

Parish of Bright Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 29th April

<i>St Patrick’s, Legamaddy</i>	<i>St Joseph’s, Killough</i>
29th April Monday 10am	30th April Tuesday 10am
3rd May Friday 7.30pm	1st May Wed 7.30pm
5th May Sunday 10am	4th May Saturday 10am
	4th May Sat Vigil 6.30pm

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Rossglass
2nd May Thursday 10.00am

Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased: Celia Stilges (St Malachy’s, Belfast)
Month’s Mind: Vera McCartan (Downpatrick, formerly Ballynoe)
Anniversaries: Emily Engelen, Peggy Stranney, Sophia Crawford, Brendan Venney

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 4th May: 9.15am Holy Rosary; 9.40am Meditation on the Mysteries; 10.00am Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; 10.40am Confessions.

From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

“I BELIEVE IN LIFE EVERLASTING” (The Creed)

What is life everlasting?: Eternal life is that life which begins immediately after death. It will have no end. It will be preceded for each person by a particular judgment at the hands of Christ who is the Judge of the living and the dead. This particular judgement will be confirmed in the final judgment.

What is the particular judgment? It is the judgment of immediate retribution which each one after death will receive from God in his immortal soul in accord with his faith and his works. This retribution consists in entrance into the happiness of heaven, immediately or after an appropriate purification, or entry into the eternal damnation of hell.

What is meant by the term “heaven”? By “heaven” is meant the state of supreme and definitive happiness. Those who die in the grace of God and have no need of further purification are gathered around Jesus and Mary, the angels and the saints. They thus form the Church of heaven, where they see God “face to face” (1 Corinthians 13:12). They live in a communion of love with the Most Blessed Trinity and they intercede for us.

What is purgatory? Purgatory is the state of those who die in God’s friendship, assured of their eternal salvation, but who still have need of purification to enter into the happiness of heaven.

How can we help the souls being purified in purgatory?

Because of the communion of saints, the faithful who are still pilgrims on earth are able to help the souls in purgatory by offering prayers in suffrage for them, especially the Eucharistic sacrifice. They also help them by almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance.

In what does hell consist? Hell consists in the eternal damnation of those who die in mortal sin through their own free choice. The principal suffering of hell is eternal separation from God in whom alone we can have the life and happiness for which we were created and for which we long. Christ proclaimed this reality with the words, “Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire” (Matthew 25:41).

How can one reconcile the existence of hell with the infinite goodness of God?

God, while desiring “all to come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9), nevertheless has created the human person to be free and responsible; and he respects our decisions. Therefore, it is the human person who freely excludes himself from communion with God if at the moment of death he persists in mortal sin and refuses the merciful love of God.

In what does the final judgment consist? The final or universal judgment consists in a sentence of happiness or eternal condemnation, which the Lord Jesus will issue in regard to the “just and the unjust” (Acts 24:15) when he returns as the Judge of the living and the dead. After the last judgment, the resurrected body will share in the retribution which the soul received at the particular judgment.

When will this judgment occur? This judgment will come at the end of the world and only God knows the day and the hour.