

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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Baptism of the Lord

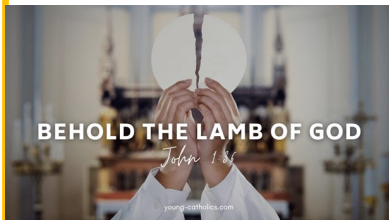
7.30 p.m. Seamus O' Donoghue, Months Mind

Marie Coffey, Laurence and their children Stephen and Jackie

9.30 a.m. Michael Crombie

11 a.m. Michael Feeney, 3rd Anniversary

James and Bridget Doonan and deceased members of the Doonan Family



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.30 p.m. Goretti Quirke, Month's Mind

9.30 a.m. Oliver Geoghegan and deceased family members

11a.m. Tony Fallon, Month's Mind

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Veronica Dunne (née Hanlon)**, Rickmansworth, England and formerly of Newtown, Tyrrellspass; and **Joe Blake**, Granard, brother of Sr Teresita, who died this week. May they rest in peace.



Thank You

Plate Collection: €1,585; Maintenance Fund: €360; Christmas Offerings: €525.

Thanks to all who are so generous.

The Irish Catholic

Catholic Newspaper on sale at the entrance for €3.50 per copy.

V/. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
R/. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you;
blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

V/. Behold the handmaid of the Lord,
R/. Be it done unto me according to your Word.
Hail Mary...

V/. And the Word was made flesh,
R/. And dwelt among us.
Hail Mary...

V/. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,

R/. That we may be made worthy
of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts: that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Angelus is traditionally recited at 6 a.m. Noon and 6 p.m. daily. It is a great daily reminder of the Incarnation. It would be a good New Years Resolution.



The Parish Charity Shop is open from 10 am - 5 p.m. Monday to Friday. Thanks to the ladies in the shop and all those who support it.



Confirmation will be celebrated in St. James' Church at 11 a.m.
Wednesday 28th January. I would like to encourage parents to bring
their son/daughter to Mass as a sign of their commitment to the faith.

Cosy Café will meet **11 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Kilbeggan Parish Centre on **Tuesday 13th January**. We will have music, a speaker, and activities. This will be helpful for those who have dementia, and their family and carers. Our aim is to make our parish dementia friendly. For more information call 087 2618353



Over the past few months I have asked several people to take on different ministries in our parish - **Special Ministers of the Eucharist** for the distribution of Holy Communion at Masses, and **Ministers of the Word** for reading God's Word at Masses. We will have **two nights of preparation** lasting one hour each night, on **Tuesday 13th and 20th January**, in the **Parish Centre at 7.30 p.m.** Thanks to all who agreed to take on these ministries.



Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council on Tuesday 27th January 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Centre. If there are any topics you would like us to discuss at the Parish Council, please let me know. 087 2618353

Praying with and Reading the Gospels

Here is a way of engaging in this prayer form which is relaxing and rather easy.

1. Select a passage from one of the Gospels in which Jesus is interacting with others.
2. Recall what one is doing in engaging with the Word of God and what one desires from this encounter. God is present and because God is present one relies on God.
3. Read the Gospel passage twice so that the story and the details of the story become familiar.
4. Close one's eyes and reconstruct the scene in one's imagination. See what is going on and watch the men and women in the scene. What does Jesus look like? How do the others react to him? What are the people saying to one another? What emotions fill their words? Is Jesus touching someone? As one enters into the scene, sometimes there is the desire to be there. So a person can place oneself in the scene, perhaps as an observer, as one lining up for healing, or as one helping others to Jesus.
5. Some people's imaginations are very active so they construct a movie-like scenario with a Gospel passage. Others will enter the scene with verbal imagination, reflecting on the scene and mulling over the actions. Vividness is not a criteria for the effectiveness of this kind of prayer. Engagement is and the result is a more interior knowledge of Jesus.
6. As one finishes this time of prayer, one should take a moment to speak person to person with Christ saying what comes from the heart.



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



Pope Leo's prayer intention for January: *For prayer with the Word of God.*

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

See Pope's video on parish website www.kilbegganparish.ie