

Parish of Bright Bulletin

Third Sunday of Easter

4th May 2025

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Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 4th May

St Patrick's, Legamaddy

St Joseph's, Killough

5th May Monday 10am

6th May Tuesday 10am

9th May Friday 7.30pm

7th May Wednesday 7.30pm

11th May Sunday 10am

10th May Saturday 10am

10th May Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Rossglass

8th May Thursday 10.00am

Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased: Sheila Hogg,

Maura O'Prey (Ardglass, formerly Killough)

Anniversaries: Kathleen Burke, Jane Masterson, Marie Cusack,

Mona Cardwell & Carmel Brannigan, James & Ellen Magennis

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: 27th April

Weekly £733-32. Thank you for your generous contributions.

Sacraments

Please pray for the girls and boys of St Joseph's PS who will celebrate Confirmation on Wednesday 7th May and the girls and boys of St Patrick's PS who will celebrate First Holy Communion on Saturday 10th May. A sincere 'Thank You!' to the teachers who support the parents in the faith formation of their children.

Give Mary a Bouquet of 'Spiritual Flowers' this Month

"May is a beautiful month, one full of life as the Northern Hemisphere experiences the transition of Spring to Summer. Flowers are everywhere and Catholics for many centuries have gathered flowers to crown Marian statues in traditional May Crowning ceremonies.

As an alternative or addition to this practice, there is the custom of presenting to Mary a bouquet of 'spiritual flowers'. It is fitting to think of presenting to Mary a bouquet of flowers, as even the word, "Rosary," has a similar idea behind it.

According to the *Dictionary of English Etymology*, from the Latin "Rosarium ... signifying properly a collection or garland of roses, was a title of many works ... consisting of compendiums of flowers as it were culled from preceding authors ... In the course of time the name was specially appropriated to a string of Paternosters and Ave Marias to be recited in a certain order in honour of the fifteen mysteries of our Lord in which the Virgin was a partaker, and from the collection of prayers the name was transferred to the string of beads used for the purpose of keeping count in the recitation."

Reciting the Rosary is one way to present to Mary a bouquet of flowers in the month of May, but it could also include any number of sacrifices or prayers made in her honour.

The key is to make this practice an act of love, whereby you show Mary the love you have for her and her Son, Jesus Christ.

It shouldn't be seen as a contest or something that needs to be checked off. Instead, it needs to come from the heart, showing to Mary the depths of your Christian faith." (By Philip Kosloski)