

Parish of Bright Bulletin

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

‘World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly’

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Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 28th July

<i>St Patrick’s, Legamaddy</i>	<i>St Joseph’s, Killough</i>
28th July Monday 10am	29th July Tuesday 10am
1st August Friday 7.30pm	30th July Wednesday 7.30pm
3rd August Sunday 10am	2nd August Saturday 10am
	2nd August Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Rossglass
31st July Thursday 10.00am

Faithful Departed

Anniversaries: Francie Curran

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 £518-10; Pastoral Services £344-50. Thank you for your generous contributions.

First Saturday Fatima Devotion

St Joseph’s Church, Killough, Saturday 2nd August: 9.15am Holy Rosary; 9.40am Meditation on the Mysteries; 10.00am Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; 10.40am Confessions.

Grandparents Never Give Up - a Jubilee of Hope

“This year has been designated a Jubilee Year of Hope — and it is also a Jubilee Year (25 Anniversary) for the Catholic Grandparents Association. As the National Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on 27th July approaches, coinciding with the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, the Church stands at a vital moment in its history.

In an increasingly secularised world where individualism threatens the very fabric of family life, Grandparents have never been more essential. This special day exists because of faithful Irish Grandparents. In 2017, gathered at Knock, they began a year of prayer asking Pope Francis to establish a World Day for Grandparents. Not only did he grant their request, but he also included the Elderly. This spiritual legacy, born from Irish Grandparents’ prayers and devotion, has now spread worldwide and is honoured in dioceses and parishes everywhere.

Today’s Grandparents face challenges unimaginable to previous generations: complex family structures, strained relationships, threats to life at its beginning and end, and a culture that dismisses faith as something of the past. Grandparents know better: faith is a treasure for today and tomorrow, and it is their sacred duty to pass it on.

In this spiritual battle, Grandparents remain God’s secret weapon — the quiet, persistent force keeping families anchored in truth, the glue that holds them together when all else falls apart. While others may stand by, Grandparents never do. They love deeply, pray fervently, and hold fast to what others have forgotten: that faith, wisdom, and life’s experience are gifts that cannot be replaced by social media or artificial intelligence.

At Knock, they gather to honour Saints Joachim and Anne, the parents of Mary and Grandparents of Jesus. Here they find strength, courage, and confidence in one another’s witness and prayers. It is a place where miracles have happened in families and in the Church, emanating from Grandparents’ faith.

This pilgrimage is their annual rallying cry — a chance to stand together against the tide of secularism, to renew their promise to pass on the faith, and to shine their light out to the world. This is their day, when they gather together in love, faith, and hope — a living legacy that now reaches parishes and dioceses worldwide.

Grandparents never give up hope, and they never will. Families are encouraged to mark this day not only in the Church but also at home, uniting in prayer and gratitude for all that Grandparents do. “*Grandparents never give up hope.*”

May Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of Mary, Grandparents of Jesus, bless Grandparents everywhere.”

(By The Catholic Grandparents Association)