

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 p.m. Brendan Dowling First Anniversary

11 a.m. Michael Crombie, Rahugh
Ollie and Eileen Finn

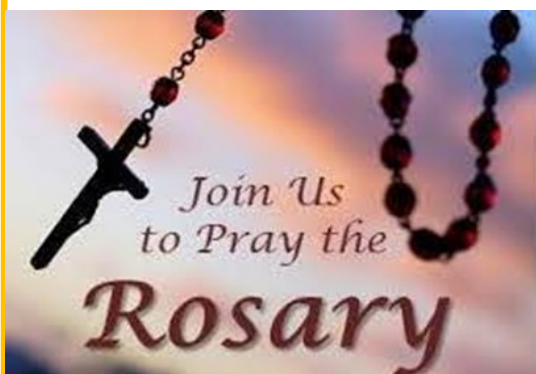
Saturday 10 a.m. Enda Blake

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 p.m.

11.00 a.m. Jean Landers 20th Anniversary

We will have Rosary and Benediction each evening Sunday to Thursday at



Let us pray for all the grace we need to unite our sufferings to His, that many souls, who live in darkness and misery, may know His love and life.

-St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Excerpt from Statement by Bishop Tom Deenihan on the publication of the Report of the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes

"While a lack of resources and an intense social poverty go some way towards contextualising the period of this report, the lack of kindness and compassion, as identified by the Commission, is also clear. When Church, state and society lose respect for the individual and forget that we are made in the image and likeness of God, dignity is forgotten and human life is not valued. Like many others, I am saddened and shamed by this report.

I have met with individuals who were either resident or born in these institutions. In addition to what for many were the unacceptable conditions and the inadequate assistance received, they have been unfairly burdened with an unwarranted but enduring sense of shame. There is also a tendency to forget that every child who was born in these homes had a father and that many of the women who gave birth there conceived in tragic or violent circumstances. The report acknowledges this clearly. In many instances, the experiences of these women have been so painful as to prevent them from ever sharing their story with their families. It is a wound that they bear silently. That is profoundly sad and we have an obligation to do what we can to lift this burden."

The full text is available on our new website.
www.kilbegganparish.ie

Scoil an Chlochair ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE in respect of admissions to the 2021/2022 school year

The following are the dates applicable for admission to Junior Infants. The school will commence accepting applications for admission on 18/01/2021 . The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on 01/02/2021 The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is 15/02/2021 The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is 15/02/2021 to 26/02/2021

The same dates apply for admission to the school's Special Class which caters for children with ASD -

The number of places being made available in junior infants 26 The number of places being made available in the special class catering for children with ASD is 1

A copy of the school's Admission Policy and the Application Form for Admission for the 2021 is available as follows: – To download at: www.kilbeggannationalschool.com On request: By emailing officec@kilbeggannationalschool.com or writing to: Scoil an Chlochair, Kilbeggan, Co. Westmeath

Or on the Parish website www.kilbegganparish.ie

The Archbishop of Armagh, Eamon Martin has welcomed a report by an Irish Commission of Inquiry into



Mother and Baby Homes in the country. The report found that from the 1920's to the 1990's thousands of infants died in these homes . It also found an "appalling" mortality rate as a result of harsh living conditions.

The report, which covered 18 homes where pregnant unmarried women were sent, revealed that 9,000 children died – a mortality rate of 15%. Many children were also taken from their mothers and adopted both in Ireland and overseas. Irish Prime Minister Micheál Martin made a formal apology on behalf of the State to survivors in parliament on Wednesday for what he described as "a dark, difficult and shameful

chapter of very recent Irish history."

In his statement, the Archbishop of Armagh, Eamon Martin unreservedly apologized to the survivors and all those, he said, "who are personally impacted by the realities it uncovers." He added, "I accept that the Church was clearly part of that culture in which people were frequently stigmatized, judged and rejected."

"Although it may be distressing," he said, "it is important that all of us spend time in the coming days reflecting on this Report which touches on the personal story and experience of many families in Ireland." Above all, the Archbishop stressed, "we must continue to find ways of reaching out to those whose personal testimonies are central to this Report."

"The Commission's Report helps to further open to the light what was for many years a hidden part of our shared history and it exposes the culture of isolation, secrecy and social ostracizing which faced 'unmarried mothers' and their children in this country." "The rights of all survivors to access personal information about themselves should be fully respected and I again urge the State to ensure that any remaining obstacles to information and tracing should be overcome."

"All burial grounds should be identified and appropriately marked so that the deceased and their families will be recognized and never be forgotten." This Report, the Archbishop said, "will hopefully speak not just to our past but will also have lessons for today and for future generations." He also underlined that "as Church, State and wider society we must ensure together that, in the Ireland of today, all children and their mothers feel wanted, welcomed and loved."