

Parish of Bright Bulletin

Palm Sunday

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Mass Times Week Beginning Monday 11th April

St Patrick's, Legamaddy

11th April Monday 10am

St Joseph's, Killough

12th April Tuesday 10am

13th April Wed 7.30pm

Holy Thursday 14th April

Mass of the Lord's Supper, St Joseph's Church, Killough, 7.00pm

Confessions afterwards.

Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 9.00pm

Good Friday 15th April

Celebration of the Lord's Passion St Joseph's Church, Killough

3.00pm. Confessions afterwards.

Stations of the Cross, St Patrick's Church, Legamaddy, 7.00pm.

Confessions afterwards.

Holy Saturday 16th April

Confessions St Joseph's Church, Killough, 12.00 -1.00pm

Easter Vigil St Joseph's Church, Killough, 9.00pm

Easter Sunday Mass 17th April

St Patrick's Church, Legamaddy, 10.00am

St Joseph's Church, Killough, 12noon

Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased: Sean Connor (Saul & Ballee), Therese Smyth (Downpatrick)

Kathleen Laverty (Downpatrick)

Month's Mind: Frank McNabb

Anniversaries: Conor Denver, Kathleen Hawthorne, Rosemary Clarke,

Michael McCartan, James & Ellen Magennis

Restoration of the Obligation to Attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days

The Bishops' Conference of Ireland has announced that from Easter Sunday, 17th April, the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation is restored. As always, those whose health is vulnerable or who are unwell will not be under any obligation to attend Mass.

We read in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (No 2181, No 2182):

“The Sunday Eucharist is the foundation and confirmation of all Christian practice.

For this reason the faithful are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants) or dispensed by their own priest. Those who deliberately fail in this obligation commit a grave sin.

Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to his Church. The faithful give witness by this to their communion in faith and charity. Together they testify to God's holiness and their hope of salvation. They strengthen one another under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.”

Excerpts from the Diary of St Faustina on Confession

St Faustina: “Let no one doubt in the goodness of God; even if his sins should be as black as night, God's mercy is stronger than our wretchedness. All the sinner needs to do is to leave the door to his heart just a little ajar for the ray of grace of Divine mercy to enter, and God will do the rest (Diary 1507).”

Jesus to St Faustina: “You should know that whenever you come to Confession, I Myself am waiting for you in the confessional; I am only hiding behind the priest, but I Myself am working in your soul. Here the soul's wretchedness meets with the God of mercy. Tell souls that from this fount of mercy they draw graces only by the vessel of trustfulness. If their trustfulness is great, then My mercy shall be boundless (Diary 1602).

Just as you prepare for Confession in My presence, so, too, you make your Confession in My presence; I am merely using the priest to hide behind him. Never deliberate on what that priest behind whom I stand is like, and tell him everything, just as you would to Me, and I will fill your soul with My light (Diary 1725).

When you come to Holy Confession, to that fount of My mercy, the blood and water that came out from My Heart always flow down upon your soul and ennoble it. Every time you go to Confession, immerse yourself completely in My mercy with great trust, so that I may pour down an abundance of My graces into your soul (Diary 1602).”