

# 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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### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.30 p.m. Mick Dillon, Anniversary

Patrick and Julia Maher, Brownscurragh

Tom, Pat Joe and Larry Ravenhill

9.30 a.m.

11 a.m. Joe and Deirdre Ennis

Cloonan Family, Cumminstown

Thursday Feast of St Brigid. 9.30 a.m. with Blessing of St Brigid Crosses

Friday 9.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Those on the Parish List of the Dead

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.30 p.m. Kathleen McDonnell and deceased members of the McDonnell and Kelly families

9.30 a.m. Molly Slevin and deceased family

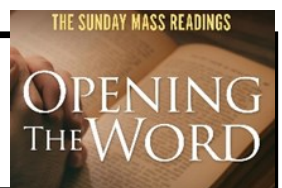
11 a.m. Teresa Dunne, 2nd Anniversary

Gertrude Gilligan, Grangegibbon

James and Tess Kerrigan Brownscurragh

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Griffiths, Toronto, aunt of Sr Immaculata who died recently. May she rest in peace.

'Opening The Word' Bible Study 7.30p.m.—8.30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Parish Centre. 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.



### Parish Charity Shop

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

Thank You

Maintenance Fund: €70; Plate: €1,655; Offerings: €300.

Thanks to all who are so generous.

A copy of the school's Admission Policy, Admission Notice and Application Form for Admission to Scoil Aodha Naofa, Rahugh 2024/2025 is available as follows: –

On request by emailing : [info@rahughns.com](mailto:info@rahughns.com) Downloading from [www.rahughns.com](http://www.rahughns.com)

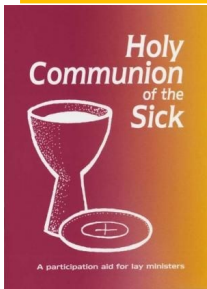
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This is how a fifth year student from Goldenbridge Secondary School dramatized the story of St. Brigid in St. Michael's Church, Inchicore. St Brigid's Day being the 1st February. I started the first convent of nuns in Ireland. Did you know that? This is how it happened. I went to Kildare, met the local chieftain and asked him for enough land to build my monastery. He mocked me and said I could have as much land as my cloak would cover. So I took off my cloak and spread it on the ground – and it spread and spread until it covered all the land I needed. The chieftain had to keep his word and give me the land covered by my cloak. The place is still there –in Kildare- and is cared for these days by the Brigidine Sisters.

**On Sunday, January 28th, the Priests and Religious of the Diocese** will gather with **Bishop Deenihan** to celebrate the  **blessing of candles and sung Vespers in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar at 4pm.** The homily will be preached by Fr John Harris OP, Provincial of the Irish Dominicans. This is a annual gathering to celebrate the contribution of religious sisters, brothers and priests to our diocese. The Feast of the Presentation being the Day for Religious. This year, the celebration will also mark the fortieth anniversary of Bishop Smith's Ordination as Bishop of Meath. That is a significant milestone which should be celebrated and we wish Bishop Michael many more years of health and happiness. All parishioners are welcome to attend this celebration in the Cathedral.



This is the **First Friday Week.** I will bring Communion to the Sick and housebound this week. If a member of your family would like to be attended, please let me know 087 2618353

**Tea /Coffee and scones in the Parish Centre after 9.30 a.m. Mass on Tuesday. All welcome.**



**LECTIO DIVINA**  
Reading the Scripture  
Reflecting on the Meaning  
Responding through Prayer  
Resting in God  
Responding in Action

*Lectio Meditatio Oratio Contemplatio Operatio*

Brothers and sisters, may the Sunday of the Word of God help us to return with joy to the sources of our faith, which is born of listening to Jesus, the living Word of God. May it help us, barraged by words about the Church, to rediscover the word of life that resounds in the Church! If not, we end up talking more about ourselves than about him, and so often we concentrate on our own

thoughts and problems rather than on Christ and his word. Let us return to the sources, in order to offer to the world the living water for which it yearns and does not find, and while society and social media reflect the violence of words, let us draw closer to, and cultivate, the quiet word of God that brings salvation, that is gentle, that does not make a loud noise and that enters into our hearts.

Finally, let us ask ourselves a few questions. What room do I make for the word of God in the place where I live? Amid so many books, magazines, televisions and telephones, where is the Bible? In my room, do I have the Gospel within easy reach? Do I read it daily in order to be faithful to my path in life? Do I carry a little copy of the Gospels so that I can read it? I have often spoken about always having the Gospel with us, in our pockets and purses, on our telephones. If Christ is dearer to me than anything else, how can I leave him at home and not bring his word with me? And one last question: Have I read through at least one of the four Gospels? The Gospel is the book of life. It is simple and brief, yet many believers have never even read one of the Gospels from beginning to end. Brothers and sisters, God, the Scripture tells us, is "the author of beauty" (Wis 13:3). Let us allow ourselves to be conquered by the beauty that the word of God brings into our lives.

**Pope Francis Homily for Word of God Sunday 21st January 2024**