

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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Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.30 p.m. William and Anne Keegan, Comagh Rd.

9.30 a.m. Michael and Phil Condrón

11 a.m. Bernie and Brian Kelly and John Stones

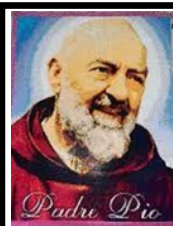
Friday 7.30 p.m. Br. Jim and Sr. Diana Dunne

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.30 p.m.

9.30 a.m. Eileen Flanagan

11 a.m. Bridget O'Shea



Mass to celebrate the 55th Anniversary of the death of St Pio will take place on Friday evening 22nd of September at 7.30 in St Mary's Church, Edenderry, Co Offaly. The Chief Celebrant will be Bishop Denis Nulty. After Mass the glove worn by St Pio will be available if you would like to be blessed. Everyone welcome.

Maintenance Fund: €265; Plate: €990; Shop: €330. **Thanks to all who are so generous.**

Thank you



The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available each Saturday from 10.30—11.30a.m. in St James' Church Kilbeggan. If you wish to make an appointment for Confessions outside these times, contact me at 087 2618353.

The Confession room is bright and spacious and respects the anonymity of the penitent. You can sit or kneel.

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



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September 2023

For people living on the margins. We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.



Would you like your home blessed? If you would like your home blessed, contact

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Rahugh NS Annual Sponsored Walk takes place on **Sun 24th Sept 10.30 am** sharp from the school. Refreshments in the Hall afterwards. **All are welcome.**



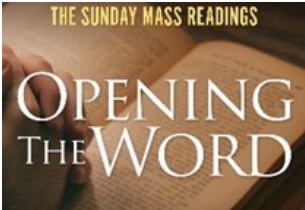


Parish Charity Shop

We have a wide selection of new summer clothing, household goods and bric-a-brac. Much of the clothing is brand new and never worn. There is also a wide selection of shoes.



Open Tuesday to Saturday 10 a.m. — 5p.m. Thanks to all who support



'Opening the Word' Bible Study continues on **Wednesday at 7.30 p.m.** in the **Parish Centre**, where there will be an opportunity to reflect on the Mass readings for next Sunday, see <https://www.kilbegganparish.ie/sunday-mass-readings/> The aim is to deepen our relationship with God and understand more deeply his will for our lives. I encourage Readers and Special Ministers of the Eu-

charist to come along. You do not have to come every week, but you can drop in on the weeks that suit you. **Everyone is welcome.**

In the parable in today's Gospel reading, that of the merciful King (cf. *Mt* 18:21-35), we find this plea twice: "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything" (vv. 26, 29). The first time it is pronounced by the servant who owes his master ten thousand talents, an enormous sum. Today it would be millions and millions of euros. The second time it is repeated by another servant of the same master. He too is in debt, not towards his master, but towards the same servant who has that enormous debt. And his debt is very small, maybe like a week's wages.



The heart of the parable is the indulgence the master shows towards his servant with the bigger debt. The evangelist underlines that, "moved with compassion the master" — we should never forget this word of Jesus: "with compassion", Jesus always had compassion — "moved with compassion the master let him go and forgave him the loan" (v. 27). An enormous debt, therefore a huge remission! But that servant, immediately afterwards, shows himself to be pitiless towards his companion, who owed him a modest amount. He does not listen to him, he is extremely hostile against him and has him thrown in prison until his debt is paid back (cf. v. 30), that small debt. The master hears about this and, indignant, calls the wicked servant back and has him condemned (cf. vv. 32-34): "I forgave you a great deal and you are not capable of forgiving so little?"

In the parable we find two different attitudes: God's — represented by the king who forgives a lot, because God always forgives — and that of the man. In the divine attitude justice is pervaded with mercy, whereas the human attitude is limited to justice. Jesus exhorts us to open ourselves with courage to the strength of forgiveness, because in life not everything can be resolved with justice. We know this. There is a need for that merciful love, which is also at the basis of the Lord's answer to Peter's question, which precedes the parable. Peter's question goes like this: "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?" (v. 21). And Jesus replies, "I do not say to you, seven times but seventy times seven" (v22). In the symbolic language of the Bible this means that we are called to forgive always. How much suffering, how many wounds, how many wars could be avoided if forgiveness and mercy were the style of our life! Even in families, even in families. How many disunited families, who do not know how to forgive each other. How many brothers and sisters bear this resentment within. It is necessary to apply merciful love to all human relationships: between spouses, between parents and children, within our communities, in the Church and also in society and politics. *From Pope Francis' ANGELUS address Saint Peter's Square, Sunday, 13 September 2020*

Coffee Morning



Everyone Welcome

Coffee Morning & Cake Sale will take place in **Rahugh Hall** on **Friday Sept 22nd, 8.30a.m.— 11a.m.** in aid of **North Westmeath Hospice.** Your support is greatly appreciated.