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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First Sunday of Lent

7.30 p.m. Paddy Ryan, Moate Road9.30 a.m. Annie and Charles Dunne and deceased family 11 a.m.

Saturday 10 a.m. Arthur and Ellen O'Rourke and deceased members of the O'Rourke and Bracken families, and Joseph Kenny

Second Sunday of Lent

7.30 p.m. Jean Landers

Edward and Kate Heffernan

Albert, Mary Jo and Vincent Ryan

9.30 a.m. 11 a.m.



Pope Francis Lenten Message 2024: 'Lent is a Season of Conversion, a Time of Freedom'

Pope Francis gives us a pretty good list of eleven suggestions:

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Almsgiving helps us to experience giving freely, which leads to freedom from the obsession of possessing, from the fear of losing what we have, from the sadness of one who does not wish to share his wealth with others. - Pope Francis

Maintenance Fund: €110; Plate: €1,255; Offerings: €40. Thanks to all who are so generous.

"Opening The Word" Bible Study will resume in the Parish Centre on Wednesday 21st February 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.







Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sr. Sacred Heart, who served as a Mercy Sister in our schools and Parish since 1950. Sacred Heart taught Maths and Science to generations of pupils. Everyone speaks highly of her kindness to the sick, and her



devotion to promoting the Pioneers and the Messenger. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family and to the Mercy Sisters

in Kilbeggan, and in the Northern Province of Mercy. May she Rest in Peace.

This year **Trócaire's lenten campaign** focuses on the country of Malawi, Africa. Malawi is one of the least developed countries in the world and has been badly affected by climate change. In the Machinga district, Malita and her family must make a one-hour trip up to five times a day to collect water. Please support Trócaire in helping communities develop sustainable access to clean, safe and reliable water supplies by taking home a Trócaire box today or going to: www.trocaire.org.



This Week Try to become aware of every time you use water – to clean, to drink, to brush your teeth., think of those who have no water



Last year you gave €4,611 to Trocaire through the parish. Hopefully we will be able to match that generosity this year.

In the ancient church, the sacrament of Baptism was usually performed once a year at Easter. Only adults who were educated in the Catholic Faith were baptized. No one could be baptized until they had learned the catechism. When a person had a sufficient grasp of the Faith, he/she was put forth as a candidate, or

"catechumen." Infant Baptism was rare until the beginning of the fifth century. But it was always regarded as valid and as an apostolic institution, as we know from Irenaeus, Origen and St. Cyprian. Sponsors at the Baptism of children are mentioned as early as A.D. 200 by Tertullian.

Going to Confessions is a great way to renew our Baptismal Commitment. We say "no" to sin and we say "yes" to God. Regular confessions is essential for growth in our relationship with God, our Merciful Father.



PARISH Charity Shop



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

Parish Charity Shop

We have a wide selection of high quality clothing, household goods and Bric-a-brac. There are also First Holy Communion dresses and shoes for sale. **Open Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 5pm**

