

Parish of Bright Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Lent

19th March 2023

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Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 20th March

St Patrick’s, Legamaddy	St Joseph’s, Killough
20th March Monday 10am	21st March Tuesday 10am
23rd March Thursday 10am	22nd March Wed 7.30pm
24th March Friday 7.30pm	25th March Saturday 10am
26th March Sunday 10am	25th March Sat Vigil 6.30pm
	26th March Sunday 12noon

Faithful Departed

Anniversaries: Vincent Teague, Kathleen Flanagan & Teresa Smyth, Margaret Moylan, Mary Hanna

Weekly Confessions

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

Stations of the Cross for Lent

After the Wednesday 7.30pm Mass in St Joseph’s, Killough, and after the Friday 7.30pm Mass in St Patrick’s, Legamaddy.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

St Joseph’s, Killough, Sunday 19th March at 3.00pm.

St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary is usually celebrated on 19th March but has been transferred to 20th March since the Fourth Sunday of Lent takes precedence.

“St. Joseph was an ordinary manual labourer although descended from the royal house of David. In the designs of Providence he was destined to become the spouse of the Mother of God. His high privilege is expressed in a single phrase, "Foster-father of Jesus." About him Sacred Scripture has little more to say than that he was a just man - an expression which indicates how faithfully he fulfilled his trust of protecting and guarding God's greatest treasures upon earth, Jesus and Mary.

Most of our information about St. Joseph comes from the opening two chapters of St. Matthew's Gospel. No words of his are recorded in the Gospels; he was the "silent" man. The Gospels do not tell us anything about the death of St. Joseph. There are indications, however, that he died before the beginning of Christ's public life. His was the most beautiful death that one could have, in the arms of Jesus and Mary.

There are two major feasts in his honour. On 19th March our veneration is directed to him personally and to his part in the work of redemption, while on 1st May we honour him as the patron of workers throughout the world and as our guide in social justice.” (from Catholic Culture)

Prayer to St Joseph

Dearest St Joseph, whose heart was filled with tender love for Jesus, we ask your blessing upon all children who are awaiting adoption or fostering. They seek love—may they find it in those who will care for them. They seek stability—may they find a home rooted in faith. They seek acceptance—may their gifts be recognised and nurtured. And may they always know the love of Jesus for them and the true joy of loving Him. Amen.

Foster Care Services and Support

“There are children in crisis today in our local communities – children of all ages and all abilities. Can you spare a weekend, a few days or more to make a difference in a child’s life. If you can, then contact the Regional Fostering Team at adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net or on 0800 0720137. Remember every child is just one caring adult away from success.”