# 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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Confessions Saturday 10.30 a.m. ~ 11.30 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 mv 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



## Feast of Christ the King

7.30 p.m. Kevin Flattery John Dinnegan, Moate Rd. Carton Family, Comagh Rd.
9.30 a.m. Fintan and Molly Scally and deceased members of the Scally

and Coyne families. 11 a.m. Patrick Seery and his parents, and Joseph and Mary Rattigan.

### First Sunday of Advent

7.30 p.m. James and Kathleen Finnegan Deceased members of the Keegan and Doolin families.

9.30 a.m. Br. Pat McElduff and John O'Rourke

11 a.m. Jack and Rose Mc Cormack Christy Duffy





We received a gift of €3,000 this week. Plate: €1,145; Renovation Fund: €1,135; Offerings and List of the Dead €690. Thanks to all who are so generous to the Parish finances.



Make love your aim 1 Cor 14:1



Rahugh Hall Christmas Tractor Run Saturday 17th December. Registration €25 per tractor at 4 p.m.. Run begins at 5 p.m. Prizes for best dressed tractor. Raffle in The Hazel with music by the "Sailors". Proceeds for Rahugh Hall. Enquiries 086 6022731



Charity Shop will be open on 4 Mondays before Christmas, starting 28th November. Massive reductions on ladies and gents clothing before Christmas. Good selection of Christmas stock in shop. Plenty of opportunity to get gifts.

Open Tuesday to Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Kilbeggan Christmas Market Sunday 27th November**. If you would like to have a stall at the Market, contact Adrian with a WhatsApp 086 0285007



#### **NEW PARISH PASTORAL ASSEMBLY (PPA)**

Thanks to all who nominated parishioners to the PPA. I hope to have a meeting soon to get the Assembly up and running. Thanks to all who accepted nomination.

Opening Session of the Diocesan Inquiry of THE CAUSE OF THE BEATIFICATION AND CAN-ONISATION OF THE SERVANT OF GOD, FATHER WILLIAM DOYLE SJ following Vespers for the Solemnity of Christ the King, at the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, on Sunday 20th November 2022 at 5pm. see: williedoyle.org. to learn more aboute Fr. Willie. Everyone is invited.



**The Advent Wreath.** The symbolism of the Advent wreath is beautiful. The wreath is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. Three candles are purple and one is rose. The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time. The rose

candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, symbolising rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation** Instead of a Penitential Service at Christmas I will provide Confessions after every Mass during Advent. This will give people many opportunities in the week to go to Confessions along with the Saturday Confessions 10.30 -11.30a.m. There is also Confessions available in neighbouring parishes. It is thought that the Penitential Services, took away



from the Sacrament, and made them less of a personal encounter with the Father the source of all Mercy. They also tended to trivialise the true nature of sin. Most parishes now have individual Confessions instead of the Penitential Service.

"One does not go to confession as chastised people who must humble themselves, but as children who run to receive the Father's embrace. And the Father lifts us up in every situation, He forgives our every sin. Hear this well: God always forgives! Do you understand? God always forgives!" One is not going to a judge to settle accounts, but "to Jesus who loves me and heals me". "Let them feel themselves to be in the place of God the Father who always forgives and embraces and welcomes. Let us give God first place in confession. If God, if He, is the protagonist, everything becomes beautiful, and confessing becomes the Sacrament of joy. Yes, of joy: not of fear and judgment, but of joy". Pope Francis



**The count down for WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 1 ST -6 TH AUGUST,** which will take place in Lisbon, Portugal, has begun. It is time to save the date and prepare for the journey. Pope Francis has registered and invites those aged 18-35 to gather from all parts of the world in joyful celebration of the faith and identity we share in Jesus Christ, Saviour of the World. We look at the example of the young Mary of Nazareth and seek her to intercede and guide all young people. "MARY AROSE AND WENT WITH HASTE" LK. 1:39 Follow www.dioceseofmeath.ie & amp; Facebook: Meath Diocese WYD. Watch this

space for more info in the coming weeks.