

# Parish of Bright Bulletin

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 28th January 2024**

**Parish Priest:** Fr Peter O’Kane  
**Address:** 16 Rossglass Road, Killough, BT30 7QN  
**Tel:** 028 4484 1221  
**Email:** parishofbright@downandconnor.org  
**Website:** parishofbright.net

## **Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 29th January**

St Patrick’s, Legamaddy	St Joseph’s, Killough
29th January Monday 10am	30th January Tuesday 10am
2nd February Friday 7.30pm	31st January Wed 7.30pm
4th February Sunday 10am	3rd February Saturday 10am
	3rd February Sat Vigil 6.30pm

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Rossglass  
1st February Thursday 10.00am

## **Faithful Departed**

Recently Deceased: Hugh Trainor (Naas, Co Kildare),  
Colette McGrady (Downpatrick), Joan Sharvin (Ardglass)  
Month’s Mind: Colette Fitzsimons, Ellie Connolly  
Anniversaries: Isobel Burns, Thomas McLaughlin, John & Catherine Kelly

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

## **First Saturday Fatima Devotion**

St Joseph’s Church, Killough, Saturday 3rd February: 9.15am Holy Rosary; 9.40am Meditation on the Mysteries; 10.00am Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; 10.40am Confessions.

## **Beginning the ‘Year of Prayer’**

At the end of the Angelus on Sunday, January 21, Pope Francis said: “The coming months will lead us to the opening of the Holy Door, with which we will begin the Jubilee. I ask you to intensify your prayer to prepare us to live well this event of grace, and to experience the strength of God’s hope. Therefore, today we begin the Year of Prayer; that is, a year dedicated to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, and in the world.”

In an earlier letter Pope Francis wrote:

“In this time of preparation, I would greatly desire that we devote 2024, the year preceding the Jubilee event, to a great “symphony” of prayer. Prayer, above all else, to renew our desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and to adore him. Prayer, moreover, to thank God for the many gifts of his love for us and to praise his work in creation. Prayer as the expression of a single “heart and soul” (cf. Acts 4:32), which then translates into solidarity and the sharing of our daily bread. Prayer that makes it possible for every man and woman to reveal to God what lies hidden in the depths of their heart. Prayer as the royal road to holiness, which enables us to be contemplative even in the midst of activity. In a word, may it be an intense year of prayer in which hearts are opened to receive the outpouring of God’s grace and to make the “Our Father,” the prayer Jesus taught us, the life programme of each of his disciples.

## **‘Learning Christ’: a prayer by St John Henry Newman**

“Teach me, my Lord, to be sweet and gentle in all the events of life: in disappointments, in the thoughtlessness of others, in the insincerity of those I trusted, in the unfaithfulness of those on whom I relied. Let me put myself aside, to think of the happiness of others, to hide my little pains and heartaches, so that I may be the only one to suffer them. Teach me to profit by the suffering that comes across my path. Let me so use it that it may mellow me, not harden nor embitter me; that it may make me patient, not irritable, that it may make me broad in my forgiveness, not narrow, haughty and overbearing. May no one be less good for having come within my influence. No one less pure, less noble for having been a fellow-traveller in our journey toward eternal life. As I go my rounds from one distraction to another, let me whisper, from time to time, a word of love to You. May our life be lived in the supernatural, full of power for good, and strong in its purpose of sanctity. Amen.”