

# 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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### Third Sunday of Easter

7.30 p.m. Michael McMahon

9.30 a.m. Patrick Egan and deceased family members

11 a.m. Jimmy McDonnell, 3rd Anniversary



### Fourth Sunday of Easter "Vocations Sunday"

7.30 p.m. Eamon Mulligan, Months Mind

9.30 a.m. Helena Abbott, 20th Anniversary

11 a.m. Sean Craig, First Anniversary

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Paddy Dunican who died this week.  
May he rest in peace.



**Thank You**

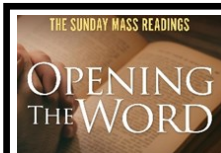
Maintenance Fund: €530; Plate: €1,210 ; Offerings: €625; Trocaire: €1,440.  
Thanks to all who are so generous.

**Trocaire**  
TOGETHER FOR A JUST WORLD

Please return your Trocaire money to the Parish next weekend. To help with counting, it would be great if you could give the money in notes.



**Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Assembly Tuesday 16th April at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Centre.**



"Opening The Word" Bible Study will resume in the Parish Centre on Wednesday 17th April at 7.30 p.m.—8.30 p.m. We will reflect on the Mass readings for the following Sunday. Drop in for a night and see do you like it. All are welcome.



**Confessions** available each Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. in the Church. If you wish Confessions at another time, please let me know. 087 2618353

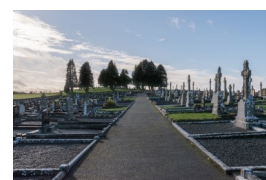
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** Monday 10 a.m. — 11 a.m. in Kilbeggan. Friday 7 p.m.— 9 p.m. in Rahugh with Mass at 7.30pm



**The Irish Catholic**

The Irish Catholic Newspaper is on sale at the entrance for €3

**Cemetery Sunday Devotions 3 p.m.** are on the last Sunday of July, which is **July 28th**. Please let family members know.





In the interview, the interviewer Lorenzo Buccella asks the Pope: “In Ukraine, some call for the courage of surrender, of the white flag. But others say that this would legitimize the stronger party. What do you think?”

Pope Francis replied: “That is one interpretation. But I believe that the stronger one is the one who sees the situation, who thinks of the people, who has the courage of the white flag, to negotiate. And today, negotiations are possible with the help of international powers. The word ‘negotiate’ is a courageous word. When you see that you are defeated, that things are not going well, it is necessary to have the courage to negotiate. You may feel ashamed, but with how many deaths will it end? Negotiate in time; look for some country that can mediate. Today, for example in the war in Ukraine, there are many who want to mediate. Turkey has offered itself for this. And others. Do not be ashamed to negotiate before things get worse.” He later said to negotiate does not mean surrender, it means sitting down to talk.

### Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024

The diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will travel on September 10<sup>th</sup> and will be led by Bishop Deenihan. The diocesan choir will accompany the pilgrimage. All pilgrims will be accommodated in hotels and there are 4, 5 and 6 night options, with fares starting at €769 with various hotels available. Further information and booking forms are available from Joe Walsh Tours, 89 Harcourt St. Dublin. [www.joewalshstours.ie](http://www.joewalshstours.ie)  
Tel. 01 2410 800. Local contact - Pat Lynagh 087 6628 468



### Pope Francis' Intention for April:

**For the role of women.** We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.



### 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.**



### Understanding the Scriptures: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Third Sunday of Easter

Jesus in today's Gospel teaches His apostles how to interpret the Scriptures. He tells them that all the Scriptures of what we now call the Old Testament refer to Him. He says that all the promises found in the Old Testament have been fulfilled in His Passion, death, and Resurrection. And He tells them that these Scriptures foretell the mission of the Church—to preach forgiveness of sins to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

In today's First Reading and Epistle, we see the beginnings of that mission. And we see the apostles interpreting the Scriptures as Jesus taught them to.

God has brought to fulfillment what He announced beforehand in all the prophets, Peter preaches. His sermon is shot through with Old Testament images. He evokes Moses and the Exodus, in which God revealed himself as the ancestral God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (see **Exodus 3:6, 15**). He identifies Jesus as Isaiah's suffering servant who has been glorified (see **Isaiah 52:13**).

John, too, describes Jesus in Old Testament terms. Alluding to how Israel's priests offered blood sacrifices to atone for the people's sins (see Leviticus 16; Hebrews 9–10), he says that Jesus intercedes for us before God (see **Romans 8:34**), and that His blood is a sacrificial expiation for the sins of the world (see **1 John 1:7**).

Notice that in all three readings, the Scriptures are interpreted to serve and advance the Church's mission—to reveal the truth about Jesus, to bring people to repentance, the wiping away of sins, and the perfection of their love for God.

This is how we, too, should hear the Scriptures. Not to know more “about” Jesus, but to truly know Him personally, and to know His plan for our lives.

In the Scriptures, the light of His face shines upon us, as we sing in today's Psalm. We know the wonders He has done throughout history. And we have the confidence to call to Him, and to know that He hears and answers.