

# 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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I wish all our Parishioners at home and away a blessed New Year.  
May you know the love and presence of Jesus in your lives, and the care of Mary Our Mother.

### Feast of the Holy Family

7.30 p.m. Richard Keoghan, 4th Anniversary

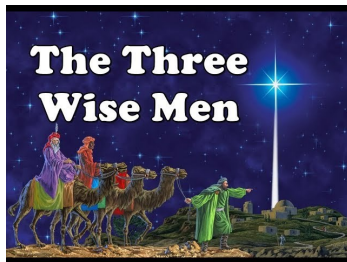
Dolores "Loli" Heffernan

9.30 a.m. Margaret Egan and Deceased family

11 a.m. Phyllis O'Malley, Months Mind  
John, Annie and Frank Keoghan



Monday 1st of January 10 a.m. Feast of "Mary the Holy Mother of God" and World day of prayer for Peace



### The Three Wise Men

### Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

#### Holy Day of Obligation

Friday 5th Jan 7.30 p.m. Vigil Mass Kilbeggan

Saturday 6th Jan 9.30 a.m. Rahugh

11 a.m. Kilbeggan

### The Baptism of the Lord

Sat 6th Jan 7.30 p.m. Vigil Mass Kilbeggan

Sun 7th Jan 9:30 a.m. Rahugh

Sun 7th Jan 11 a.m. Simon Peter Morgan, Month's Mind

Michael Feeney, 1st Anniversary

Bernie and Dill Ward, and Martin Ward, Ballydaly.



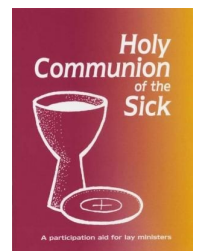
Maintenance Fund: €370; Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Plate: €1,070; Christmas Day plate: €5,395;  
Offerings: €4,595. Thanks to all who are so generous.

I will bring Holy Communion to the sick and housebound this week. If a member of your family would like to be visited please let me know.

### Parish Charity Shop



The Charity Shop will be having its annual break until 16th January. Thanks to all who support the shop and the ladies in the shop. We were able to give €10,000 to LARCC, and many families in our parish, who have a member with cancer, were helped by them.





**We will have Tea/coffee and scones after 9.30 a.m. Mass on Tuesday. All are welcome.**

To say “yes” to the Prince of Peace, then, means saying “no” to war, to every war and to do so with courage, to the very mindset of war, an aimless voyage, a defeat without victors, an inexcusable folly. This is what war is: an aimless voyage, a defeat without victors, an inexcusable folly. To say “no” to war means saying “no” to weaponry. The human heart is weak and impulsive; if we find instruments of death in our hands, sooner or later we will use them. And how can we even speak of peace, when arms production, sales and trade are on the rise? Today, as at the time of Herod, the evil that opposes God’s light hatches its plots in the shadows of hypocrisy and concealment. How much violence and killing takes place amid deafening silence, unbeknownst to many! People, who desire not weapons but bread, who struggle to make ends meet and desire only peace, have no idea how many public funds are being spent on arms. Yet that is something they ought to know! It should be talked about and written about, so as to bring to light the interests and the profits that move the puppet-strings of war.

Isaiah, who prophesied the Prince of Peace, looked forward to a day when “nation shall not lift up sword against nation”, a day when men “will not learn war any more”, but instead “beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks” (2:4). With God’s help, let us make every effort to work for the coming of that day!

May it come in Israel and Palestine, where war is devastating the lives of those peoples. I embrace them all, particularly the Christian communities of Gaza, the parish of Gaza, and the entire Holy Land. My heart grieves for the victims of the abominable attack of 7 October last, and I reiterate my urgent appeal for the liberation of those still being held hostage. I plead for an end to the military operations with their appalling harvest of innocent civilian victims, and call for a solution to the desperate humanitarian situation by an opening to the provision of humanitarian aid. May there be an end to the fueling of violence and hatred. And may the Palestinian question come to be resolved through sincere and persevering dialogue between the parties, sustained by strong political will and the support of the international community. Brothers and sisters, let us pray for peace in Palestine and in Israel. Speaking at the end of his General Audience on Wednesday, Pope Francis renewed his appeal for peace in the Holy Land and Ukraine. Sudan, Ethiopia, Armenia and Azerbaijan, the Horn of Africa and Sudan, as well as Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan.

May the Son of God, who became a lowly Child, inspire political authorities and all persons of good will in the Americas to devise suitable ways to re-

solve social and political conflicts, to combat forms of poverty that offend the dignity of persons, to reduce inequality and to address the troubling phenomenon of migration movements.



***From the Urbi et Orbi” Christmas Blessing of Pope Francis on Christmas Day***



**Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention for January 2024:**

**“FOR THE GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH”** Let us pray that the Spirit help us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church. “

**‘Opening The Word’ Bible Study will continue on Wednesday January 10th at 7.30p.m. in the Parish Centre. We will reflect on the Mass Readings for the following Sunday. Everyone is welcome.**

