

# Parish of Bright Bulletin

## Feast of the Holy Family - 31st December 2023

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### Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 1st January

St Patrick’s, Legamaddy	St Joseph’s, Killough
1st January Monday 10am	2nd January Tuesday 10am
5th January Friday 7.30pm	3rd January Wed 7.30pm
7th January Sunday 10am	6th January Saturday 10am
	6th January Sat Vigil 6.30pm

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Rossglass  
4th January Thursday 10.00am

## 6th January Feast of the Epiphany

### Holy Day of Obligation

#### Mass Times

5th January Vigil Mass, St Patrick’s, Legamaddy, 7.30pm  
6th January Morning Mass, St Joseph’s, Killough, 10.00am

### Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased: Colette Fitzsimons, Bishop Patrick Walsh  
Month’s Mind: Eileen McGreevy  
Anniversaries: Patrick O’Connor, Vera Gough

### Eucharistic Adoration

St Patrick’s Church, Legamaddy every Tuesday from 2.30-3.30pm.  
St Joseph’s Church, Killough every Wednesday from 1.30pm-7.30pm.

### 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.

### First Saturday Fatima Devotion

St Joseph’s Church, Killough, Saturday 6th January: 9.15am Holy Rosary; 9.40am Meditation on the Mysteries; 10.00am Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; 10.40am Confessions.

### Parish of Bright Society of St Vincent de Paul

wish to thank everyone who contributed so generously to their recent Christmas Appeal.

## 1st January 2024 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God World Day of Peace

At the beginning of the New Year, let us raise to the Lord our heartfelt thanks for the "new" time, a gift of his merciful love, which we begin in the name of Jesus and of his Virgin Mother, Mary.

Today, we celebrate the feast of the Divine Motherhood of Our Lady, and the Gospel reminds us that to the Child born in the grotto of Bethlehem "the name Jesus was given", which means "God saves".

Yes! Only from the Lord can the world expect salvation. Only Christ knows the depths of the human heart: by receiving the power of his grace, each one can fully realise himself. Supported by this awareness, believers do not lose hope, despite the growing number of obstacles to, and attacks on peace.

So today I ask each person to make his/her contribution to foster and bring about peace, through generous choices of reciprocal understanding, reconciliation, forgiveness and concrete attention to those in need.

Concrete "gestures of peace" are necessary in families, in the work place, in communities, in civil life as a whole, in national and international public gatherings. Above all, we must never stop praying for peace.

How can we not express once more the wish that world leaders do everything in their power to find peaceful solutions to the many tensions present in the world, avoiding further suffering for those peoples who have been so sorely tried? May human solidarity and law prevail!

Dear brothers and sisters, let us entrust this unceasing plea to Mary, whom we venerate today with the wonderful title of "Mother of God", the Theotokos. Chosen to be the Mother of our Saviour, at the foot of the Cross she became the Mother of every human being. May she obtain for us a serene and profitable year in which people may accomplish many "gestures of peace".

(St John Paul II)