

Parish of Bright Bulletin
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
11th August 2024

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Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 12th August

<i>St Patrick’s, Legamaddy</i>	<i>St Joseph’s, Killough</i>
12th August Monday 10am	13th August Tuesday 10am
15th August Thursday 10am	14th August Wed 7.30pm
16th August Friday 7.30pm	17th August Saturday 10am
18th August Sunday 10am	17th August Sat Vigil 6.30pm

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday 15th August is the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are as follows:
Vigil Mass Wednesday 14th August in St Joseph’s, Killough at 7.30pm;
Day Mass Thursday 15th August in St Patrick’s, Legamaddy at 10.00am

Please Note: There is no Mass in Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Rossglass on Thursday 15th August; the Mass is transferred to St Patrick’s, Legamaddy on this one occasion.

Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased: Bernard Kelly
Anniversaries: John McLean, Ned Crane, John Mageean, Paul Clendenning

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.

Mass for the Sick and Infirm will take place in Bright Community Hall, Ballynoe, BT30 8AJ at 12noon on Saturday 14th September. Refreshments will be served afterwards. If you need transport please contact St Vincent de Paul: Nickey 07745 004510 or Sean 07548 647301.

St. Isidore the Farmer’s great love of the Eucharist

“St. Isidore, the patron saint of farmers, was a holy man who worked as a day labourer. He did not own a farm, but worked on the farm of a wealthy land owner.

One of his habits that he would never budge on was his commitment to **attend daily Mass**. Fr. Michael Mueller explains in his book *The Blessed Eucharist Our Greatest Treasure* how St Isidore "was accused by some of his fellow labourers to his master of **staying too long in the church** and of being always too late at work.”

St. Isidore believed that he had a duty to God, but that he also had a duty to his employer. Instead of neglecting either duty, St. Isidore prayed to God for help in fulfilling his obligations.

What happened next was most unexpected and is the most popular story told about St. Isidore's life. Fr Mueller goes on to explain how the land owner wanted to see for himself whether or not St. Isidore was neglecting his duties to attend Mass: “His master, to convince himself of the truth of the accusation, went out early in the morning to see whether Isidore came in due time to the farm; but how great was his astonishment when he beheld **two Angels, dressed in white, ploughing with two yoke of oxen and St. Isidore in their midst**. From this time forward Isidore was held in great veneration by the wealthy farmer and by all who heard of the fact.”

In this way, St. Isidore was able to fulfil his daily obligation on the farm, and attend daily Mass. St. Isidore wanted to keep God front and centre in his life, always praying the first thing in the morning. He also knew the grace and strength he would receive from attending Mass and adoring God in the Eucharist and made daily Mass a priority.

While not everyone is able to attend Mass on a daily basis, we can all learn from St Isidore’s example and seek to put God first in our lives.”
(By Philip Kosloski)