

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 bur-
dens, 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 bur-
den is light.”
Mt.11: 28-30**



**Make love
your aim
1 Cor 14:1**



First Sunday of Advent

7.30 p.m. James and Kathleen Finnegan

Deceased members of the Keegan and Doolin families.

Tom, Kitty and Tom Fox, Doon

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

11 a.m. Jack and Rose Mc Cormack

Christy Duffy

Friday 9.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. List of the Dead

Saturday 10 a.m. James and Kathleen Coughlan, Grange.

Second Sunday of Advent

7.30 p.m. Mary and Tom Rattigan, their son Michael and daughter Mary.

Richard and Brendan Keoghan.

Brendan Kinahan, 2nd Anniversary

9.30 a.m. Rose Wyer

11 a.m. Joe McCormack, Marian House, Main St.



Plate: €995; Renovation Fund: €1,561; Offerings and List of the Dead €735. Thanks to all who are so generous .

Charity Shop will be open on 4 Mondays before Christmas. Massive reductions on ladies and gents clothing before Christmas. Good selection of Christmas stock in shop. Plenty of opportunity to get gifts. Open Monday to Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m



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

NEW PARISH PASTORAL ASSEMBLY (PPA)

Thanks to all who nominated parishioners to the PPA. Thanks to all who accepted their nomination. The following are the members of the PPA:



Fr. Brendan; Mary Egan, Grange; **Barry Egan**, Newtownlow; **Nicky Finn**, Harbour Rd.; **Breege Jones**, Grangeegibbon; **Maura Maher**, Rahugh; **Grace McNamee**, Durrow; **Sr. Pius**, Tullamore Rd.; **Angela Rock**, Meadow View; **Rose Spillane**, Main St.; **Richard Walsh**, Attyconnor; **P.J. Ward**, The Gallops.

Thanks to all who have accepted their nominations. The First meeting of the PPA will be Monday 5th in the Parish Centre, 7.30 p.m. The meeting will be facilitated by Fr. Derek Darby, Vicar for Pastoral Development in the Diocese.

What can I do in Advent to prepare for Christmas?

Pray More. You could pray the Rosary daily, read in the Bible each day, or spend more time in personal prayer, just talking with God. Visit the church and spend some time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

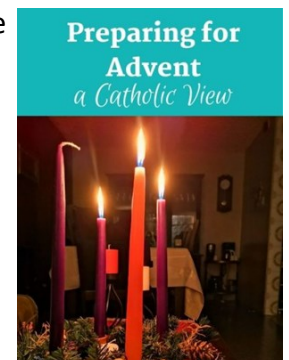
Go to Mass More. Attending Mass more often helps us to keep our focus on God during Advent-and less on the societal consumerism of Christmas.

Go to Confession. One of the best ways to prepare our hearts is to open them to God's mercy and forgiveness. Confession frees us from burdens, and helps us to get our hearts in the right place in regards to others and ourselves.

Give More. You might like to help some charity for Christmas or share with someone you know could do with some help.

Visit More. Is there someone you could visit in a nursing home, or in their own home. Have time for others, especially those who might be lonely.

Pray as Family more. For faith to be passed on prayer is essential. Faith is a relationship with God, and family prayer makes this relationship real.



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.

"If I ask you: what do you think about when you go to confession? I am almost certain of the answer: sins. But are sins really the focus of confession? Does God want you to approach Him by thinking about you, your sins, or about Him?" Pope Francis



I will bring Holy Communion to the Sick and housebound this week. If anyone in your family would like to be visited, please let me know.

An invitation to young adults (18-40 years) to prepare for the joys of Christmas with a prayerful Retreat at Dalgan Park, Navan. 16th - 18th December 2022 (Friday evening - Sunday after lunch) 'The maiden is with Child and will soon give birth to a Son, whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means "God is with us"!' Lk1:3 Donation (full board, own room).

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