

**Parish of Bright Bulletin**  
**Second Sunday of Christmas**  
**5th January 2025**

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**Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 6th January**

<i>St Patrick’s, Legamaddy</i>	<i>St Joseph’s, Killough</i>
6th Jan Monday 10am	6th Jan Monday 7.30pm
10th Jan Friday 7.30pm	7th Jan Tuesday 10am
12th Jan Sunday 10.00am	8th Jan Wednesday 7.30pm
	11th Jan Saturday 10am
	11th Jan Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Rossglass  
9th Jan Thursday 10.00am

**Feast of the Epiphany - 6th January** (Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass Times: Monday 6th Jan, St Patrick’s, Legamaddy, 10.00am,  
Monday 6th Jan, St Joseph’s, Killough, 7.30pm

**Faithful Departed**

Recently Deceased: Bernie McCaffery (St Luke’s, Belfast),  
Bernadette Kyles (St Michael’s, Belfast)  
Anniversaries: Kay Jones, Peggy Hanna, Mary George, Isobel Mageean,  
Matthew Millar, Eleanor Millar, Gerard Masterson, Sarah Linden

**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.

**Pope Francis Inaugurates the Jubilee Year 2025**

‘As Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of Saint Peter’s Basilica, the evening of 24 December 2024, he ushered in the widely anticipated 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope. With the liturgical gesture of the opening the Holy Door at the start of the Christmas Mass during the Night, the Pope inaugurated the Jubilee, an historic event taking place every 25 years. The Jubilee will conclude with the closing of the same Holy Door on 6 January 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.

The Holy Door is deemed 'Holy' since it calls all those who enter through it to walk in holiness of life. In his homily Pope Francis said:

”During the Holy Year may the light of Christian hope illumine every man and woman, as a message of God’s love addressed to all! And may the Church bear faithful witness to this message in every part of the world!

The Infinitely Great made Himself tiny, the glory of heaven appeared on earth as a little child. If God can visit us, even when our hearts seem like a lowly manger we can truly say: Hope is not dead; hope is alive and it embraces our lives forever!

Tonight, the door of hope has opened wide to the world and God speaks to each of us and says: 'there is hope also for you! With haste let us set out to behold the Lord who is born for us, our hearts joyful and attentive, ready to meet him and then to bring hope to the way we live our daily lives. For Christian hope is not a 'happy ending' which we passively await, but rather, a promise, the Lord’s promise, to be welcomed here and now in our world of suffering and sighs.

This is the season of hope in which we are invited to rediscover the joy of meeting the Lord. The Jubilee calls us to spiritual renewal and commits us to the transformation of our world, so that this year may truly become a time of jubilation.

The Jubilee is a summons not to tarry, to be kept back by our old habits, or to wallow in mediocrity or laziness. We are called to find our greater hope in Him, and then, without delay, carry that hope with us, as pilgrims of light amid the darkness of this world.

Dear sister, dear brother, on this night the 'holy door' of God’s heart lies open before you. Jesus, God-with-us, is born for you, for us, for every man and woman. With Him, joy flourishes; with Him, life changes; with Him, hope does not disappoint.” (from Vatican News)