

Parish of Bright Bulletin

Second Sunday of Lent - 25th February 2024

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Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 26th February

St Patrick’s, Legamaddy	St Joseph’s, Killough
26th February Monday 10am	27th February Tuesday 10am
1st March Friday 7.30pm	28th February Wed 7.30pm
3rd March Sunday 10am	2nd March Saturday 10am
	2nd March Sat Vigil 6.30pm

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Rossglass
29th February Thursday 10.00am

Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased: Theresa Fagan (St Paul’s, Belfast),
Gareth Smith (Downpatrick)

Anniversaries: Nancy & Pat Fitzsimons, Barney Graham, Geraldine Tucker,
John McClean, John Rogan, Rosena McLaughlin, Brendan & Lizzy
Sharvin, Michael Kearney, Paddy & Cissie McCormick

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.

First Saturday Fatima Devotion

St Joseph’s Church, Killough, Saturday 2nd March: 9.15am Holy Rosary;
9.40am Meditation on the Mysteries; 10.00am Holy Sacrifice of the Mass;
10.40am Confessions.

Lent and What we Treasure in Life

'Jesus gives us the following motto to live by during Lent: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Lent is a unique time in the Church’s calendar that focuses on detachment from the things of this world. As Jesus went into the desert to pray, so do we go into the desert to reflect on our lives and the state of our souls.

In particular, St. John Paul II commented in his message for Lent in 1980 on how Lent is a time to examine the “treasures” of our lives: “The spirit of penance and its practice impel us to detach ourselves sincerely from our unnecessary possessions, and even sometimes from our necessary ones, which prevent us from really “being” as God wishes us to be: “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also”. Is our heart attached to material wealth, to power over others, to subtle ways of dominating? If so, we need Christ, the Easter Liberator, who, if we wish him to, can free us of all the bonds of sin that hold us fast.”

St. John Paul II then continues by challenging us not only to identify the false treasures we cling to, but also to get rid of them: “Let us prepare to allow ourselves to be enriched by the grace of the Resurrection, by ridding ourselves of all false treasures: the material goods that we do not need are often the very conditions for the survival of millions of human beings. Also, in addition to their bare subsistence, hundreds of millions of people are waiting for us to help them to give themselves the necessary means both for their own full human advancement and for the economic and cultural development of their countries.”

In this way, we can purify our hearts through detachment and charity. We can give away our treasures so that others may prosper. As we continue our journey into Lent, may we ask ourselves what we truly treasure in life and try to rid ourselves of anything that might take us away from God.” (By Philip Kosloski)