

# Parish of Bright Bulletin

26th Week in Ordinary Time

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## Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 2nd October

<i>St Patrick’s, Legamaddy</i>	<i>St Joseph’s, Killough</i>
2nd October Monday 10am	3rd October Tuesday 10am
6th October Friday 7.30pm.	4th October Wed 7.30pm
8th October Sunday 10am.	7th October Saturday 10am
	7th October Sat Vigil 6.30pm

*Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Rossglass*

5th October Thursday 10.00am

## Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased: Vincent McVeigh (Killyleagh formerly Coniamstown), Michael Carlin (Kilclief)  
Anniversaries: Brigid McCrissican, Malachy Deegan, John Trainor, Seamus Owens, Patrick Lue

## Weekly Confessions

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available after all weekday Masses and at 6.00pm before the Saturday Vigil Mass in St Joseph’s.

## Eucharistic Adoration

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

## First Saturday Fatima Devotion

St Joseph’s Church, Killough, Saturday 7th October: 9.15am Holy Rosary; 9.40am Meditation on the Mysteries; 10.00am Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; 10.40am Confessions.

## Downpatrick Pro-Life Event

Downpatrick Pro-Life are holding an outreach event in Downpatrick Town Centre on Saturday 7th October from 12.00 to 2.00pm. Please join us in defending unborn babies and supporting families. We wish to highlight recent changes in legislation, which criminalises prayer vigils outside Abortion Clinics. We also wish to voice our opposition to new government requirements for Relationship and Sexuality Education in post-primary schools, which promote abortion. PLEASE JOIN US TO DEFEND LIFE.

## FROM THE COMPENDIUM OF THE CATECHISM

### How does Mary cooperate in the divine plan of salvation?

By the grace of God Mary was kept free from every personal sin her whole life long. She is the one who is “full of grace” (Luke 1:28), “the all holy”. When the angel announced to her that she would give birth to “the Son of the Most High” (Luke 1:32), she freely gave her consent with “the obedience of faith” (Romans 1:5). Mary thus gave herself entirely to the person and work of her Son Jesus, espousing wholeheartedly the divine will regarding salvation.

### What does the virginal conception of Jesus mean?

The virginal conception of Jesus means that Jesus was conceived in the womb of the Virgin solely by the power of the Holy Spirit without the intervention of a man. He is the Son of the heavenly Father according to his divine nature and the Son of Mary according to his human nature. He is, however, truly the Son of God in both natures since there is in him only one Person who is divine.

### In what sense is Mary “ever Virgin”?

Mary is ever virgin in the sense that she “remained a virgin in conceiving her Son, a virgin in giving birth to him, a virgin in carrying him, a virgin in nursing him at her breast, always a virgin” (Saint Augustine). Therefore, when the Gospels speak of the “brothers and sisters of Jesus”, they are talking about the close relations of Jesus, according to the way of speaking used in Sacred Scripture.

### In what way is the spiritual motherhood of Mary universal?

Mary had only one Son, Jesus, but in him her spiritual motherhood extends to all whom he came to save. Obediently standing at the side of the new Adam, Jesus Christ, the Virgin is the new Eve, the true mother of all the living, who with a mother's love co-operates in their birth and their formation in the order of grace. Virgin and Mother, Mary is the figure of the Church, its most perfect realisation.