

Parish of Bright Bulletin

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 8th September

<i>St Patrick’s, Legamaddy</i>	<i>St Joseph’s, Killough</i>
8th Sept Monday 10am	9th Sept Tuesday 10am
12th Sept Friday 7.30pm	10th Sept Wednesday 7.30pm
14th Sept Sunday 10am	13th Sept Saturday 10am
	13th Sept Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Rossglass
11th Sept Thursday 10.00am

Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased: Fr Gordon McKinstry (Randalstown)

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

Sunday Collection, 24th August

Weekly £482-48. Thank you for your generous contributions.

Mass for the Sick and Infirm

will take place in Bright Community Hall, Ballynoe, BT30 8AJ at 12noon on Saturday 13th September. Family members from neighbouring parishes are very welcome. Refreshments will be served afterwards. If you need transport please contact St Vincent de Paul: Nickey 07745 004510 or Sean 07548 647301.

Celebration of the Sacraments for our Primary Schools 2026

First Confession

St Joseph’s PS: Tuesday 10th March at 1.00pm in St Joseph’s Church
St Patrick’s PS: Tuesday 24th March at 1.00pm in St Patrick’s Church

First Holy Communion

St Joseph’s PS: Saturday 9th May at 11.00am in St Joseph’s Church
St Patrick’s PS: Saturday 16th May at 11.00am in St Patrick’s Church

Confirmation

St Patrick’s PS: Wednesday 6th May at 11.00am in St Patrick’s Church
St Joseph’s PS: Wednesday 20th May at 11.00am in St Joseph’s Church

‘Why Sunday Matters’

Sunday Mass creates and celebrates Communion

“Sunday Mass is a vital encounter with the risen Lord, the One who gives our lives ultimate meaning and purpose. Through our baptism we bear the name 'Christian'. This identity shapes who we are and calls us to follow Jesus, who is ‘the way, the truth, and the life’ (*John 14:6*). Through the celebration of Sunday Mass, we experience a life-giving encounter and **communion** with Christ. Just as the two disciples encountered Jesus on the road to Emmaus and recognised Him in the breaking of the bread (*Luke 24:35*), so too we meet Him in the Eucharist.

Our identity as Christians is not solitary but shared. On Sundays, we gather not only as individuals but as the Church; the Body of Christ. In the celebration of the Eucharist, we affirm our communion with one another and with Christ. Pope Saint John Paul II emphasised that ‘none is as vital or as community-forming as the Sunday celebration of the Lord’s day and His Eucharist.’ This gathering creates a bond of unity, solidarity, and love, as we come together to worship as one body, with one voice, in praise of God."

Question to consider this week: What does it mean for you to have a real encounter with Jesus in the Mass? What could it mean?

More reflections and questions will be available in the bulletin during the month of September.