

# God's People Our Parish

St. James and St Hugh, Kilbeggan and Rahugh

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

Monday to Friday 9.30 a.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. Fr. Brendan, Harbour Rd. 057 9332155 087 2618353

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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 — Friday 7.30 – 8 p.m.

The Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will not travel this year owing to the coronavirus and it has



been deferred until 12 September, 2021. A word of appreciation to everyone who supports the pilgrimage and

make it possible and we look forward to being able to travel again next year. **Bishop Deenihan.**

## Courage to say "Yes" to Priesthood

**Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan of the diocese of Waterford and Lismore in Ireland,** and the chair of the Irish Bishops' Council for Vocations, says it takes courage to follow God's call.

"It does take a lot of courage to say 'yes' to a vocation especially in today's culture. But by the same token people are looking for happiness. And where do they go and seek it? That's the question, and Jesus is saying to us, 'come to me'".

The people who truly inspire us in this life, notes the Bishop, are not the people who have taken the easy way out: "They are the people who continue to love in spite of everything".

"I was happy to be a priest, that was part of my own vocation story", he says.

Offering advice for men and women considering a vocation, Bishop Cullinan invites people to "pray and trust; don't be afraid. We are all unworthy;

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

8 p.m.

11 a.m. P.J. and Molly Daly

**There is no 9.30 am Mass Monday**

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Saturday 8 p.m.** Andy Hennessey  
Birthday Remembrance

11 a.m. Frank Keoghan Fist Anniversary

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maureen Nevin, sister-in-law of Bernie Guilfoyle who died in Cavan. May she rest in Peace.**

there is nobody who is worthy of priesthood except Jesus Himself."

In the midst of a global pandemic, many people have been doing inspiring things to help and support others. There are the healthcare workers on the front lines along with hospital Chaplains who are there to comfort the sick and their families. Asked if this could inspire people to follow a call like this, Bishop Cullinan says it could well be the case, because, "the Lord uses any and every situation to mediate his grace, and please God there will be young men and women inspired by that example."

"I think this pandemic has made us realize what a great blessing it is to have churches, to have priests, to have religious... and this lockdown has made us more conscious of the great blessing that we have in this country, religious freedom."



**A hospital chaplain during the Covid Pan-**

In a prayer from the year 1937, Sister Faustina expresses very beautifully how wide and how deep the delicacy of feeling for mercy goes, what it can concretely mean for a Christian, and what it can concretely accomplish:

**Help me, O Lord, that my eyes may be merciful,** so that I may never suspect or judge from appearances, but look for what is beautiful in my neighbours' souls and come to their rescue.

**Help me, O Lord, that my ears may be merciful,** so that I may give heed to my neighbours' needs and not be indifferent to their pains and moanings.

**Help me, O Lord, that my tongue may be merciful,** so that I should never speak negatively of my neighbour, but have a word of comfort and forgiveness for all.

**Help me, O Lord, that my hands may be merciful** and filled with good deeds, so that I may do only good to my neighbours and take upon myself the more difficult and toilsome tasks.

**Help me, O Lord, that my feet may be merciful,** so that I may hurry to assist my neighbour, overcoming my own fatigue and weariness. My true rest is in the service of my neighbour.

**Help me, O Lord, that my heart may be merciful** so that I myself may feel all the sufferings of my neighbour. I will refuse my heart to no one. I will be sincere even with those who, I know, will abuse my kindness. And I will lock myself up in the most merciful Heart of Jesus. I will bear my own suffering in silence. May Your mercy, O Lord, rest upon me. You **Yourself command me to exercise the three degrees of mercy. The first: the act of mercy,** of whatever kind. **The second: the word of mercy**—if I cannot carry out a work of mercy, I will assist by my words. **The third: prayer**—if I cannot show mercy by my deeds or words, I can always do so by prayer. My prayer reaches out even there where I cannot reach out physically. **O my Jesus, transform me into Yourself, for You can do all things.**

How could this pray apply in our families?

Offerings €1,205 Renovation Fund €1,640

**THANK YOU!**

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.



**Dear Brothers and Sisters: Prayer is the breath of faith, a cry arising from the hearts of those who trust in God.** We see this in the story of Bartimaeus, the beggar from Jericho. Though blind, he is aware that Jesus is approaching, and perseveres in calling out: "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" (Mk 10:47). By using the phrase "Son of David", he makes a profession of faith in Jesus the Messiah. In response the Lord invites Bartimaeus to express his desire, which is to be able to see again. Christ then tells him: "Go; your faith has saved you" (v. 52). This indicates that faith is a cry for salvation attracting God's mercy and power. It is not only Christians who pray but all men and women who search for meaning on their earthly journey. As we continue on our pilgrimage of faith, may we, like Bartimaeus, always persevere in prayer, especially in our darkest moments, and ask the Lord with confidence: "Jesus have mercy on me. Jesus, have mercy on us!".

#### **Pope Francis Audience last Wednesday**

First Holy Communion was meant to be in Rahugh today and in Kilbeggan next Saturday. I wish the children well, and am sorry they are disappointed. As I told you in my letter a few weeks ago, we will have First Penance and Communion for them as soon as possible. They will be able to celebrate with their grannies and grandads, and cousins at Mass with them.

