

God's People Our Parish

St. James and St Hugh, Kilbeggan and Rahugh

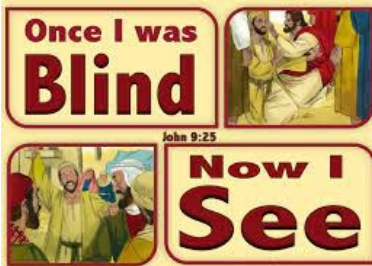
Saturday Vigil 7.30 p.m. Kilbeggan Sunday 9.30 a.m. Rahugh and 11 a.m. Kilbeggan

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 of Lent / Mothers Day

7.30 p.m. Teresa Cunningham and deceased members of the Corcoran and Colgan families

Patrick and Elizabeth Morgan, Moate Road

Michael and Ann McMahan, their daughter Eileen and their son Tim and deceased family members.



9.30 a.m. James and Maura Murphy

11 a.m. Sr Sacred Heart, Month's Mind
Jody and Bridget Hogan

Friday 7.30 p.m. Johnny and Anna Harte

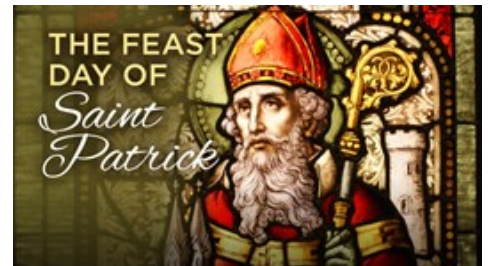
Fifth Sunday of Lent / St Patrick's Day

7.30 p.m.

9.30 a.m.

11 a.m.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Danny O'Brien, brother of Annie Clavin who died this week. May he rest in peace.



"Whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"
- John 11:26 -



Maintenance Fund: €400; Plate: €1,300; Offerings €295. Thanks to all who are so generous

Thank You



Trocaire boxes are available at the entrances to the churches



Congratulations to the girls and boys who had their First Confession this week.

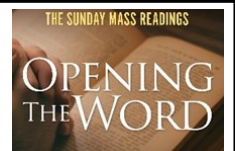


PARISH OFFERING and MAINTENANCE FUND ENVELOPES are now

ready for distribution. Could all who help with the distribution of envelopes in the different areas of the parish, please call to the Sacristy after Mass.

The Holy Week timetable will be available in the bulletin and on the parish website in due course. Thanks to all involved in the distribution of envelopes.

"Opening The Word" Bible Study continues in the Parish Centre on Wednesday evenings from 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.



There is an opportunity for Confessions after 10 a.m. Mass on Saturday in St James' Church, or by appointment on other days. All are welcome to this sacrament of healing and forgiveness.

Offertory Hymn Please Join in.



As I kneel before you
As I bow my head in prayer
Take this day, make it yours
And fill me with your love
Ave Maria, Gratia plena
Dominus tecum Benedicta tu

All I have I give you
Every dream and wish are yours
Mother of Christ
Mother of mine, present them to my Lord
Ave Maria, Gratia plena
Dominus tecum Benedicta tu
As I kneel before you
And I see your smiling face
Every thought, every word
Is lost in your embrace
Ave Maria, Gratia plena
Dominus tecum Benedict a tu



God has not grown weary of us. Let us welcome Lent as the great season in which he reminds us: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Ex 20:2). Lent is a season of conversion, a time of freedom. Jesus himself, as we recall each year on the first Sunday of Lent, was driven into the desert by the Spirit in order to be tempted in freedom. For forty days, he will stand before us and with us: the incarnate Son. Unlike Pharaoh, God does not want subjects, but sons and daughters. The desert is the place where our freedom can mature in a personal decision not to fall back into slavery. In Lent, we find new criteria of justice and a community with which we can press forward on a road not yet taken.

This, however, entails a struggle, as the book of Exodus and the temptations of Jesus in the desert make clear to us. The voice of God, who says, "You are my Son, the Beloved" (Mk 1:11), and "You shall have no other gods before me" (Ex 20:3) is opposed by the enemy and his lies. Even more to be feared than Pharaoh are the idols that we set up for ourselves; we can consider them as his voice speaking within us. To be all-powerful, to be looked up to by all, to domineer over others: every human being is aware of how deeply seductive that lie can be. It is a road well-travelled. We can become attached to money, to certain projects, ideas or goals, to our position, to a tradition, even to certain individuals. Instead of making us move forward, they paralyze us. Instead of encounter, they create conflict. Yet there is also a new humanity, a people of the little ones and of the humble who have not yielded to the allure of the lie. Whereas those who serve idols become like them, mute, blind, deaf and immobile (cf. Ps 114:4), the poor of spirit are open and ready: a silent force of good that heals and sustains the world.

Pope Francis Lenten Message 2024 excerpt.



The next PPA meeting will be on Tuesday 12th March in the Parish Centre at 7.30 p.m.

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. Thanks to all who support the shop.

