

Parish of Bright Bulletin

First Sunday of Lent - 18th February 2024

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Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 12th February

St Patrick’s, Legamaddy	St Joseph’s, Killough
19th February Monday 10am	20th February Tuesday 10am
23rd February Friday 7.30pm	21st February Wed 7.30pm
25th February Sunday 10am	24th February Saturday 10am
	24th February Sat Vigil 6.30pm

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Rossglass
22nd February Thursday 10.00am

Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased: Brian Hogg, Ally Smyth (Ardglass), John George, Brendan Walsh

Month’s Mind: Hugh Trainor

Anniversaries: Angela Power, Donald McCrissican, Mickey Tumelty, Margaret McConvey, Jim Rice

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

St Joseph’s, Killough on Sunday 18th February at 3.00pm.

Stations of the Cross

Will take place during the weeks of Lent after the Wednesday 7.30pm Mass in St Joseph’s, Killough, and after the Friday 7.30pm Mass in St Patrick’s, Legamaddy.

Weekly Confession: 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.

Lent & Psalm 51

‘Praying Psalm 51 is a perfect psalm to meditate upon during the first few days of Lent. Many of the psalms in the Old Testament speak to our human condition and our need for repentance. They are beautiful poems that recall our sinfulness, while also looking forward to redemption in Christ. In particular, Psalm 50, also called the *Miserere*, is a perfect psalm to begin the season of Lent.

Pope Benedict XVI commented on this psalm in his homily for Ash Wednesday in 2012; “The same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead can turn our hearts from hearts of stone into hearts of flesh (cf. Ezek 36:26). We invoked him just now in the Psalm *Miserere*: “Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your holy Spirit from me” (Ps 51[50]:10, 11). That same God who banished our first parents from Eden, sent his own Son to this earth, devastated by sin, without sparing him, so that we, as prodigal children might return, repentant and redeemed through his mercy, to our true homeland.”

Here is an excerpt from Psalm 50 to help you start off Lent on the right foot.

"Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done.

That you may be justified when you give sentence
and be without reproach when you judge,
O see, in guilt I was born,
a sinner was I conceived.

Indeed you love truth in the heart;
then in the secret of my heart teach me wisdom.
O purify me, then I shall be clean;
O wash me, I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me hear rejoicing and gladness,
that the bones you have crushed may revive.
From my sins turn away your face
and blot out all my guilt.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.
Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.’

(By Philip Kosloski)