

Parish of Bright Bulletin

Third Sunday of Advent - 17th December 2023

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Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 18th December

St Patrick’s, Legamaddy	St Joseph’s, Killough
18th December Monday 10am	19th December Tuesday 10am
22nd December Friday 7.30pm.	20th December Wed 7.30pm
24th December Sunday 10am.	23rd December Saturday 10am
	23rd December Sat Vigil 6.30pm

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Rossglass
21st December Thursday 10.00am

Faithful Departed

Anniversaries: Gerry & May McCullough

Christmas Confessions

Fr Peter will be available after all weekday Masses this week, and at 6.00pm before the Saturday Vigil Mass on 23rd December in St Joseph’s and afterwards, and after the 10.00am Mass in St Patrick’s on Sunday 24th December.

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.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal Church Door Collection

will continue this weekend for anyone who was not able to make a contribution last weekend. Thank you!

Divine Mercy Holy Hour in St Joseph’s, Killough on Sunday 17th December at 3.00pm.

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th December: St Patrick’s, Legamaddy at 6.00pm & St Joseph’s, Killough at 9.00pm.
Christmas Day, Monday 25th December: St Patrick’s at 10.00am.

Prayer of Pope Francis to Our Lady on 8th December 2023

Immaculate Virgin!

We come to you with hearts divided between hope and anguish. We need you, our Mother! But above all, we want to thank you, because in silence, which is your way, you watch over the world.

In silence, day and night, you watch over us:
over our families, with their joys and worries – you know them well;
over our study and work places; over our institutions and public offices;
over our hospitals and nursing homes; over our prisons; over those who live on the streets; over our parishes.

Thank you for your discreet and constant presence that gives us comfort and hope. We need you, Mother, because you are the Immaculate Conception. Your person, the fact itself that you exist, reminds us that evil has neither the first nor the last word; that our destiny is not death but life, not hatred but fraternity, not conflict but harmony, not war but peace. Looking at you, we feel confirmed in this faith that is tested dearly by events.

And you, Mother, turn your eyes of mercy on all the people oppressed by injustice and poverty, tried by war; look on the battered Ukrainian people, the Palestinian people and the Israeli people, plunged in a spiral of violence.

Today, holy Mother, we bring many mothers who, as happened to you, are filled with sorrow. The mothers who weep for their children killed by war and terrorism.. And also the mothers who try to free them from the bonds of addiction, and those who watch over them through long and difficult illnesses.

Today, Mary, as a woman, we need you to entrust to you every woman who has suffered violence, and those are still victims of violence, in every part of the world. You know them one by one; you know their faces. We beg you to dry their tears and those of their dear ones. And help us to embark on a path of purification, recognising and countering the violence that lurks in our hearts and in our minds, asking God to deliver us from it.

Show us once again, O Mother, the path of conversion, for there is no peace without pardon, and there is no pardon without repentance. The world changes if hearts change; and everyone must say: beginning with mine. But only God can change the human heart with his grace, the grace in which you, Mary, were immersed from the first instant.

The grace of Jesus Christ, Our Lord, whom you generated in your flesh, who died and rose for us, and to whom you always direct us, He is salvation for every person, and for the world. Come, Lord Jesus! May your kingdom of love, justice and peace come! Amen.