

Parish of Bright Bulletin

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exaltation of the Cross

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Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 15th September

<u>St Patrick’s, Legamaddy</u>	<u>St Joseph’s, Killough</u>
15th Sept Monday 10am	16th Sept Tuesday 10am
19th Sept Friday 7.30pm	17th Sept Wednesday 7.30pm
21st Sept Sunday 10am	20th Sept Saturday 10am
	20th Sept Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Rossglass
18th Sept Thursday 10.00am

Faithful Departed

Anniversaries: Sally, John, John Joe and Seamus Owens, Maura Craig

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.

Eucharistic Adoration

At the Pastoral Council meeting on Monday 8th Sept, the Adoration times in St Patrick’s was discussed. As very few attend the second hour from 8.00-9.00pm, and sometimes Fr Peter is on his own, it was decided to cancel Adoration during this hour.

St Joseph’s, Killough every Wed: 1.30pm-7.30pm & after Mass from 8pm-9pm.
St Patrick’s, Legamaddy every Friday: 6.30pm-7.30pm

Sunday Collection, 24th August

Weekly £653-59; Monthly £579-50. Thank you for your generous contributions.

Annual Mass for the Sick & Infirm

Unfortunately, the Mass scheduled for 13th September had to be cancelled. Hopefully a new date will be confirmed very soon.

Parish Pastoral Council

At our meeting this week we discussed the following: the opportunity to develop and train an outreach team to support families who have requested baptism for their child, feedback from the 'Hearts on Fire' Diocesan conference held in June and attended by members of the Pastoral Council, further training for Parish Pastoral Council members, the recommencement of the 'Come Follow Me' programme in our primary schools, the sustainability of the second hour of Eucharistic Adoration at St Patrick's Church on Friday nights, future parish events including Mass for the Sick & Infirm, November Mass for the Deceased, Inter-Church Carol Service - dates for the latter are to be decided and will be published once available.

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Tuesday 7.10.25. The members of the Parish of Bright Pastoral Council are: Gertie Small (Chair), Suzanne Hogg (Secretary), Mary McGrath, Mary Wylie, Cyril Carr, Fr Peter

‘Why Sunday Matters’ An invitation to Participate

The journey of faith often comes with its own set of challenges. Many, particularly the younger generation, feel disconnected from the Church due to past abuses and how these were addressed. Alongside this, the pressures of modern life, the increasing levels of anxiety and mental health difficulties – especially among young people – together with the lingering effects of the pandemic, have contributed to a sense of distance from the Church. However, Sunday Eucharist continues to be a source of hope, life, and profound meaning. It invites us to **participate** in the celebration of Christ’s death and resurrection, the Paschal Mystery. In this sacred celebration, we have the opportunity to be transformed, to receive God’s grace, and to become the best versions of ourselves. As we navigate life, with all its joys and struggles, the Eucharist offers us the community and support we need to flourish and grow in faith.

Mass is not just a personal act of devotion; it is a communal act of worship. **We go to God together.** The Sunday Mass is where the Church is most visibly alive, and where every member of the community plays an essential role. Each person’s participation is needed for the Church to truly live. It is important to gather physically for Mass, and although technology is helpful, it can never replace the tangible experience of being with the community as we listen to God’s word and receive the Body of Christ. We invite you to consider how your presence at Mass can contribute to making the Church visible and alive.

Question to consider this week: How can the scriptures proclaimed at Mass inspire us to love as Jesus loved?