

Parish of Bright Bulletin

Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 29th September

St Patrick’s, Legamaddy

29th Sept Monday 10am

3rd Oct Friday 7.30pm

5th Oct Sunday 10am

St Joseph’s, Killough

30th Sept Tuesday 10am

1st Oct Wednesday 7.30pm

4th Oct Saturday 10am

4th Oct Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Rossglass

2nd Oct Thursday 10.00am

Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased: Caoimhin Teggart (Kilkeel), Auky Dobbin (Downpatrick)

Anniversaries: John Trainor, John & Seamus Owens, Henry & James & Elizabeth Fitzsimons & Mary Danforth

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

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 £623-19; Autumn Offering for Priests £531-32.

Thank you for your generous contributions.

First Saturday Fatima Devotion St Joseph’s Church, Killough, Saturday 4th October:

9.15am Holy Rosary; 9.40am Meditation on the Mysteries; 10.00am Holy Sacrifice of the Mass; 10.40am Confessions.

NEW DATE: Mass for the Sick and Infirm will take place in Bright Community Hall, Ballynoe, BT30 8AJ at 12noon on Saturday 25th October. Refreshments will be served afterwards. If you need transport please contact St Vincent de Paul: Nickey 07745 004510 or Sean 07548 647301.

November Mass for the Deceased will take place in St Joseph’s Church, Killough on Monday 10th November at 7.30pm.

5 Fascinating things you need to know about archangels!

“September 29 is the feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, the only archangels mentioned by name in scripture. To help you understand more about these mysterious beings that God created, here are five things you need to know about archangels:

1) Archangels are the second lowest “rank” of angels Traditionally, angels are divided into what is called “nine choirs.” This hierarchy is based on nine names of ranks of angels that are found in Sacred Scripture. Saint Gregory the Great listed these “choirs” in a homily: “We know on the authority of Scripture that there are nine orders of angels, viz., Angels, Archangels, Virtues, Powers, Principalities, Dominations, Throne, Cherubim and Seraphim...”

2) Archangels are entrusted with delivering important messages to humans The lowest ranks of angels are the ones we are most familiar with as they are the ones who communicate or interact with us. **St. Michael** is believed to be the angel who delivered God’s divine inspiration to St. John in the Book of Revelation and is known as the protector of the Church, guarding her from evil. Saint Michael is most widely known for his role in expelling the rebel angel Lucifer from heaven. **St. Gabriel** is first mentioned in the Book of Daniel and helps Daniel in his mission on earth. Later on Gabriel appears to Zachariah and the Blessed Virgin Mary, delivering the greatest message ever, that God meant to Incarnate and set his tent with us. **St. Raphael** is mentioned in the Book of Tobit, to heal Tobit and deliver Sarah from a demon. Raphael accomplished both acts, disguised as a human, guiding Tobias along the way and instructing him on what to do.

3) Archangels do not have wings, bodies or swords Unlike us, angels are pure spirits and do not possess anything material. On occasion they can look like a human, but it is only a façade. Dr. Peter Kreeft gives an excellent description in his book, *Angels and Demons*: “Because of their lack of bodies, angels do not occupy space like we do and move within our world without taking up space. The closest analogy to how angels move is like ‘electrons’ or in ‘quantum leaps.’ Angels ‘move instantaneously from one place to another without passing through any space or time in between.’” On the other hand, even though they do not have material bodies, they can impact and influence the material world. They are pure spirits (like God) and have such intelligence and mental power that they can move material things or assume the appearance of a body. How exactly that all transpires is a bit of a mystery. Wings and swords are simply artistic representations of their roles and actions in our world, as messengers and protectors.

4) Archangels can protect us from evil If Saint Michael and the heavenly host can expel Satan and his minions out of heaven, the archangels can certainly fight against demons tormenting our world and us and protect us from their influence. One of the greatest prayers is the St. Michael prayer, which for many years was routinely said at the closing of Mass: Holy Michael the Archangel, defend us in the hour battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust down into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who wander around the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

5) Archangels still exist today Thankfully, angels do not depend on our belief of them for their existence. God created their immortal spirits at the beginning of time and they will never cease existing for all eternity. We may not see them, hear them, or feel their presence, but they are as real as the screen in front of you. Sometimes they let us know they are here, but most of the time they are busy protecting us from harm without us knowing. Just think what would happen if they weren’t here!” (By Philip Kosloski)