

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



Feast of Christ the King

8 p.m. John, Sarah, Geraldine, and Sean Egan.

Fintan and Molly Scally and deceased members of the Coyne and Scally Families.

11 a.m. Jack Mc Cormack Patrick Seery and his parents. Mary and Joseph Rattigan

First Sunday of Advent



8 p.m.

11 a.m. Christy Duffy Anniversary

Friday evening Mass changed to 7.30 p.m.



We have Rosary and Benediction Sunday to Thursday at 7.30 p.m. this coming week which will be available on the webcam.

Beginning the Church's liturgical year, Advent



(from, "ad-venire" in Latin or "to come to") is the season encompassing the four Sundays (and weekdays) leading up to the celebration of Christmas.

The Advent season begins next Sunday, it is a time

of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, focus particularly on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas).

Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season.

Of course this year is marked with uncertainty due to the virus. But we can still prepare for the celebration of our Saviours Birth in Bethlehem.

- ◇ Use this Advent season to ready your heart for Jesus. In what ways can you improve your relationship with him?
- ◇ This year has been challenging for many. Bring joy to someone today. Text or call a friend, help a stranger in need, or share today's Gospel with your loved ones.
- ◇ Take time to examine your conscience, and see where the Lord would like you to make changes in your life.
- ◇ There was no room for Jesus in the inn. Could you help the poor who are in need today?
- ◇ Pray for the Church, ask the Lord to bless and protect it today. Welcome Jesus each day into your heart.



Renovation Fund €465.
Offerings €425,
List of the Dead €295.
Plate €395 .Thanks to all who
contribute in what ever way
to the parish your generosity is appreciated.

Prayer to Christ he King

O Lord our God, You alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations. We pray to You, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from You, O Divine King, mercy, peace, justice and all good things. Protect, O Lord our King, our families and the land of our birth. Guard us we pray Most Faithful One. Protect us from our enemies and from Your Just Judgment. Forgive us, O Sovereign King, our sins against you. Jesus, You are a King of Mercy. We have deserved Your Just Judgment Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. We trust in Your Great Mercy. O most awe-inspiring King, we bow before You and pray; May Your Reign, Your Kingdom, be recognized on earth. Amen



The Parish Shop has to close due to restrictions but if there is something you need please contact us.

When the Parish Charity Shop re-opens, we regret that due to Health & Safety Regulations, we will not be accepting or selling children's clothes or toys.

Excerpt from Pope Francis Audience Wednesday

The Virgin Mary, prayerful woman Mary accompanied Jesus's entire life in prayer, right up to His death and resurrection; and in the end, she continued and she accompanied the first steps of the nascent Church (see Acts 1:14). Mary prayed with the disciples who had witnessed the scandal of the cross. She prayed with Peter who had succumbed to fear and cried for remorse. Mary was there, with the disciples, in the midst of the men and women whom her Son had called to form His Community.



with them, in the community, as a member of the community. She prayed with them and prayed for them. And, once again, her prayer preceded into the future that was about to be fulfilled: by the work of the Holy Spirit

she became the Mother of God, and by the work of the Holy Spirit she became the Mother of the Church. Praying with the nascent Church, she becomes the Mother of the Church, accompanying the disciples on the first steps of the Church in prayer, awaiting the Holy Spirit. In silence, always silently. Mary's prayer is silent. The Gospels recount only one of Mary's prayers at Cana, when she asks her Son for those poor people who are about to make a horrible impression during the banquet. So, let us imagine: there is a wedding banquet and it will end up with milk because there is no wine! What an impression! And she prays and asks her Son to resolve that problem. In and of itself, Mary's presence is prayer, and her presence among the disciples in the Upper Room, awaiting the Holy Spirit, is in prayer. Thus Mary gives birth to the Church, she is the Mother of the Church. The Catechism explains: "In the faith of his humble handmaid, the Gift of God", that is, the Holy Spirit, "found the acceptance he had awaited from the beginning of time"

In the Virgin Mary, natural feminine intuition is exalted by her most singular union with God in prayer. This is why, reading the Gospel, we note that she seems to disappear at times, only to reappear for crucial moments: Mary was open to God's voice that guided her heart, that guided her steps where her presence was needed. Her silent presence as mother and as disciple. Mary is present because she is Mother, but she is also present because she is the first disciple, the one who best learned Jesus's ways. Mary never says: "Come, I will take care of things". Instead she says: "Do whatever He will tell you", always pointing her finger at Jesus. This behaviour is typical of the disciple, and she is the first disciple: she prays as Mother and she prays as a disciple.