

# 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**

**yo** Plate: €1,335  
Renovation  
Fund: €525  
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Please pray



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Evelyn Munro  
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### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.30 p.m. Regina McMahon, Anniversary

9.30 a.m.

11 a.m. Ned Flynn, Anniversary

### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



7.30 p.m. Nan Moore, Months Memory

Maree Moran, Anniversary

Paddy Ryan, Moate Rd.

Carton Family, Comagh Rd.

9.30 a.m.

11 a.m. Michael Feeney, Months Memory

Joe and Deirdre Ennis

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Please pray for the repose of the souls of Evelyn Munro (née Guilfoyle), Dunmore, Galway, sister of Malachy and Mike; and Peter Dunican, England, brother of Mary Egan, Grange, who died during the week. May they rest in peace.



### Parish Charity Shop

We have a wide selection of clothing, household goods and bric-a-brac. Open Tuesday to Saturday 10 a.m.—5 p.m.



Confessions available 10.30 a.m. — 11.30 a.m. on Saturdays.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Monday 10 a.m. — 11 a.m. in Kilbeggan

Friday 7 p.m.— 9 p.m. in Rahugh with Mass at 7.30pm



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is available in your parish!

In the Church for €2.50

The Parish Pastoral Assembly meeting is on Tuesday 21st February @ 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Centre.



The thumb, the finger closest to our heart, symbolizes prayer, which is the driving force in our life. Prayer may seem like something unreal and far from our concrete problems and issues. Yet prayer is the primary ingredient, the basic ingredient for the future, because by ourselves we cannot go very far. We are not all-powerful and, whenever we think we are, we end up failing miserably. Think of a tree, if we take away its roots. Even if that tree is large and robust, it cannot remain standing on

its own. This is why we need to sink our roots in prayer and in listening to the word of God. Prayer is what allows us to grow deeply, day by day, to bear fruit, and to turn the tainted air we breathe into life-giving oxygen. Every tree needs one simple and basic element if it is to grow. That element is water. Prayer is “water for the soul”: it is hidden, unseen, yet it gives life. Those who pray grow inwardly; they are able to lift their gaze on high and to remember that we are made for heaven. Dear brother, dear sister, we need prayer, a living prayer. Do not speak to Jesus like some far-off being who inspires awe and fear, but rather as your best friend, someone who has given his life for you. Jesus knows you, he believes in you and he loves you, always. **Pope Francis speaking to young people in the Democratic Republic of Congo last week.**



**Salva Kiir, the President of South Sudan, lifted the block on peace and reconciliation talks and released 71 prisoners. This is a big step forward for peace in South Sudan. All this occurred as a result of Pope Francis' visit last week.**

## The Story of Lourdes

Born on the 7th of January 1844 in the town of Lourdes, nestled at the foothill of the Pyrenees mountains, Bernadette Soubirous would become famous the world over for the visions of Our Lady that she experienced at just 14 years of age. Mary appeared 18 times.



The first of nine children, Bernadette was born into a very poor family who lived in a state of squalor. Her childhood was a bleak childhood, marred by poor health which she suffered from a very early age. Her mundane life however would be transformed on the 11th of February with her first vision of a very beautiful lady above a bush in a grotto as she went to gather wood. The vision of the woman dressed in blue and white with a rosary in her hands prompted the young Bernadette to fall to her knees and begin to pray. Although in the company of her sister and friend, Bernadette was the only one to see the “petito damiezelo” (the small young lady). Bernadette however never doubted for one minute that what she had seen was real.

Further visions would occur during Bernadette's visits to the grotto but the vision on the 25th of February she described as a truly “life-changing vision.” During the vision, Our Lady asked her “to drink the water from the spring, to wash in it and to eat the herb that grew there” as an act of penance. The next day, the grotto's muddy waters had been cleared and fresh clear water flowed. The visions continued and during the vision on the 2nd of March, Our Lady commented, “a chapel should be built, and a procession formed.” Bernadette approached the local priest, who, for fear that it might promote some type of “fanaticism” within the parish discouraged this. The priest asked Bernadette to ask for a sign – to make the rose bush beneath the niche bud and flower even though it was the middle of February. This happened! When the priest later asked Bernadette to get the Lady to identify herself, Bernadette asked the question to which Our Lady replied, “I am the Immaculate Conception.” Bernadette did not know what it meant.

Over 3,000,000 pilgrims go to Lourdes each year. Bernadette was declared blessed on 14 June 1921 by Pope Pius XI. She was canonized by Pius XI on 8 December 1933. Lourdes is now a place of care for the sick, and for healing bodily and spiritually for all pilgrims. **The Meath Pilgrimage to Lourdes is 12th—17th September.**