

**Parish of Bright Bulletin**  
**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**23rd February 2025**

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**Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 24th February**

<i>St Patrick’s, Legamaddy</i>	<i>St Joseph’s, Killough</i>
24th Feb Monday 10am	25th Feb Tuesday 10am
28th Feb Friday 7.30pm	26th Feb Wednesday 7.30pm
2nd March Sunday 10.00am	1st March Saturday 10am
	1st March Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Rossglass  
27th Feb Thursday 10.00

**Faithful Departed**

Recently Deceased: Danny Mageean  
Month’s Mind: Patsy McMillan  
Anniversaries: Mark Murphy, Mickey Tumelty, Barney Graham, Noel Kelly,  
Pa McMullan, Michael Kearney, Rosena McLoughlin

**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 1st March: 9.15am Holy Rosary; 9.40am Meditation on the Mysteries; 10.00am Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; 10.40am Confessions.

**How St. Francisco was changed by Our Lady of Fatima**

“St. Francisco Marto was an ordinary 10-year-old boy, often pulling pranks on his siblings and even refusing to pray when his father asked him.

Then everything changed when a beautiful Lady appeared to his sister and cousin. At first, St. Francisco could not see Our Lady of Fatima. Only after he began to pray the Rosary did he finally see her with his eyes.

Yet, he still never heard Our Lady and relied on St. Jacinta and Lucia to know what Our Lady said to him.

At one point Lucia asked if St. Francisco would go to heaven. Our Lady said to Lucia, "Yes, but first he must say many Rosaries." When he heard this from Lucia, Francisco cried, "Oh, Our Lady, I will say all the Rosaries you wish!" St. Francisco was a changed boy after the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima.

In addition to the apparitions, St. Francisco also heard Jesus speak to him while at home.

St. John Paul II explained what happened in his homily for Francisco's beatification in 2000:

‘What most impressed and entirely absorbed *Bl. Francisco* was God in that immense light which penetrated the inmost depths of the three children. But God told only Francisco "how sad" he was, as he said. One night his father heard him sobbing and asked him why he was crying; his son answered: "I was thinking of Jesus who is so sad because of the sins that are committed against him". He was motivated by one desire - so expressive of how children think - "to console Jesus and make him happy”.’

For the rest of his short life, St. Francisco sought to make Jesus happy.

St. John Paul II described how this formed the remaining time he spent on earth: A transformation takes place in his life, one we could call radical: “a transformation certainly uncommon for children of his age. He devotes himself to an intense spiritual life, expressed in assiduous and fervent prayer, and attains a true form of mystical union with the Lord. This spurs him to a progressive purification of the spirit through the renunciation of his own pleasures and even of innocent childhood games. Francisco bore without complaining the great sufferings caused by the illness from which he died. It all seemed to him so little to console Jesus: he died with a smile on his lips.”

His short life reminds us that we all have time to change the path of our lives, however old or young we are.

There is still time to let Our Lady change us and to console Jesus before our death.” (By Philip Kosloski)