

Parish of Bright Bulletin

Second Sunday of Lent

16th March 2025

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Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 17th March

<i>St Patrick's, Legamaddy</i>	<i>St Joseph's, Killough</i>
17th March Monday 10am	17th March Monday 7.30pm
21st March Friday 7.30pm	18th March Tuesday 10am
23rd March Sunday 10am	19th March Wednesday 7.30pm
	22nd March Saturday 10am
	22nd March Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Rossglass
20th March Thursday 10.00

St Patrick's Day (Holy Day of Obligation)

Masses: Monday 17th March St Patrick's, Legamaddy at 10.00am
Monday 17th March St Joseph's, Killough at 7.30pm

Faithful Departed

Recently: Ann Amos, Paul Ward, Malachi Curran
Anniversaries: Vincent Teague

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.

Sunday Collections - 9th March

Weekly £681-06. Thank you for your generous contributions.

Stations of the Cross

Will take place each Thursday of Lent after the 10.00am Mass in Our Lady, Star of the Sea Church, Rossglass.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour will take place in Sty Joseph's, Killough on Sunday 16th March at 3.00pm. I am always pleased when the feasts of St. Patrick and St. Joseph roll around every year, the first on March 17th and the second on March 19th.

Why is St. Patrick's Day celebrated on March 17?

'Not all saints are celebrated on their day of death. For example, St. John Paul II is celebrated on October 22, the day of his papal inauguration.

However, the vast majority of saints are celebrated on their death date, which is also considered their "birthday" into Heaven. This is the case for St. Patrick, as tradition has passed down over the centuries the date of March 17 as the day he died.

The Catholic Encyclopedia describes the scene of his death:

"At Saul (Sabhall), St. Patrick received the summons to his reward on March 17, 493. St. Tassach administered the last sacraments to him. His remains were wrapped in the shroud woven by St. Brigid's own hands. The bishops and clergy and faithful people from all parts crowded around his remains to pay due honour to the Father of their Faith. Some of the ancient Lives record that for several days the light of heaven shone around his bier. His remains were interred at the chieftan's Dun or Fort two miles from Saul, where in after times arose the cathedral of Down."

A 19th-century book, *The Story of Saint Patrick*, offers a similar account of his death:

"Patrick was now an old man, how old there are no means of exactly determining. It is reported that he passed several of his latest years in Armagh and Saul, always however bearing on his heart the concerns of the church at large in Ireland, for whose establishment and progress he had so long and faithfully laboured."

Furthermore, "the words [of] some imprudent, gushing admirer [wrote] at the close of Patrick's Confession, 'On the 17th of March Patrick was translated to heaven.'"

Ever since, March 17 has been one of the most popular saint feast days in the world.' (By Philip Kosloski)

Happy St Patrick's Day!