

God's People Our Parish

St. James and St Hugh, Kilbeggan and Rahugh

Vigil 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 11 a.m.

Monday to Friday 9.30 a.m. and 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

Thanks to everyone for your kindness and prayers while I was off on sick-leave for the past 6 weeks. Thanks to all the volunteers who kept everything going. Special thanks to Fr. Joe Campbell who acted as the priest here in Kilbeggan and Rahugh while I was away. I know how grateful you all are to him.

In this time of emergency there has also emerged the love and heroism of many people, who are extending themselves to care for the weak and the vulnerable, the sick and the isolated. The image of Jesus washing feet at the Last Supper is not lost on us at this time. The goodness and sacrifice of many will be remembered.

Easter Vigil 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday 11 a.m.

Monday 10 a.m.

Dora and Laurence Daly, St Mary's Ave.

Wednesday 9.30a.m.

Eileen and Christina Joyce

Saturday 10 a.m. Joseph and Bridget Phylan, their daughter Mary and husband Brendan

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

Plate €345, Offerings €660, Renovation Fund Envelopes €415

Thanks to all who support the parish.



Dear brothers and sisters,

We have begun Holy Week. For the second time we will live it within the context of the pandemic. Last year we were more shaken up; this year it is more trying for us. And the economic crisis has become heavy.

In this historical and social situation, what is God doing? He takes up the cross. Jesus takes up the cross, that is, he takes on the evil that this situation entails, the physical and psychological evil – and above all the spiritual evil – because the Evil One is taking advantage of the crisis to disseminate distrust, desperation, and discord.

And us? What should we do? The one who shows us is the Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus, who is also his first disciple. She followed her Son. She took upon herself her own portion of suffering, of darkness, of confusion, and she walked the way of the passion keeping the lamp of faith lit in her heart. With God's grace, we too can make that journey. And, along the daily way of the cross, we meet the faces of so many brothers and sisters in difficulty: let us not pass by, let us allow our hearts to be moved with compassion, and let us draw near. When it happens, like the Cyrenian, we might think: "Why me?" But then we will discover the gift that, without our own merit, has touched us. **Pope Francis Palm Sunday**



In Celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus we remember all whom we love who have died. May they rest in peace and rise in glory with Jesus. We all depend on the mercy of God and we place our loved ones in the merciful arms of God. ,

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Beatrice Murphy, nee Maxwell, Galway and Ballinagore



Pope Francis organises vaccine for the homeless in Rome. The Office of Papal Charities, in response to Pope Francis's appeals that no one be excluded from receiving the vaccines, organized an initiative of providing 1,200 of the poorest and most vulnerable people in society with an opportunity of getting vaccinated with the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine – the same administered to the Pope and the employees of the Holy See. The vaccines were administered at the Paul VI Hall in the Vatican. Present to welcome those the group vaccinated on Wednesday was the Papal Almoner, Cardinal Konrad Krajewski. A statement from the Holy See Press Office said that in coming days, other groups of people will receive the vaccines, accompanied by volunteers from the Community of Sant'Egidio, Caritas Rome, the Missionaries of Charity and other associations.

Introduction to the Stations of the Cross written by children for Pope Francis to be celebrated for the Church around the world. Full stations available http://www.vatican.va/news_services/liturgy/2021/documents/ns_lit_doc_20210402_via-crucis-meditazioni_en.html

or on the parish website www.kilbegganparish.ie

Dear Jesus,

You know that we children also have crosses to carry. Crosses that are no lighter or heavier than those of adults, but are still real crosses, crosses that weigh us down even at night. Only you know what they are, and take them seriously. Only you.



Only you know how hard it is for me to learn not to be afraid of the dark and all alone.

Only you know how hard it is to wake up every morning after wetting the bed.

Only you know how hard it is to think quickly and to learn grammar and math.

Only you know how hard it is to see my parents fight and slam the door and not talk to each other for days.

Only you know how hard it is to be made fun of, and not be invited to parties.

Only you know what it means to be poor and have to do without things my friends have.

Only you know how hard it is to reveal a terrible secret, not knowing who to tell for fear of being betrayed, accused or not believed.

Dear Jesus, you once were a child like me. You used to play and maybe you would fall and hurt yourself. You also went to school and maybe some of your schoolwork was not exactly great. You too had a mom and a dad, and you know that there are times when I don't want to obey them when they tell me to do my homework, to take out the trash, to make my bed and to tidy up my room. You too went to catechism and to prayer and you know that I'm not always perfectly happy to go there.

Dear Jesus, you more than anybody else know that there are children in our world who have nothing to eat, who cannot go to school, who are being used and forced to become soldiers.

Help us to carry our daily crosses as you carried yours. Help us to become better and better, to become what you want us to be. I thank you, because I know that you are always close to me and that you never abandon me, even when I am most afraid. And thank you too, for sending my guardian angel to light and guard me every day. Amen