

**Parish of Bright Bulletin**  
**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**18th August 2024**

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**Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 19th August**

<i>St Patrick’s, Legamaddy</i>	<i>St Joseph’s, Killough</i>
19th August Monday 10am	20th August Tuesday 10am
23rd August Friday 7.30pm	21st August Wed 7.30pm
25th August Sunday 10am	24th August Saturday 10am
	24th August Sat Vigil 6.30pm

*Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Rossglass*  
22nd August Thursday 10.00

**Faithful Departed**

Recently Deceased: Archbishop Noel Treanor  
Anniversaries: Kate Burns, Elizabeth Gelston, Edward Trainor

**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.

**Divine Mercy Holy Hour** will take place in St Joseph’s, Killough on Sunday 18th August at 3.00pm.

**How the Eucharist is an “antidote” to death**

“As humans, we often fear death, not knowing what will happen to us after we die. This is one of the reasons why many have sought for a "fountain of youth," or the means to keep living forever.

Early Christians found that "antidote to death" in the Eucharist. Second-century bishop St. Ignatius of Antioch wrote in his letter to the Ephesians about the power of the Eucharist and its ability to **unite us to Christ and**

**live forever in eternity:** “Obey the bishop and the presbytery with an undivided mind, breaking one and the same bread, which is **the medicine of immortality**, and the **antidote to prevent us from dying**, but which causes that we should **live for ever in Jesus Christ.**”

This does not mean that the Eucharist can somehow allow us to live endlessly on earth, but that it grants us the eternal bliss of Heaven.

Ignatius was a student of St. John the Apostle, who wrote a similar statement in his Gospel: “Jesus said to them, “Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you ...**This is the bread that came down from heaven.** Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, **whoever eats this bread will live forever.**” John 6:53, 58”

The worthy reception of the Eucharist at Mass increases our love of God, thereby increasing our desire for him in eternity. The Eucharist is our "food for the journey," ushering us on toward the beatific vision of God, **where death will be no more.** If we want true and lasting immortality, turn to Jesus in the Eucharist.” (By Philip Kosloski)

**Funeral Arrangements for**  
**His Excellency, The Most Reverend Noël Treanor DD**  
**Apostolic Nuncio to the European Union**  
**Bishop Emeritus of Down & Connor**

***Sunday 18 August***

Archbishop Treanor’s remains will be received at St Peter’s Cathedral, Belfast at 6.00pm, followed by the Liturgical Vigil for the Deceased.

***Monday 19 August***

The Cathedral will be open from 8.00am-8.00pm for those who wish to pay their respects. Parish Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am as usual. Evening Prayer of the Church will be celebrated at 7.00pm.

***Tuesday 20 August***

Solemn Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 12.00 noon, followed by burial in the Cathedral Chapel of the Resurrection.