

Parish of Bright Bulletin

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 15th July

<i>St Patrick’s, Legamaddy</i>	<i>St Joseph’s, Killough</i>
15th July Monday 10am	16th July Tuesday 10am
19th July Friday 7.30pm	17th July Wed 7.30pm
21st July Sunday 10am	20th July Saturday 10am
	20th July Sat Vigil 6.30pm

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Rossglass
18th July Thursday 10.00

Faithful Departed

Month’s Mind: Gerard Wyatt
Anniversaries: John Jones

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 7.00-8.00pm.
St Joseph’s Church, Killough every Wednesday from 1.30pm-7.30pm.

What does the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist mean?

“While Jesus is present in the poor and in the holy scriptures, he is uniquely present in the Eucharist. Catholics like to use the term "Real Presence" when discussing the Eucharist and Jesus' presence in the consecrated bread and wine. However, an outsider doesn't always know what that means or why Jesus' presence is called, "real."

First of all, it is important to note that Jesus is present in a variety of ways in the world, as the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains: "Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us," is present in many ways to his Church: in his word, in his Church's prayer, "where two or three are gathered in my name," in the poor, the sick, and the imprisoned, in the sacraments of which he is the author, in the sacrifice of the Mass, and in the person of the minister." CCC 1373

Although Jesus is present in many ways, yet, the *Catechism* proclaims, "he is present . . . most especially in the Eucharistic species." (CCC 1373)

The *Catechism* goes on to say that Jesus' presence in the Eucharist is different than anything else in the world: “The mode of Christ's presence under the Eucharistic species is unique. It raises the Eucharist above all the sacraments as "the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all the sacraments tend." In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist "the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained." CCC 1374

This unique presence is called "real" by the Church for a specific reason: "This presence is called 'real' -- by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence as if they could not be 'real' too, but because it is presence in the fullest sense: that is to say, it is a substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present." CCC 1374

The Eucharist remains a great mystery as the consecrated bread at Mass appears to be merely bread. Nothing changes in its exterior appearance, but the Catholic Church has consistently taught over the centuries that Jesus' "Real Presence" enters into the bread and wine in a miraculous way.

At times God has allowed certain miracles to bolster the faith of certain individuals, in which even the appearances change into Jesus' body and blood. It is a rare occurrence, but can reinforce our faith that Jesus is truly present at Mass.” (By Philip Kosloski)

