

# 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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### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.30 p.m.

9.30 a.m. Michael Crombie

11 a.m. Jack and Mary Ann Gorry and Lizzie Keenan

**Do this in Memory of Me Mass**

### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



7.30 p.m. Brian McNeil and Patty Troy

9.30 a.m.

11 a.m. Laurence Coffey and Marie 2nd Anniversary, and their children Jackie and Stephen, and extended family.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kathleen Doyle, sister of the late Julia Maher, Brownscurragh, who died in England. May she rest in peace.

Maintenance Fund: €275; Plate: €2,235; Offerings: €1,110. Thanks to all who are so generous.

*Thank you*

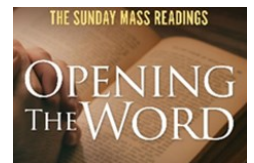
### Parish Charity Shop



The Charity Shop re-opens Tuesday 16th January. We have a wide selection of clothing, household goods and bric-a-brac.

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

'Opening The Word' Bible Study continues each Wednesday in the Parish Centre at 7.30 p.m.—8.30 p.m. We will reflect on the Mass Readings for the following Sunday. Everyone is welcome to drop in. It will help with prayer and understanding God's message.



If you're curious about the Bible, 'The God Who Speaks' is a very good website which provides great online resources to help Catholics of all ages engage with the Bible and help you deepen your faith and love of the Scriptures—see <https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/> In the 'About the Bible' tab, discover how and why the Bible is relevant in our lives today. There is a short guide to help you enjoy reading Scripture and top tips to help you get the most out of it. You can also listen to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke in the **audio gospel series**. In the 'Daily Living' tab, explore praying with scripture; Praying the Psalms; a guide to the letter of St James; and more in the **Time to Reflect** section. There are lots of other interesting and useful resources in the 'Daily Living' tab on **The Meaning of Life; Creation Care; Family; Well Being; Food and Fellowship; Disability; and Justice**. In the 'Saints and Seasons' tab, there are very good resources for the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter plus some feast days throughout the year. There are also other tabs on this website for you to navigate and explore in your own time.





**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

## Prayer for the beginning of the New Year

MY LORD GOD, I have no idea where I am going.

I do not see the road ahead of me.

Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you.

And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore will I trust in you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen. **Thomas Merton**



### The Dicastery for Doctrine of faith clarifies Blessing of couples who are in a homosexual union.



“..... the Church has always considered only those sexual relations that are lived out within marriage to be morally licit, the Church does not have the power to confer its liturgical blessing when that would somehow offer a form of moral legitimacy to a union that presumes to be a marriage or to an extra-marital sexual practice.

In this case, the priest can recite a simple prayer like this: “Lord, look at these children of yours, grant them health, work, peace and mutual help. Free them from everything that contradicts your Gospel and allow them to live according to your will. Amen”. Then it concludes with the sign of the cross on each of the two persons.

We are talking about something that lasts about 10 or 15 seconds. Does it make sense to deny these kinds of blessings to these two people who ask for them? Is it not more appropriate to support their faith, whether it be small or great, to assist them in their weaknesses with a divine blessing, and to channel that openness to transcendence which could lead them to be more faithful to the Gospel?”

**Víctor Manuel Card. Fernández, Prefect, and Mons. Armando Matteo, Secretary for the Doctrinal Section**

**Pilgrimage to Medugorje 12th to 19th June 2024.** €765 pps. Price increase to €815 after 2nd February. Further details contact Luke McNamee 087 9113118. Full details on poster on the notice board.