

Parish of Bright Bulletin

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 21st July

<i>St Patrick’s, Legamaddy</i>	<i>St Joseph’s, Killough</i>
21st July Monday 10am	22nd July Tuesday 10am
25th July Friday 7.30pm	23rd July Wednesday 7.30pm
27th July Sunday 10am	26th July Saturday 10am
	26th July Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Rossglass
24th July Thursday 10.00am

Faithful Departed

Anniversaries: Frank Gough, Joseph Drake, Malachy & Michael Drake, Joseph Cardwell

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, 13th June

Weekly £459-01. Thank you for your generous contributions.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

Sunday 20th July in St Joseph’s, Killough at 3.00pm.

St Charbel - Feast Day Thursday 24th July
(Canonised by Pope St Paul VI on 9th October 1977)

“Throughout history God has chosen certain individuals to work stunning miracles that reveal his great power and love for all of humanity. Among them, St. Charbel Makhlof has proven time and time again to be a powerful intercessor through whom God desires to reveal his healing touch. He was a humble and holy hermit whose weaknesses became great strengths in the hand of God.

Charbel was born in 1828 in Lebanon and was raised in a poor shepherd family. As he grew, Charbel was attracted to the hermit’s life of the desert and eventually entered the Monastery of St. Maron in Annaya. He was faithful to his duties in religious life and drew closer to God every day. After many years Charbel felt God calling him again to become a hermit and was granted permission to live the rest of his life at a hermitage set on a hill near the monastery.

Charbel died on Christmas Eve at the age of 70, and when his body was later exhumed it was found to be incorrupt. A holy oil was discovered flowing from the tomb, which has since been the source of numerous miracles.

For example, a blind woman from Arizona was healed in 2016 after venerating the relics of St. Charbel. The medical committee investigating the miracle admitted, “We have no medical explanation and therefore believe this to be a miraculous healing through the intercession of St. Charbel.”

In France, a baby boy was sent home for palliative care, so the family used some oil from St. Charbel’s tomb and prayed a novena to St. Charbel for a miraculous healing. According to the family, “The doctors told us that he would sleep more and more and eat less and less. Instead, he was becoming increasingly alert and continued to drink his bottles in small doses. At the end of September, Côme was evaluated again. To our joy and to the astonishment of the doctors, his condition had improved so much that it was determined he would live ... The Blessed Virgin and St. Charbel protected him.”

While we are never “guaranteed” a miracle when praying to God through a saint, the process can often transform our hearts and help us be prepared for whatever plan God has designed.” (By Philip Kosloski)