

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

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Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Sunday — Friday 7.30 – 8 p.m.

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today we celebrate International Nurses Day, in the context of the International Year of Nurses and Midwives officially declared by the World Health Organization. At this same time, we observe the bicentennial of the birth of Florence Nightingale, the pioneer of modern nursing.

At this critical moment, marked by the global health emergency caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, we have rediscovered the fundamental importance of the role being played by nurses and midwives. Every day we witness the testimony of courage and sacrifice of healthcare workers, and nurses in particular, who, with professionalism, self-sacrifice, and a sense of responsibility and love for neighbour, assist people affected by the virus, even to the point of putting their own health at risk. Sadly, this can be seen in the high number of healthcare workers who have died as a result of their faithful service. I pray for them – the Lord knows each of them by name – and for all the victims of this epidemic. May the Risen Lord grant to each of them the light of heaven and to their families the consolation of faith.

Nurses have historically played a central role in health care. Every day, in their contact with the sick, they experience the trauma caused by suffering in people's lives. They are men and women who have chosen to say "yes" to a very special vocation: that of being good Samaritans who are concerned for the life and suffering of others. They are guardians and preservers of life, who, even as they administer necessary treatments, offer courage, hope and trust.[1]

Dear nurses, dear midwives, may this annual celebration highlight the dignity of your work for the benefit of the health of society as a whole. With the assurance of my prayers for you, your families and those for whom you care, I cordially impart to all of you my Apostolic Blessing. Rome, from Saint John Lateran, 12 May 2020

Excerpt of Pope Francis Address and blessing of Nurses .

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday 8 p.m. Andy Hennessey Birthday Remembrance

11 a.m. Frank Keoghan First Anniversary

Tom and Margaret Cantwell, and their daughter, Pauline Heffernan

Wednesday 9.30 a.m. Nellie O'Rourke Birthday Remembrance.

Ascension of Our Lord.

8 p.m.

11 a.m. Willie Fitzgerald First Anniversary

Mary Anne and Jack Gorry
Joe and Kitty Dunne, Mountrath House



Please pray for the repose of the Soul of Dinny Scally the Hill, who died during the week. May he rest in peace.



A woman looks at a mural of a nurse with wings holding a globe on International Nurses Day, Australia



Calculated Grades 2020 for Mercy Secondary School Kilbeggan. The Parish wish all the students every blessing with the end of year, and the end of

their time in Mercy Secondary School, and to those concluding in other schools. Hopefully a large amount of the stress is removed, from you and your families, as a result of knowing what is happening. We continue to keep you in our prayers and to wish you every success. We hope you will be able to relax after all your hard work!

Pope John Paul II was born on 18 May 1920. to his mother Emilia, and father, Karol, after whom he was named,

In 1929 Karol Wojtyła mother's death occurred when the future Saint was only 9 years old. Emilia, whose health was poor, had completed her pregnancy amidst a thousand difficulties, even though doctors had advised her not to continue with it. Her constitution had been so severely compromised that the nine years after his birth were punctuated by continuous hospitalization and constantly ebbing strength until her death.



Three years after his mother's premature death, another deep sorrow struck the Wojtyła family: the tragic death, at the early age of 26, of Edmund, the beloved older brother that Karol had looked up to with admiration. He was a doctor who died caring

for people with scarlet fever, lill Covid, there was no vaccine. He knew he was risking his life.

And so at the tender age of twelve, Karol found himself alone with his father, a career soldier in the Polish army. His father was a good and serious man, whose faith, despite so many personal tragedies, remained unshaken. He "accompanied" his only remaining son as he grew to adulthood, forming his personality by teaching him — above all by his own example — values such as integrity, patriotism, and that love for the Virgin Mary that became almost second nature to the younger Karol Wojtyla. When, after having become Bishop of Rome, he recalled his father in a conversation with his journalist friend, André Frossard, he was



We received a gift of €500 this week for the Renovation Fund. Thanks to all who are so generous in these difficult times.

.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

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deeply moved. "My father was wonderful", he said, "and almost all my childhood memories refer to him". The Pope then pointed out that the many sorrows his father had experienced, rather than causing him to turn in on himself, had instead opened up "immense spiritual depths". "His pain became prayer", the future Saint said. "The simple fact of seeing him on his knees in prayer had a decisive influence on my formative years". It had an influence, too, on his priestly vocation.

The years of his maturity were decisive for Karol's total entrustment to the Lord and His Mother. Karol and his father now lived in Krakow. There as a young man he was studying at university when the Nazi occupation occurred. The sufferings of his family intertwined and merged, becoming one with those of the Polish homeland. At the age of 21, the future Pope also lost his father, who died on a cold winter night on February 18, 1941, perhaps the most painful day in his life. Karol Wojtyla was alone in the world. And yet thanks to the love, the example, and the teaching of his parents and his brother — those "saints next door" (as Pope Francis might say) —he knew that there is a Hope that no illness, and not even death, can overwhelm. In the long journey of his life, in his travels throughout the world proclaiming the Gospel, Karol Wojtyla always had his family with him. Like his mother, he defended life with courage. Like his brother, he spent himself for others until the end. Like his father, he was not afraid, because he opened, and indeed opened wide, the doors to Christ.

First Holy Communion was meant to be in Kilbeggan yesterday. 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.

