

Parish of Bright Bulletin

13th Week in Ordinary Time

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Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 3rd July

<i>St Patrick’s, Legamaddy</i>	<i>St Joseph’s, Killough</i>
3rd July Monday 10am	4th July Tuesday 10am
7th July Friday 7.30pm	5th July Wed 7.30pm
9th July Sunday 10am	8th July Saturday 10am
	8th July Sat Vigil 6.30pm

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Rossglass
6th July Thursday 10.00am

Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased: Theresa Carragher
Anniversaries: Joseph McClean, Joseph Drake, Goretti Gelston,
Vera Brown

Weekly Confessions

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

Eucharistic Adoration

St Joseph’s Church, Killough every Wednesday from
1.30pm-7.30pm.

Father Martin Graham

On Tuesday 4th July, Fr Martin will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood for our Diocese of Down & Connor. To mark the occasion in our Parish you are invited to join Fr Martin for the celebration of Holy Mass in St Patrick’s Church, Legamaddy on Friday 7th July at 7.30pm. You are also invited to join Fr Martin for refreshments in St Patrick’s Primary School immediately after the Mass. Fr Martin will be presented with a gift from the Parish. Ad Multos Annos!

St Oliver Plunkett (1st November 1625 - 1st July 1681)

St Oliver Plunkett (Archbishop of Armagh) was the last Catholic to die for his faith at Tyburn, London. He was canonised by Pope St Paul VI on 12th October 1975. St Oliver is buried at Downside Abbey, England; his head is venerated in St Peter’s Church, Drogheda. St Oliver’s Feast Day is 1st July.

Quotes from St Oliver Plunkett

“I am exhorting the brethren to constancy and not to abandon their flocks, but to imitate the pastors of the first three centuries and withdraw to some corner of their districts until the storm passes. I shall retire to a hut in some wood or mountain in my diocese with some candles and books...We shall not abandon our flocks unless compelled to do so, we shall first try out the prisons and other torments, already we have suffered so much on the mountains, in huts and in caves, and have acquired the habit of suffering to the extent that it will be less inconvenient in the future...For if the captains fly, it is in vain to exhort the single soldiers to stand in battle”.

“Snow mixed with big hard hailstones was falling, a cutting wind was blowing into our faces and the snow and hail blew so strongly into our eyes and affected them so much that we are hardly able to use them even yet. Finally, after frequent danger of being suffocated by the snow in the valleys, we arrived at the house of a poor gentleman who had nothing to lose, but through bad fortune he had a stranger in the house, by whom we did not wish to be recognised, and so he put us in a room under the roof where we have remained without chimney or fire for eight days now, may it be for the glory of God and the good of our souls and of the flock committed to us.”

“If I were a man that had not good principles, I might easily have saved my life; but I had rather die ten thousand deaths, than wrongfully take away one farthing of any mans goods, one day of his liberty, or one minute of his life”. (St Oliver’s words in Westminster Hall before being condemned to death.)

“I do heartily forgive them, and also the judges...I do also forgive all those who had a hand in bringing me from Ireland to be tried here, where it was morally impossible for me to obtain a fair trial...I ask forgiveness of all those whom I ever offended by thought word and deed”. (St Oliver’s last speech, from the gallows at Tyburn)

St Oliver Plunkett, pray for us!