

Parish of Bright Bulletin
Fifth Sunday of Lent
6th April 2025

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Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 7th April

<i>St Patrick’s, Legamaddy</i>	<i>St Joseph’s, Killough</i>
7th April Monday 10am	8th April Tuesday 10am
11th April Friday 7.30pm	9th April Wednesday 7.30pm
13th April Sunday 10am	12th April Saturday 10am
	12th April Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Rossglass
10th April Thursday 10.00

Faithful Departed

Month’s Mind: Anne Amos
Anniversaries: Paul Gilmore & Jim Maskey, Mickey Doran, Jimmy Linden,
Conor Denvir, Francie Tumelty, Joseph Keenan, Angela McCartan,
Fr Finbarr Glavin

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 Collection: 30th March

Weekly £696-56. Thank you for your generous contributions.

Sacrament of First Penance

The girls and boys who attend our two primary schools will celebrate their First Confession this week: St Patrick’s PS on Monday 7th April;
St Joseph’s PS on Tuesday 8th April.
‘O my God, I thank You for loving me. I am sorry for all my sins, for not loving others and not loving You. Help me to live like Jesus and not sin again.’

Parish Pastoral Council

At our meeting on Tuesday 1st April we discussed the following: continued formation training for members of our Pastoral Council, proposed end of academic year review of our 'Come Follow Me' programme, our Easter card with details of Easter ceremonies that will be distributed to all households, a letter from Bishop Alan regarding the re-instatement of practices integral to the Liturgy of the Eucharist that were paused during Covid - these Father Peter will explain at Sunday Masses. The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Tuesday 13th May. The members of the Parish of Bright Pastoral Council are: Gertie Small (Chair), Suzanne Hogg (Secretary), Mary McGrath, Mary Wylie, Damien Wylie, Cyril Carr, Martin Fitzsimmons, Fr Peter.

Lent is the time to visit the Divine Physician

‘There exist numerous home remedies for the most common illnesses, but there is one sickness that can not be healed through our own efforts. That sickness is the life of sin we are currently in and the many times we walk away from God. No matter how hard we may try to achieve inner healing through our own mental experiments, only God can heal us and bring us lasting peace through the forgiveness of sins.

What we need to do is to fly to the Divine Physician and to show him all of our ailments. Pope Benedict XVI reflected on this spiritual truth: “If the merciful love of God — who went so far as to give his only Son to redeem our life — is infinite, we have a great responsibility: each one of us, in fact, must recognise that he is sick in order to be healed. Each one must confess his sin so that God’s forgiveness, already granted on the Cross, may have an effect in his heart and in his life...it is only by opening oneself to the light and only by sincerely confessing one’s sins to God that one finds true peace and true joy. It is therefore important to receive the Sacrament of Penance regularly, especially during Lent, in order to receive the Lord’s forgiveness and to intensify our process of conversion.”

Sometimes it can be more convenient to ignore our sins and to hide them from God, or even from ourselves. We bury them deep within our soul, not letting them be exposed to the light of Christ. However, if we do that, we will never experience healing. This happens whenever we go to the doctor and don't tell him something that is ailing us.

Our doctor can't heal something that he doesn't know about. While its true that the Divine Physician knows everything, he wants us to recognise our spiritual sickness and to bring it to him of our own free will.

God wants to heal us and to bring us back to spiritual health. What we need to do is to let him and we can do that by going to confession and opening ourselves up to the healing power of mercy that Jesus grants through the ministry of the priest.’
(By Philip Kosloski)