

# Parish of Bright Bulletin

## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 7th July

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

*Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Rossglass*  
10th July Thursday 10.00am

### Faithful Departed

Anniversaries: Joe McClean, Corrie Hood, Pat Barry

### 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, 29th June:** Weekly £602-20. Thank you for your generous contributions.

### Why July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ

“One particular devotion in the Catholic Church connected to the Passion of Jesus Christ is the honouring of his Precious Blood. It is a recognition of Jesus' sacrifice and how he spilled his blood for the salvation of humanity. Furthermore, His blood is made present through the gift of the Eucharist

which we can consume at Mass, along with the Body of Christ, under the appearance of bread and wine.

Over time the Church developed various feasts of the Precious Blood, but it wasn't until the 19th century when a universal feast was established. During the First Italian War for Independence in 1849, Pope Pius IX went into exile to Gaeta. He went there with Don Giovanni Merlini, third superior general of the Fathers of the Most Precious Blood. While the war was still raging, Merlini suggested to Pope Pius IX that he create a universal feast to the Precious Blood to beg God's heavenly aid to end the war and bring peace to Rome. Pius IX subsequently made a statement on June 30, 1849 that he intended to create a feast in honour of the Precious Blood. The war soon ended and he returned to Rome shortly thereafter.

On August 10 he made it official and proclaimed that the 1st Sunday in July will be dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ. Later, Pope Pius X assigned July 1 as the fixed date of this celebration. After Vatican II the feast was removed from the universal calendar, but a votive Mass in honour of the Precious Blood was established and can be celebrated in the month of July (as well as most other months of the year). Some dioceses, especially in Europe, still celebrate the July 1 feast day.

For these reasons the entire month of July is traditionally dedicated to the Precious Blood, and Catholics are encouraged to meditate on the profound sacrifice of Jesus and the pouring out of his blood for humanity.

In 2009, Pope Benedict XVI explained in his general audience that, "The first Sunday of July was formerly marked by the devotion to the Most Precious Blood of Christ." He thought it was a beautiful devotion, one that highlights the positive answer Jesus has to all the blood that is shed in this world, a Blood that saves us and redeems us. Here is a short prayer Pope Benedict prayed in thanksgiving for Jesus' sacrifice and the gift of his Precious Blood: “Every human being, even in conditions of extreme moral wretchedness can say, fixing his eyes on the wounds of the Crucified One: ‘**God has not abandoned me, He loves me, He has given His life for me,**’ and thus rediscover hope. May the Virgin Mary, who at the foot of the Cross together with the Apostle John received the testament of Jesus' Blood, help us to rediscover the inestimable richness of this grace and to feel deep and everlasting gratitude for it.”(By Philip Kosloski)