

Parish of Bright Bulletin
Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 30th September

<i>St Patrick’s, Legamaddy</i>	<i>St Joseph’s, Killough</i>
30th Sept Monday 10am	1st Oct Tuesday 10am
4th Oct Friday 7.30pm	2nd Oct Wednesday 7.30pm
6th Oct Sunday 10.00am	5th Oct Saturday 10.00am
	5th Oct Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Rossglass
3rd Oct Thursday 10.00

Faithful Departed

Month’s Mind: Jean Smith
Anniversaries: Seamus & John Owens, John Trainor

Weekly Confessions

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available: after all weekday Masses; and in St Joseph’s every Wednesday 8.00pm-8.45pm and at 6.00pm before the Saturday Vigil Mass; and in St Patrick’s every Friday 8.00pm-8.45pm.

Eucharistic Adoration

St Joseph’s, Killough every Wednesday:
1.30pm-7.30pm and after Mass from 8.00pm-9.00pm.
St Patrick’s, Legamaddy every Friday:
6.30pm-7.30pm and after Mass from 8.00pm-9.00pm.

First Saturday Fatima Devotion

St Joseph’s Church, Killough, Saturday 5th October: 9.15am Holy Rosary; 9.40am Meditation on the Mysteries; 10.00am Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; 10.40am Confessions.

The Saints and Angels Rejoice Every Time You Go to Confession

“Going to confession can be a solitary endeavour, as it only involves ourselves and a priest. This is not a bad thing, as it provides us with the security we need to confess our sins in private.

However, we may not always recognise the remarkable spiritual reality that is hidden from our eyes. The heavenly host of angels and saints are watching us walk up to the confessional and sit or kneel before the priest. They want us desperately to reconcile with God and the Church, praying that we will have the courage to confess our sins.

Jesus himself pointed this out to his apostles, as the Gospel of Luke records: ‘Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. Luke 15:7’

St. Francis de Sales offers a similar reflection in his *Introduction to the Devout Life*: ‘Wait attentively, and open the ears of your heart, that you may in spirit hear the absolution which the Lord of your soul, sitting on the throne of His Mercy, will speak in Heaven before the Saints and Angels when His Priest absolves you here below in His Name. Be sure that all that company of blessed ones rejoice in your joy, and sing a song of untold gladness, embracing you and accepting you as cleansed and sanctified.’

This is an important spiritual reality to remember each time we go to confession.

Sometimes we may be reluctant to confess our sins, as we feel alone and unloved, or we may feel shame about our sins. Yet, we are not alone and all the saints and angels are cheering us on, wanting to some day welcome us into their loving arms in the eternal embrace of Heaven.

The next time you go to confession, try to visualise the joy that the saints and angels are experiencing after the priest says the words of absolution.

Savour that joy and allow it to penetrate your heart, so that you may be renewed and strengthened to live a life of virtue.” (By Philip Kosloski)