

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

Third Sunday of Advent

6 p.m. Mary Jo and James Carey

8 p.m.

9.30 a.m. Eileen Egan and deceased family

11 a.m. James and Kathleen Coughlan

Monday 9.30 a.m. John and Rose O'Connor

Wednesday 9.30 a.m. Joe and Eileen O'Connor

Thursday 9.30 a.m. Brigid Campbell

Friday 7.30 p.m. Peter and Annie Jo Mc Loughlin, Michael and Rose Cummins, Kathleen Spillane



Fourth Sunday of Advent

6 p.m.

8 p.m. Eamonn and Colm Heffernan

9.30 a.m.

11 a.m. Andy, Una and Eileen Hennessy

Confessions after 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Masses on Saturday and 12 noon to 1 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

Christmas Mass Schedule 2020

Thursday 24th Dec. **Christmas Eve** 4 p.m. , 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Friday 25th Dec. **Christmas Day** 9.30 a.m. and 11 a.m.



Parish Charity Shop Next week we will be open Monday to Friday from 10am. to 5pm. and Saturday from 10a.m. to 1p.m.

Sale on all ladies and gents clothing.
Thank you for your great support.



Pope Francis proclaims “Year of St Joseph”



With the Apostolic Letter “*Patris corde*” (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph” from today, 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021.

Excerpt from letter:

I would like to share some personal reflections on this extraordinary figure, so close to our own human experience. For, as Jesus says, “out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks” (Mt 12:34). My desire to do so increased during these months of pandemic, when we experienced, amid the crisis, how “our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked. People who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines, or on the latest television show, yet in these very days are surely shaping the decisive events of our history. Doctors, nurses, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caregivers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests, men and women religious, and so very many others. They understood that no one is saved alone... How many people daily exercise patience and offer hope, taking care to spread not panic, but shared responsibility. How many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children, in small everyday ways, how to accept and deal with a crisis by adjusting their routines, looking ahead and encouraging the practice of prayer. How many are praying, making sacrifices and interceding for the good of all”. [6] Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all.



If at times God seems not to help us, surely this does not mean that we have been abandoned, but instead are being trusted to plan, to be creative, and to find solutions ourselves.

That kind of creative courage was shown by the friends of the paralytic, who lowered him from the roof in order to bring him to Jesus (cf. Lk 5:17-26). Difficulties did not stand in the way of those friends’ boldness and persistence. They were convinced that Jesus could heal the man, and “finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the middle of the crowd in front of Jesus. When he saw their faith, he said, ‘Friend, your sins are forgiven you’” (vv. 19-20). Jesus recognized the creative faith with which they sought to bring their sick friend to him.

Plate €825; Renovation Fund envelopes €710; Offerings €165; List of the Dead €60. Thanks to all who contribute in whatever way to the parish, your generosity is appreciated.

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