

God's People Our Parish



KILBEGGAN: Saturday Vigil 7.30p.m. & Sunday 11a.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.30a.m.

Wednesday 7.30p.m. & Saturday 10a.m

Confessions - Saturday 10.30a.m. - 11.30a.m.

RAHUGH: Sunday 9.30a.m. & Friday 7.30p.m.

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Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.30 p.m. Michael Clavey

9.30 a.m. 11 a.m. Liam Higgins, Moycashel

Harvest Mass of Thanksgiving, for all the blessings we receive from creation. We thank God for safety on our farms, and for all the blessings of food which the land gives to us. We place before the altar the fruits of our labour and signs of our gratitude to God who is constantly blessing us.



Twenty Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.30 p.m. Peter and Annie Jo McLoughlin

9.30 a.m. 11a.m. Marian Gorry, First Anniversary



Please pray for the repose of the souls of Sr. Patricia Dunne, Rahugh who died in South Africa; Patrick McCormack, Manchester, brother of J.J. McCormack, Harbour Road; Michael Enright, Manchester, brother of Ann Dunne, Rahugh; and Andrew Grehan, Ivy Wood, Kilbeggan, all of whom died recently. May they Rest in Peace.



Plate Collection: €825; Maintenance Fund: €115. Thanks to all who are so generous.

Catholic Newspaper on sale at the entrance for €3 per copy.

The Irish Catholic



Tradition tells us that our Blessed Mother gave St. Dominic the Rosary as a means to preach the truth of the life, death and resurrection of Christ. It was largely the work of Blessed Alan de la Roche, a Dominican who formulated the Rosary as we know it. The Psalter of the Virgin which Alan began to preach at Douai in 1464 had a structure of three groups of Mysteries, Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious, corresponding to the fundamental aspects of the mystery of Christ; Incarnation, Passion and Resurrection. It spread rapidly; its popularity was largely the work of Confraternities of the Rosary, the first of which was established by the Cologne Dominicans in 1475. The traditional list of fifteen mysteries, helped along by the invention of printing, became the norm between 1480 and 1500. All in all what Alan preached is the Rosary of today. In thanksgiving for her intercession during the Battle of Lepanto in 1571, Pope Pius V (a Dominican Pope) introduced the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th. The praying of the Rosary was again recommended by Our Lady through Bernadette at Lourdes in 1858 and again through the children of Fatima in 1917. After a lifetime of saying over and over "pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death", one could expect nothing else but that she would be with us at the time of our death and that we would receive the Last Rites.

The Cosy Café - Tuesday 14th October, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. in Kilbeggan Parish Centre. This is a free service to help those with dementia, their families and carers. We have music, dance, tea/coffee and cakes. Our guest speaker this month is **Holly Foley, Sage Advocate for the Midlands region** – Sage is a Support & Advocacy Service for Older People. Our aim is to make our parish and wider community dementia friendly. **All are welcome.**



Parish Charity Shop: We have a wide selection of high quality clothing, household goods and Bric-a-brac. **Open Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.** Thanks to the ladies in the shop and all who support the shop.

Why Sunday Matters: Sunday Mass creates and celebrates Communion. The journey of faith often comes with its own set of challenges. Many, particularly the younger generation, feel disconnected from the Church due to past abuses and how these were addressed. Alongside this, the pressures of modern life, the increasing levels of anxiety and mental health difficulties – especially among young people – together with the lingering effects of the pandemic, have contributed to a sense of distance from the Church. However, Sunday Eucharist continues to be a source of hope, life, and profound meaning. It invites us to participate in the celebration of Christ's death and resurrection, the Paschal Mystery. In this sacred celebration, we have the opportunity to be transformed, to receive God's grace, and to become the best versions of ourselves. As we navigate life, with all its joys and struggles, the Eucharist offers us the community and support we need to flourish and grow in faith. What does it mean for you to have a real encounter with Jesus in the Mass? What could it mean? How can the scriptures proclaimed at Mass inspire us to love as Jesus loved? Why Sunday Matters Mass is not just a personal act of devotion; it is a communal act of worship. We go to God together. The Sunday Mass is where the Church is most visibly alive, and where every member of the community plays an essential role. Each person's participation is needed for the Church to truly live. It is important to gather physically for Mass, and although technology is helpful, it can never replace the tangible experience of being with the community as we listen to God's word and receive the Body of Christ. We invite you to consider how your presence at Mass can contribute to making the Church visible and alive.

The Sunday Mass is not only a time for worship but also for mission. Having listened to God's word and received the gift of Christ's Body and Blood, we are sent to live out our faith in the world as missionaries; sent to share the love of Christ with others. As we participate in the Sunday Mass, we receive not only spiritual nourishment but also the strength to live out our Christian mission in daily life. As the late Pope Francis reminded us, 'We do not go to Mass in order to give something to God, but to receive what we truly need from Him. In this spirit, we are called to approach the Eucharist not out of obligation, but with a deep desire for spiritual transformation.' This is why attending Mass on Sundays is so vital – it nurtures and nourishes our faith and prepares us for the mission to which we are called. We invite you to reflect on how your participation in Sunday Mass helps you to live as a missionary disciple, bringing the hope and joy of the Gospel to those around you, and to the world at large.

Since the COVID-19 pandemic, many Catholics have faced challenges attending Mass due to health concerns. For those still unable to attend, the Church offers Communion to the sick and housebound. For those who can, it's time to return and celebrate the Eucharist together. While virtual options have helped, they can't replace the in-person experience of communal worship. Returning to Mass strengthens us as the Body of Christ, sharing in the sacred celebration. We are deeply thankful to priests and all those who gather to celebrate Mass. Special gratitude goes to those involved in liturgical ministries, such as Ministers of the Word, of Holy Communion, Music Ministers, Sacristans, and Altar Servers. Encouraging the return of young people as Altar Servers is especially important and should be actively supported by their families and parish. The involvement of young people brings vitality to the liturgy and contributes hugely to their own faith formation. *For more information, see www.kilbegganparish.ie*

Dominican Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine Sunday 12th October. Bus departs Parochial House, Tullamore @ 9am sharp. €20 per person. Pick up Kilbeggan, Clara, & Tubber. To reserve your seat, contact PJ on 087 6386270



A massive thanks to everyone who supported our Hospice Coffee Morning in Rahugh. The total raised was €1,807. The Rahugh Hospice Coffee Morning started in 2005 and has raised €20,824 to date. Thanks to everyone who has helped and supported the Coffee Morning over the years.