

Parish of Bright Bulletin

First Sunday of Lent

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Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 10th March

<i>St Patrick's, Legamaddy</i>	<i>St Joseph's, Killough</i>
10th March Monday 10am	11th March Tuesday 10am
14th March Friday 7.30pm	12th March Wednesday 7.30pm
16th March Sunday 10am	15th March Saturday 10am
	15th March Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Rossglass
13th March Thursday 10.00

Faithful Departed

Month's Mind: Brigdin Conway
Anniversaries: Marie Smyth & Thomas John Smyth, Bridie Foy,
John & Elizabeth Rogan, Marie Feely, Patsy Keenan, Seamus Mahon

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.

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.

Parish Pastoral Council

At our recent meeting on Tuesday 4th March we discussed the following: ongoing formation training for Pastoral Councils led by the Pathways for the Future Office at which our Pastoral Council is well represented, Lenten observances including Stations of The Cross after Mass at Star of the Sea, Rossglass beginning Thursday March 6th, work in progress to seek estimates for the repair of storm damage to St Patrick's and St Joseph's Churches. Star of the Sea Church will be checked for damage at the rear.

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Tuesday 4th April 2025. The members of the Parish of Bright Pastoral Council are: Gertie Small (Chair), Suzanne Hogg (Secretary), Cyril Carr, Mary Wylie, Mary McGrath, Martin Fitzsimons, Damien Wylie, Fr Peter.

Lent is a perfect time to take an inventory of your spiritual life

"Lent presents to us a unique time of the year when we are invited to look inside ourselves and at our spiritual lives, discovering the good and bad that is there.

If we are to be completely honest with ourselves, we will notice many areas that need growth and improvement. This can often be difficult for us, as we may not always want to see our faults and failings. However, it is important to take a spiritual inventory during Lent, as it gives us an opportunity to reconcile ourselves with God.

Pope Benedict XVI recommended this practice in his message for Lent in 2011. 'The Lenten journey, in which we are invited to contemplate the Mystery of the Cross, is meant to reproduce within us "the pattern of his death" (*Ph* 3: 10), so as to effect a deep *conversion* in our lives; that we may be transformed by the action of the Holy Spirit, like St. Paul on the road to Damascus; that we may firmly orient our existence according to the will of God; that we may be freed of our egoism, overcoming the instinct to dominate others and opening us to the love of Christ. The Lenten period is a favourable time to recognise our weakness and to accept, through a sincere inventory of our life, the renewing Grace of the Sacrament of Penance, and walk resolutely towards Christ.'

For some of us, this spiritual inventory will be more difficult to endure, as we already know our weaknesses and fear that more light upon our sins will lead us into despair.

The good news is that God reaches out to us in his mercy, ready to accept us into his loving arms. We need not be afraid of our failings, as God is ready to pick us up and set us on the right path." (Philip Kosloski)