

Parish of Bright Bulletin

Pentecost Sunday - 24th May 2026

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Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 25th May

<u>St Patrick’s, Legamaddy</u> 25th Monday 10am	<u>St Joseph’s, Killough</u> 26th May Tuesday 10am
29th May Friday 7.30pm	27th May Wednesday 7.30pm
31st May Sunday 10am	30th May Saturday 10am
	30th May Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Rossglass
28th May Thursday 10.00am

Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased: Canon Hugh Joe O’Hagan (Ahoghill)

Month’s Mind: Helen Magee (Ballyhossett)

Anniversaries: Rita Walsh, Peter Stewart, Dominic Burns,
Bernard & Eileen Venney, Sarahanne Teggart

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: 3.30pm -7.30pm & after Mass 8pm-9pm.
St Patrick’s, Legamaddy every Friday: 6.30pm-7.30pm.

Sunday Collection, 17th May:

Weekly £.566-30, Education of Diocesan Students for the Priesthood £488-75. Thank you for your generous contributions.

Parish of Bright Cemetery Sunday

Sunday 14th June: St Joseph’s, Killough at 1.00pm

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Rossglass at 3.00pm.

Sunday 28th June: St Patrick’s, Legamaddy at 3.00pm.

Diocesan Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

This year the Novena will begin on Thursday 4th June and conclude on Friday 12th June (Feast of the Sacred Heart). Novena Booklets will be available at all Masses next weekend.

More than Miracles: Pentecost and the Power to Love Like God

“Sometimes the Holy Spirit manifests Himself by signs and wonders, miracles, which He does as needed. But more often He acts in a quieter way. He simply enables us to love God and neighbour, to have confidence in God, to serve God. Is there any miracle or “sign” you would rather see in your life in place of loving and serving God with a confidence and joy that no one can take away from you?”

We often associate the Holy Spirit with the *extraordinary*—with miracles, signs, wonders. That is not wrong, but it is incomplete. Because the same Spirit who produces wonders through the hands of the Apostles effects in us something even more wonderful: the capacity to love like Christ. “Love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends” (Jn 15:12-13). This is worth more than all miracles combined, because just as for the Apostles, the Holy Spirit’s main work in us is to remake us into *other Christs*.

Jesus wants us to be more humble in how we recognise the evidence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The Lord is very clear that He will reveal Himself to us in recognisable ways, and so we have to look primarily at what’s going on inside of us. When we find ourselves capable of saying “I forgive” in the name of Christ; when we love those who oppose us and even make sacrifices for them; when we give of ourselves with delight and not grudgingly; all of these are sure signs that God’s Spirit is alive and active within us.

The more we are moved by authentic love, i.e., when we are really trying to lay down our lives for others, the more unmistakable is the presence and action of the Holy Spirit within us. This is the “sign” of the faithful disciple and it is nothing less than the power to love like God. Because in truth, the Lord Jesus commands a love that we sinners cannot give unless it is given to us from above. When His Spirit fills our hearts mystically as fire, wind, or water we find ourselves truly *confirmed*, strengthened to love like Jesus, and buoyed up to delight in the indwelling presence that makes it possible.”
(By Father John Henry Hanson, O. Praem.)