

Parish of Bright Bulletin
Thirty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 25th November

<i>St Patrick’s, Legamaddy</i>	<i>St Joseph’s, Killough</i>
25th Nov Monday 10am	26th Nov Tuesday 10am
29th Nov Friday 7.30pm	27th Nov Wednesday 7.30pm
1st Dec Sunday 10.00am	30th Nov Saturday 10.00am
	30th Nov Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Rossglass
28th Nov Thursday 10.00

Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased: Norman Curran (Belfast, formerly Killough)
Anniversaries: Bill Reid, Oliver Sloan, Margaret & George Hanna,
Margaret McIlmail & Eileen McGreevey (nee McIlmail), Jim Rogan,
Paul Stewart, Lily McMullan

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.

Inter-Church Carol Service will take place in St Joseph’s Church,
Killough on Tuesday 10th December at 7.30pm. Refreshments afterwards
in Killough Youth and Community Hall.

Pastoral Letter of Bishop Alan McGuckian

Bishop Alan has written a Pastoral Letter called “Precious in the Sight of the Lord is the Death of His Faithful.” It addresses the crucial matter of end-of-life care in light of the proposed Terminally Ill Adults Bill to be discussed in Parliament on November 29th. The Pastoral Letter is available at www.downandconnor.org; a printed copy is also available in the churches.

Bishop Alan is encouraging all parishioners to make their voices heard by writing to their Members of Parliament ahead of the upcoming vote:

“The Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill 2024-25 has its second reading on 29 November. It’s crucial that MPs see that there is a large number of voters in each constituency who don’t want this dangerous and extreme change to the law. We must actively oppose assisted suicide legislation, as the promised safeguards often prove temporary, and just as we witnessed with abortion law, what starts as a limited measure can rapidly expand and also arrive to our shores. I urge you to write to your MP to ensure your voice is heard.”

“Saint Paul reminds us, "The life and death of each of us has its influence on others." This truth compels us to consider not just individual choices, but their broader impact on our community. Legislating for assisted suicide or euthanasia would undermine the confidence of terminally ill individuals who wish to be cared for and live life fully until natural death. Such legislation would fundamentally alter how we view and value human life, particularly affecting society's most vulnerable members. What our community needs is not assisted suicide legislation, but rather a renewed commitment to comprehensive care for those who suffer. We must work to ensure that quality palliative care services become more widely available in our hospitals, hospices, and communities.”

“The ‘hour of our death’ is immensely significant; that is why we repeatedly ask Our Lady; to pray for us "now and at the hour of our death". We ask her to guide us in protecting and cherishing the gift of life. She stood patiently at the foot of the cross and waited for death to come. Then, she witnessed her Son risen triumphantly from the dead. In these extraordinary times we have much to learn from her witness about the meaning of death and life.” (Quotes from Bishop Alan’s Pastoral Letter)