

# Parish of Bright Bulletin

28th Week in Ordinary Time

15th October 2023

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## Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 16th October

<i>St Patrick’s, Legamaddy</i>	<i>St Joseph’s, Killough</i>
16th October Monday 10am	17th October Tuesday 10am
20th October Friday 7.30pm.	18th October Wed 7.30pm
22nd October Sunday 10am.	21st October Saturday 10am
	21st October Sat Vigil 6.30pm

*Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Rossglass*

19th October Thursday 10.00am

## Faithful Departed

Anniversaries: Pat & Gerard Stranney & Jimmy Joe Fitzpatrick,  
Rene McClean, Josephine Farrand

## 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.

## Divine Mercy Holy Hour

St Joseph’s, Killough on Sunday 15th October at 3.00pm

‘The Priests’ Charity Concert, Newry Town Hall, BT34 1DQ, Friday 27th October. TO Book: <https://newrytownhall-tickets.ticketserve.com/ticketbooth/shows> Tel: 0330 137 4014

## ‘More than just a string of beads’

The Rosary is more than just a string of beads; it's a way to grow closer to Mary, the Mother of Christ and our Mother. It's a source of comfort, strength, and a beautiful connection to the life of Christ and our faith.

St John Paul II: “The Rosary of the Virgin Mary, which gradually took form in the second millennium under the guidance of the Spirit of God, is a prayer loved by countless Saints and encouraged by the Magisterium. Simple yet profound, it still remains, at the dawn of this third millennium, a prayer of great significance, destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness. It blends easily into the spiritual journey of the Christian life, which, after two thousand years, has lost none of the freshness of its beginnings and feels drawn by the Spirit of God to “set out into the deep” in order once more to proclaim, and even cry out, before the world that Jesus Christ is Lord and Saviour, ‘the way, and the truth and the life’ (Jn 14:6), ‘the goal of human history and the point on which the desires of history and civilisation turn’.

The Rosary, though clearly Marian in character, is at heart a Christ-centred prayer. It has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety, of which it can be said to be a summary. With the Rosary, the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of His love. Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer.

From my youthful years this prayer has held an important place in my spiritual life. The Rosary has accompanied me in moments of joy and in moments of difficulty. To it I have entrusted any number of concerns; in it I have always found comfort. The Rosary is my favourite prayer. A marvellous prayer! Marvellous in its simplicity and its depth. Against the background of the words Ave Maria the principal events of the life of Jesus Christ pass before the eyes of the soul. They take shape in the complete series of the joyful, luminous, sorrowful and glorious mysteries, and they put us in living communion with Jesus through – we might say – the heart of His Mother. At the same time our heart can embrace in the decades of the Rosary all the events that make up the lives of individuals, families, nations, the Church, and all mankind. Our personal concerns and those of our neighbour, especially those who are closest to us, who are dearest to us. Thus the simple prayer of the Rosary marks the rhythm of human life”