

Parish of Bright Bulletin
The Ascension of the Lord - 7th Sunday of Easter
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Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 13th May

<i>St Patrick’s, Legamaddy</i>	<i>St Joseph’s, Killough</i>
13th May Monday 10am	14th May Tuesday 10am
17th May Friday 7.30pm	15th May Wed 7.30pm
19th May Sunday 10am	18th May Saturday 10am
	18th May Sat Vigil 6.30pm

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Rossglass
16th May Thursday 10.00am

Faithful Departed

Anniversaries: Oliver Doran, Kathleen Burke, Seamus Kelly, Catherine Milligan, Helen Kelly, Ellen & Michel Daly, James Connor, Annie & Joe McClelland

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.

Downpatrick Family of Parishes: You are invited to attend a meeting about the new Downpatrick Family of Parishes (Downpatrick, Saul and Ballet, Kilclief, Dunsford & Ardglass, Bright) in ‘Patrick’s Place’ (Crypt of St Patrick’s Church) on Tuesday 28th May at 7.30pm.

Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis

Final preparations are under way for the visit of the relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis to the Parish of Dunsford and Ardglass. His relic will be available for veneration in Ardglass: Monday 13th May between 9.30am and 10.00pm and in Dunsford: Tuesday 14th May between 9:30 am and 12noon. Car Parking: available at both venues. In Ardglass additional parking from 5pm on, in St Nicholas PS (on the way into the village) a Shuttle Bus Service will be available to take people from the school up to the Church for the Mass with Bishop Alan at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

5 WAYS CARLO ACUTIS IS AN ESSENTIAL INFLUENCE FOR TODAY’S CHILDREN

“Thirty-three years ago, Blessed Carlo Acutis was born in London, only to die 15 years later. It’s incredible to see how despite his short life, this saintly Italian youth has had such an influence on his peers, family, believers and non-believers throughout the world. Certain elements of Carlo’s life resonate easily with today’s youngsters, making him an ideal role model for any young person wanting to live a holy and meaningful life, focusing on what it is truly important. Below are five ways in which Carlo’s life can have a positive influence on children and adults alike today:

Integration of faith and technology: Carlo demonstrated how faith and technology can harmoniously coexist. In fact, he used the digital world for the glory of God, by using his skills in computer programming to create websites documenting Eucharistic miracles, and approved Marian apparitions, guiding others in deepening their faith through modern digital platforms. His example inspires children to see technology not as a barrier to spirituality but as a tool for spreading the message of love and hope.

Commitment to holiness in everyday life: Despite his young age, Carlo lived a life of profound holiness in the midst of ordinary activities. He showed that holiness is not reserved for special occasions but can be pursued in everyday moments — whether it’s attending Mass, studying diligently, helping others, or spending time with family and friends. Children can learn from the young Italian saint that every action, no matter how small, can be infused with love and devotion to God.

Devotion to the Eucharist: Carlo’s deep love for the Eucharist was central to his life. He fervently believed in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and made it a priority to attend Mass and spend time in Adoration. By emulating Carlo’s devotion to the Eucharist, children can cultivate a deeper understanding of the significance of the Mass and the profound love that Jesus has for each of us.

Courage to stand firm in faith: Despite facing peer pressure and societal norms that often clash with Catholic teachings, Carlo remained steadfast in his faith. He fearlessly embraced his beliefs and stood up for what he knew to be true, even in the face of adversity. He also encouraged his parents who’d fallen away from their faith to return to the Church. Children can draw inspiration from Carlo’s courage to remain faithful to their beliefs and values, even when it’s challenging to do so.

Charity and compassion: Carlo had a heart full of love and compassion for others. He dedicated his time and resources to helping the less fortunate, showing kindness and generosity to those in need. Through acts of charity and compassion, Carlo demonstrated the transformative power of love in making the world a better place. Children can follow his example by seeking opportunities to serve others with kindness and empathy.” (By Cerith Gardiner)