

Parish of Bright Bulletin
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 3rd March

<i>St Patrick’s, Legamaddy</i>	<i>St Joseph’s, Killough</i>
3rd March Monday 10am	4th March Tuesday 10am
5th March Wednesday 10am	5th March Wednesday 7.30pm
7th March Friday 7.30pm	8th March Saturday 10am
9th March Sunday 10.00am	8th March Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Rossglass
6th March Thursday 10.00

Faithful Departed

Month’s Mind: Ann Cupples
Anniversaries: Pat & Nancy Fitzsimons, Ronnie McLean, John McClean

Ash Wednesday 5th March

Lent begins this Wednesday. We can use these few days before Ash Wednesday to get ready by thinking about what we will ‘do’ or ‘give up’ this Lent. We can share this with those at home and agree to encourage one another during Lent especially when we feel like giving up what we have decided to do. Let’s ask the Holy Spirit to help us persevere and always be prepared to begin again during our forty days of spiritual pilgrimage to Easter!

There are two **Masses for Ash Wednesday** during which Ashes will be distributed: St Patrick’s Church, Legamaddy at 10.00am and St Joseph’s Church, Killough at 7.30pm

Days of Fasting and Abstinence in Lent

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence from eating meat for Catholics. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

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.

Pioneer Association: Lenten Challenge & Invitation

The 2025 Lenten message of Pope Francis is a challenge and an encouragement for us to journey in hope together. Our Holy Father encourages us - as he always does - to move out of our comfort zones and to engage with others. This is all the more essential in “a world which seems to have lost its heart”. Abstaining from alcohol is one way of offering hope and support to those who are living under the shadow of addiction. A Pledge for Lent can be made at www.pioneerassociation.org.

You might be the first person in your family or workplace to take a few steps as a Pilgrim of Hope during this Jubilee Year. Consider inviting a few others to join you on the journey! You will be helping them - as their sponsor or anchor - to kindle the fire of God’s love in their hearts.

Think also about prayerfully adopting a person who is waiting on a place in Cuan Mhuire or as part of a Residential Treatment Program. You might also pray for those at local level who are being sustained - one day at a time - by the 12 steps of the AA fellowship.

Worldwide Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Sexual Abuse

This year’s Worldwide Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Sexual Abuse will take place on 7 March, the first Friday of Lent. The Day of Prayer is an initiative of Pope Francis and was first marked in Irish dioceses in 2017.

Prayer of Atonement

Lord, forgive us our many sins. We grieve and repent with all our hearts for having offended you, for our great failings and neglect of the young and vulnerable. We place all of those who have been hurt by the Church in any way into your loving hands and under the protection of Our Blessed Mother.

Lord, bring peace to their broken lives and show us all the way out of darkness and into the light of your Word. May we as the people of God be more fully human, more fully Christ-like and more fully your people, that we may see the errors of the past and go forward with renewed hope and faith in Christ and in our Church.

Amen