

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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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.30p.m. Eileen and Nollie Keoghan and Dullaghan family
Thomas and Teresa Kinahan, Clara Road

9.30a.m.

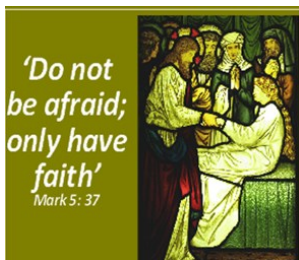
11a.m. Joe McDonnell, Moycashel

Eddie Wilson, Anniversary Mass

Caith and Joe Farrell and deceased members of the Farrell and McManus families
Margaret Cantwell, Tullamore Road

Saturday 10 a.m. Sonny, Phyllis and John Maxwell

Daily morning Mass will resume from Monday 24th June at 9.30 a.m.



Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.30p.m. Andy, Una and Eileen Hennessy
Tom and Cellie Cowley

9.30a.m.

11a.m. Bobby Gorman

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Madeline Lyons, Kilbeggan and Tullamore, who died this week. May she rest in peace.



Thank You Plate: €1,345; Maintenance Fund: €160. Thanks to all who are so generous.

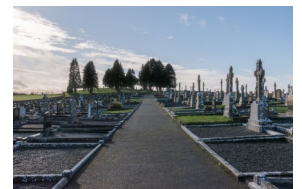


Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Monday 10 a.m. — 11 a.m. in Kilbeggan.

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 per copy

Cemetery Sunday Devotions in the Relic at 3p.m. on 28th July



Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024

The diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will travel on September 10th 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.ioewalstours.ie Tel. 01 2410 800. Local contact - Pat Lynagh 087 6628 468



In preparation for the next Jubilee (2025), I invited the devotion of the year 2024 “to a great ‘symphony’ of prayer”. With today’s catechesis, I would like to recall that the Church already possesses a symphony of prayer, whose composer is the Holy Spirit, and it is the Book of Psalms.

As in any symphony, it contains various “movements”, that is, various genres of prayer: praise, thanksgiving, supplication, lamentation, narration, sapiential reflection, and others, both in the personal form and in the choral form of the whole people. These are the songs that the Spirit himself has placed on the lips of the Bride, His Church.....

What most commends the Psalms to our attention is that they were the prayer of Jesus, Mary, the Apostles and all the Christian generations that have preceded us. When we recite them, God listens to them with that grandiose “orchestration” that is the community of saints. Jesus, according to the Letter to the Hebrews, enters into the world with a verse from a Psalm in His heart: “Lo, I have come to do thy will, O God” (cf. *Heb* 10:7; *Ps* 40:9), and He leaves the world, according to the Gospel of Luke, with another verse on His lips: “Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit” (*Lk* 23:46, cf. *Ps* 31:6).

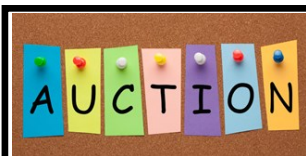
The use of psalms in the New Testament is followed by that of the Fathers and the entire Church, which makes them a fixed element in the celebration of the Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours. “All the Sacred Scripture breathes the goodness of God”, says Saint Ambrose, “but in particular the sweet book of the Psalms” I wonder: do you pray with the Psalms sometimes? Take the Bible or the New Testament, and pray a Psalm. For example, when you are a bit sad for having sinned, do you pray Psalm 50? There are many Psalms that help us keep going. Form the habit of praying with the Psalms. I assure you that you would be happy in the end.

But we cannot only live on the legacy of the past: it is necessary to make the Psalms *our* prayer. It was written that, in a certain sense, we must ourselves become the “scribes” of the Psalms, making them ours and praying with them. If there are Psalms, or just verses, that speak to our heart, it is good to repeat them and pray them during the day. The Psalms are prayers “for all seasons”: there is no state of mind or need that does not find in them the best words to be transformed into prayer. Unlike other prayers, the Psalms do not lose their effectiveness by dint of being repeated; on the contrary, they increase it. Why? Because they are inspired by God and “breathe” God, every time they are read with faith.

If we feel oppressed by remorse or guilt, because we are sinners, we can repeat with David: “Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy steadfast love” (*Ps* 51:1), Psalm 51. If we want to express a strong personal bond with love, let us say: “O God, thou art my God / I seek thee, / my soul thirsts for thee; / my flesh faints for thee, / as in a dry and weary land where no water is” (*Ps* 63:1), Psalm 63. It is not for nothing that the Liturgy has inserted this Psalm in the Lauds of Sunday and the solemnities. And if fear and anguish assail us, those wonderful words of Psalm 23 come to our rescue: “The Lord is my shepherd ... Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, / I fear no evil” (*Ps* 23:1,4).

The Psalms allow us not to impoverish our prayer by reducing it merely to requests, to a continuous “give me, give us...”. We learn from the Lord’s Prayer, that before asking for our “daily bread”, says, “Hallowed by thy name; thy Kingdom come, thy will be done”. The Psalms help us to open ourselves to a prayer that is less focused on ourselves: a prayer of praise, of blessing, of thanksgiving; and they also help us give voice to all creation, involving it in our praise.

Brothers and sisters, may the Holy Spirit, who gave the Church Bride the words to pray to her divine Bridegroom, help us to make them resound in the Church today, and to make this year of preparation for the Jubilee a true symphony of prayer. *POPE FRANCIS GENERAL AUDIENCE Rome 19 June 2024*



Scoil Aodha Naofa, Rahugh: Meeting for Rahugh NS Auction to be held in the lounge of The Hazel, Rahugh N91KD72 on **Monday 24th June at 7.30pm**. All are welcome.

Kilbeggan Shamrocks G4M&O (Gaelic for Mothers and Others) have been selected to represent Westmeath in New York Festival of Football for Mothers and Others next October. They are hosting a **Tea Party in Kilbeggan Parish Centre at 2pm on Sunday 23rd June to fundraise** for the trip. If you would like to join us on Sunday, please contact Gertrude Fitzgerald 086 0607847.



Parish Charity Shop We have a wide selection of high quality clothing, household goods and Bric-a-brac.
Charity Shop is open Monday to Friday 10am to 5pm (excluding Bank Holidays). Thanks to all who support the shop.

