## God's People Our Parish

## St. James and St Hugh, Kilbeggan and Rahugh

Saturday Vigil 7.30 p.m. Kilbeggan Sunday 9.30 a.m. Rahugh and 11 a.m. Kilbeggan Monday to Friday 9.30 a.m. Saturday 10 a.m Friday 7.30 p.m. Rahugh

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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 Mercy Sunday 7.30 p.m. 9.30 a.m. William, Teresa, Oliver Geoghegan. 11 a.m. Maureen Crowe 5th Anniversary Third Sunday of Easter 7.30 p.m. Anthony and Mary Daly and daughter Una. 9.30 a.m. Anne and Johnny Harte 11 a.m. Fr. Kevin Mc Devitt, Month's Mind. Donal McPaul his parents, Bernard and Breda, Gerry and Dolores Paddy and Joe Scally

Thanks to all who participated in the Holy Week Ceremonies and made them such



Jesus, I trust in You

prayerful occasions



Offerings: €3815; Renovation Fund: €1,324; Holy Thursday Trocaire: €755; Good Friday Holy Land Shrines: €475 Thanks to all who are so generous.





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email to meathsynodalpathway@gmail.com The questionnaire can also be downloaded from the Synod page on www.dioceseofmeath.ie

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## How to overcome our fears. Pope Francis Easter Monday, 18 April 2022

Jesus reassures them with simple words: "Do not be afraid" (v. 10). The Lord knows that our fears are our daily enemies. He also knows that our fears hide from the great fear, that of death: fear of fading away, of losing loved ones, of being sick, of

not being able to cope further... But at Easter Jesus conquered death. So, no one else can tell us in a more convincing way: "Do not be afraid." The Lord says this right there next to the tomb from which he came out victorious. He invites us to come out of the tomb of our fears. Listen closely: come out of the tombs of our fears, since our fears are like tombs, they bury us. He knows that fear is always lurking at the door of our heart, and we need to hear ourselves say do not be afraid, fear not on Easter morning as on the morning of every day, "do not be afraid." Take courage. Brother, sister, who believe in Christ, do not be afraid! Jesus says: "I tasted death for you, I took your pain upon myself. Now I have risen to tell you: I am here with you forever. Do not be afraid!" Fear not.

But how can we combat fear? The second thing Jesus tells the women can help us: "Go and tell my brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see me." (v. 10) Go and tell. Fear always closes us in on ourselves, while Jesus instead makes us go forth and sends us to others. This is the solution. We might say to ourselves, but I am not capable of doing this! But just think, the women were not perhaps the most suitable and prepared to proclaim the resurrection, but that did not matter to the Lord. He cares that we go forth and proclaim. Go and tell. Because the Easter joy is not to be kept to oneself. The joy of Christ is strengthened by giving it, it multiplies sharing it. If we open ourselves and bear the Gospel, our hearts will open and overcome fear. This is the secret: we proclaim and overcome fear

Now is the time to return to Mass . It looks like we are always going to have the Covid with us in



some form like the 'flu'. The dispensation to miss Mass was intended to protect life. As always, those whose health is vulnerable or who are unwell will not be under any obligation to attend Mass, and should keep themselves safe and pray at home until they are better. Those who are well should attend Mass. We also give thanks for the many people in our parishes who worked so hard to maintain our worship and parish life in the safest way possible. We keep in our prayers all who have been impacted in any

way during the pandemic, especially the bereaved. Thanks to all the "Frontliners" in our parish who have shown heroic service. It was wonderful the church was able to remain open in Kilbeggan, and thanks to the people of Rahugh, for their patience for the time in which Rahugh was closed. Thanks to Fr. Joe Campbell for supplying in Kilbeggan while I was ill last year.

Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 12-17th of September led by Bishop Deenihan. 5 nights full board, Gov.Tax, shrine tax, and travel insurance included from €759. The pilgrimage this year will be for Hotel Pilgrims only. Booking forms available from: Joe Walsh Tours, 69 O'Connell St, Dublin 1 Tel: 01-2410800. or info@joewalshtours.ie

