner, Olivia Douglas, Simon Casey, Carmel Sheerin, Camillus Egerton, TR Dallas, Michelle Murphy, and Shunie Cramsey. **Tickets on** Sale after Mass



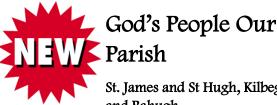


The Parish Charity Shop is in the process of being shelved and refitted, and will be reopened soon. It is at the pedestrian

crossing where the Black Kettle was. The toys went very well over the Christmas. Thanks to all who supported the shops and all the staff.

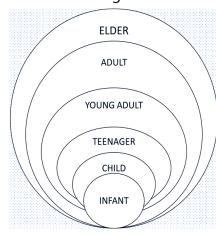
RAHUGH HALL DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION are holding their Annual General Meeting on Monday 27th January at 9.00pm. New members welcome.

The Parish Pastoral Council are coming to the end of their term of office in the coming weeks. They have done a wonderful job, with the planning, and bringing to conclusion the renovation of the church, which was their main task. They were involved may other issues of parish life also. Working with the Parish Finance committee they



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Parish Pastoral Council



have raised funds for the renovation. All of this was possible due to their dedication and the goodwill of the people of the parish.

I would like to thank them for their wonderful work.

In forming a new Parish Pastoral Council we are looking for people who have ideas about welcoming and caring for all the people of our parish from the Infant to the Elder. We will look for innovative ways of helping pass on our Faith. New members will need to be people who are committed to our parish and are will are willing to work for our parish. Many people from the surrounding area attend Mass each

week and support the parish, they are also welcome. In the coming weeks we will give people the opportunity (through the Bulletin) to nominate themselves or others to the Parish Pastoral Council. As I mentioned at Christmas we have a great number of volunteers in the Parish. Sacristans, Choirs, Altar Societies, Parish Charity Shop Committee, The Catering Committee in the Centre have done marvellous work. All volunteers are a great asset to the parish. We can be proud of them all. Please start thinking and praying about the formation of the next Parish Council.

POPE FRANCIS TO A DELEGATION OF THE "SIMON WIESENTHAL CENTER" Consistory Hall 75th Anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp.



In a particular way, you help keep alive the memory of the Holocaust. A week from now, 27 January, will mark the seventy-fifth anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp. In 2016, I went there to reflect and to pray in silence. In our world, with its whirlwind of activity, we find it hard to pause, to look within and to listen in silence to the plea of suffering humanity. Our consumerist society also squanders words: how many unhelpful words are spoken, how much time is wasted in arguing, accusing, shouting insults, without a real con-

cern for what we say. Silence, on the other hand, helps to keep memory alive. If we lose our memory, we destroy our future. May the anniversary of the unspeakable cruelty that humanity learned of seventy-five years ago serve as a summons to pause, to be still and to remember. We need to do this, lest we become indifferent.

It is troubling to see, in many parts of the world, an increase in selfishness and indifference, lack of concern for others and the attitude that says life is good as long as it is good for me, and when things go wrong, anger and malice are unleashed. This creates a fertile ground for the forms of factionalism and populism we see around us, where hatred quickly springs up. Hatred and the sowing of evil. Even recently, we have witnessed a barbaric resurgence of cases of antisemitism. Once more I firmly condemn every form of antisemitism. To tackle the cause of the problem, however, we must commit ourselves also to tilling the soil in which hatred grows and sowing peace instead. For it is through integration and seeking to understand others that we more effectively protect ourselves.Let us too remember the past and have compassion on those who suffer, and in this way till the soil of fraternity. . Shalom