



## 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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*In 2026, May the Lord bless you and keep you.*

*May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.*

*May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace.*

### Second Sunday of Christmas

**7.30 p.m.** Richard Keoghan  
Stephen Kelly

**9.30 a.m.**

**11a.m.** Betty McCormack Main St. and Balrath  
Dill and Bernie Ward Shureen, and Martin Ward, Ballydaly



### Feast of the Epiphany (Holy Day of Obligation)

**Monday 5th Jan. Vigil Mass 7.30 p.m.**

**Tuesday 6th Jan. 9.30 a.m.** Rahugh and **11 a.m.** Kilbeggan

**There is no 7.30 p.m. in Rahugh Friday 9th Jan.**

### Baptism of the Lord

**7.30 p.m.**

**9.30 a.m.** Michael Condron

**11 a.m.** James and Bridget Doonan and deceased members of the Doonan Family  
Michael Feeney, 3rd Anniversary



**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia O'Gorman (née Burke), Ballinrobe, who died this week. May she rest in peace.**

**Thank You**

Plate Collection: 24/25 €2,890 and 27/28 €1,025; Maintenance Fund: €680; List of the  
Dead: €530; Lenten Offerings: €550; Easter Offerings: €810; Patron Offerings: €620;  
November Offerings: €580; Christmas Offerings: €3,655. **Thanks to all who are so generous.**

**The Irish Catholic**

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



**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.

**I will bring Holy Communion to the sick and housebound this week. If a member of your family would like to receive Holy Communion please let me know. 087 2618353**



**The Parish Charity Shop will reopen this Wednesday, 7th January, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thanks to the ladies in the shop and all those who support it.**



## Meath Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Sept 2026.

The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Deenihan, is scheduled to depart on **8th September 2026**. Pilgrims have the option of selecting a 4-night or 5-night stay. All participants will be accommodated in hotels, with fares starting at €849 for full board. Booking forms can be obtained through Joe Walsh Tours. For further inquiries, please contact them at Tel: 01-2410800 or visit their website at [www.joewalshstours.ie](http://www.joewalshstours.ie).

**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 **Minister 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.**



Dear brothers and sisters, since the Word was made flesh, humanity now speaks, crying out with God's own desire to encounter us. The Word has pitched his fragile tent among us. How, then, can we not think of the tents in Gaza, exposed for weeks to rain, wind and cold; and of those of so many other refugees and displaced persons on every continent; or of the makeshift shelters of thousands of homeless people in our own cities? Fragile is the flesh of defenceless populations, tried by so many wars, ongoing or concluded, leaving behind rubble and open wounds. Fragile are the minds and lives of young people forced to take up arms, who on the front lines feel the senselessness of what is asked of them and the falsehoods that fill the pompous speeches of those who send them to their deaths.

When the fragility of others penetrates our hearts, when their pain shatters our rigid certainties, then peace has already begun. The peace of God is born from a newborn's cry that is welcomed, from weeping that is heard. It is born amidst ruins that call out for new forms of solidarity. It is born from dreams and visions that, like prophecies, reverse the course of history. Yes, all this exists, because Jesus is the Logos, the Meaning, from which everything has taken shape. "All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made" (Jn 1:3). This mystery speaks to us from the nativity scenes we have built; it opens our eyes to a world in which the Word still resonates, "many times and in many ways" (cf. Heb 1:1), and still calls us to conversion. **From Pope Leo's Homily on Christmas Day**