

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**



Divine Mercy Sunday

Saturday 8 p.m. Michael and Ann McMahon and their daughter Eileen and grandson Michael, Belmont

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jimmy McDonnell, Clara Road, whose funeral Mass is 11 a.m on Sunday in St James' Church, and Mary Galvin, Cloonagh, Mucklagh, mother of Geraldine Hennessey, Moycashel who died recently. May they rest in peace.



Plate : €1,070, Easter Offerings €2,105, Lenten Offerings €350. Renovation Fund €2,666.

Thanks to everyone for their generosity to the Parish collections.

Regina Coeli (We say this prayer instead of the Angelus in Eastertide)

Queen of Heaven, rejoice. Alleluia.

For He, whom you were worthy to bear. Alleluia.

Has risen as He said. Alleluia.

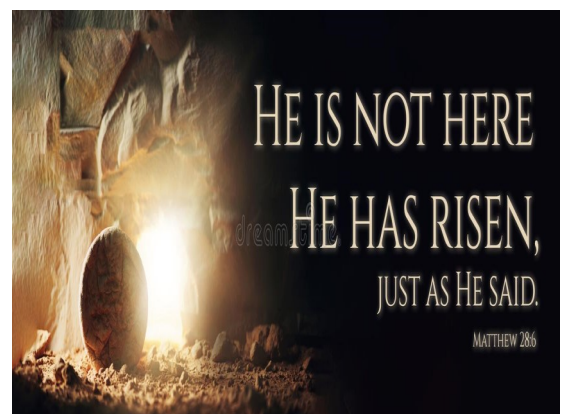
Pray for us to God. Alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary. Alleluia.

R. Because the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia.

Let us pray

O God, Who by the Resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, has been pleased to give joy to the whole world, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may attain the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.





We will have Rosary and Benediction Monday, Tuesday and Thursday , this week and Mass on Friday evening at 7.30 p.m.

On Wednesday Evening at 7.30 p.m. we will have Lectio Divina when we will reflect on the Gospel for next Sunday's Mass . The Reading is

John 10:11-18 The Readings for Mass are available on the Parish Website www.kilbegganparish.ie. This will give us an opportunity to reflect and pray before the Blessed Sacrament. It will last the same length as other evenings, 25-30 minutes.



LECTIO DIVINA

Reading the Scripture
Reflecting on the Meaning
Responding through Prayer
Resting in God
Responding in Action

One of the concerning features of the pandemic is the ubiquitous discussion concerning the numbers of positive cases and deaths, and the prominence of public personalities who only speak of the spread of the virus. For many people, therefore, the only voice that is heard is the voice that promotes fear of the virus and offers a vaccine as the only source of hope. This is a harmful reductionism of life, especially for people who have effectively been confined to their homes and deprived of meaningful interaction with other human beings for a significant period of time.

This has to be a matter of concern for the Church. Many of its most faithful members do not have the reflex, much less the resources, to turn to the word of God. Consequently, these are unable to avail of the



power of God's word to transform fear into hope, to offer meaning in the face of suffering, and to offer spiritual nourishment when the Sacraments are not available. People of faith deserve more than just alarming daily numbers and the promise of a vaccine. They deserve to be able to hear the voice that promises salvation, that says, "do not fear ... I have called you by name, you are mine" (Is 43:1). Resources such as Magnificat are undoubtedly helpful in offering people the word of God daily with useful commentaries but the reach of such re-

sources is minimal. The problem lies in the simple fact that the majority of Catholics do not know that the word of God has the power to offer them hope and meaning, and despite the desire of Vatican II and subsequent synods to put the word of God more at the heart of the life of the Church, the pandemic has shown that we are a long way off realising that desire.

An excerpt from. "By the rivers of Babylon, A reflection on the loss of public Mass during the COVID-19 Pandemic" , by Fr. Declan Hurley Adm. Navan Picture from St. Mary's Church, Navan, courtesy of James Crombie , Rahugh.

Trócaire

Please bring your Trocaire money to the Church this week . If you can please change it into notes rather than coins. (if not the coins will be ok.) Your offerings will make a great difference to peoples

lives. You can leave it in the basket at the front of the altar.

April

World Day for Child Sexual Abuse
Prevention, Healing and Justice

In his message to participants, the Pope expressed his trust that "by bringing together Religious Leaders, Scholars, and experts from various fields in order to share research, clinical and pastoral experiences and best practices, the Symposium will contribute to a greater awareness of the gravity and extent of child sexual abuse and promote more effective cooperation at every level of society in eradicating this profound evil." Jennifer Wortham, Dr.PH, the Executive Director for the Initiative on Health, Religion, and Spirituality at Harvard University, who is universally credited with being the motor at the heart of the event