

# Parish of Bright Bulletin

First Sunday of Lent

6th March 2022

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## Mass Times Week Beginning 7th March

### St Patrick’s, Legamaddy

7th March Monday 10am

10th March Thursday 10am

11th March Friday 7.30pm

13th March Sunday 10am

### St Joseph’s, Killough

8th March Tuesday 10am

9th March Wednesday 7.30pm

12th March Saturday 10am

12th March Sat Vigil 6.30pm

13th March Sunday 12noon

## Weekly Confessions

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available after each weekday Mass and the Saturday Vigil Mass.

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St Joseph’s Church, Killough, every Friday from 10.00am-12noon.

## Stations of the Cross for Lent

St Joseph’s, Killough every Wednesday after 7.30pm Mass

St Patrick’s, Legamaddy every Friday after 7.30pm Mass

## Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased: Margaret Doran (Downpatrick), Rita George (Coney Island)

Anniversaries: Paddy & Cissie McCormick, Aaron Howard, John McClean, Bridie Foy, Marie Smyth

**Parish Collections:** Weekly Offering for month of February £3051.09;  
Priest’s Stipend for month of February £898.95.

## 2023 Synod

Pope Francis has called for a Synod to take place in October 2023; it was officially launched on 10th October 2021.

The word ‘synod’ comes from the Greek *synodos*, which has the general meaning of ‘walking together’. It offers an image of the Church as a pilgrim people, growing and developing on a journey of faith.

It was Pope St Paul VI who, at the time of the Second Vatican Council, established synods for bishops to meet together to discuss issues facing the Church.

Pope Francis wants this synod to be different in that he has invited the whole church to be involved, for everyone to make a contribution because everyone has something to offer. The theme of the forthcoming 16th Synod is: “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission”.

The Synod is about listening to one another and above all listening to the Holy Spirit who guides the Church about how to go forward together.

The first phase of the Synod is the ‘diocesan phase’ which will be followed by a ‘continental phase’ and eventually the ‘universal Church phase’, culminating in the traditional assembly of the Synod of Bishops in the Vatican in October 2023.

At present the Diocese of Down & Connor is asking every parish to submit a contribution from its parishioners. You are invited to take part in this phase of the Synod by answering the questions on the Synod Card which will be distributed at Mass this weekend, 5/6th March, and to return it to the church at Mass next Sunday, 12th/13th March. Your responses will then be collated and sent to the Diocese.

**Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in them the fire of Your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created and You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gift of the same Spirit we may be always truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.**