

Parish of Bright Bulletin

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 19th July 2026

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Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 20th July

<i>St Patrick’s, Legamaddy</i>	<i>St Joseph’s, Killough</i>
20th July Monday 10am	21st July Tuesday 10am
24th July Friday 7.30pm	22nd July Wednesday 7.30pm
26th July Sunday 10am	25th July Saturday 10am
	25th July Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Rossglass
23rd July Thursday 10.00am

Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased: Paul Brady (St Oliver Plunkett, Belfast, formerly Killough),
Brenda Dorris (Newcastle)

Anniversaries: Frank Gough, Joseph Drake, John Jones, Francie Curran,
Malachy & Michael Drake, Joe Cardwell

Weekly Confessions

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 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 Collections, 12th July:

Weekly £455-16. Thank you for your generous contributions.

Ice Cream Summer Sundays

The Parish Pastoral Council invite you to join with parishioners for an ice cream
or coffee after Mass: St Joseph’s on 18th July and St Patrick’s on 19th July;
St Joseph’s on 15th August and St Patrick’s on 16th August. Everyone welcome!

St Bridget of Sweden (Patroness of Europe, Feast Day 23rd July)

St. Bridget was a devout wife and mother who remains a powerful intercessor for
all married couples struggling to stay faithful to God.

Sometimes it can be difficult to find a saint who was married, as the vast majority
of canonised saints were priests or religious.

St. Bridget of Sweden stands out as a great example of a married saint who fully
embraced her vocation as wife and mother.

Pope Benedict XVI highlighted St. Bridget’s married life in a general audience he
gave in 2010:

“Her husband was called Ulf and he was Governor of an important district
of the Kingdom of Sweden. The marriage lasted for 28 years, until Ulf’s death.
Eight children were born, the second of whom, Karin (Catherine), is venerated as a
saint. This is an eloquent sign of Bridget’s dedication to her children’s education.”

Ulf was initially not as devout as his wife, but through her example, he was led
closer to Christ:

“Bridget, who was given spiritual guidance by a learned religious who
initiated her into the study of the Scriptures, exercised a very positive influence on
her family which, thanks to her presence, became a true “domestic church.”
Together with her husband she adopted the Rule of the Franciscan Tertiaries. She
generously practiced works of charity for the poor; she also founded a hospital. At
his wife’s side Ulf’s character improved and he advanced in the Christian life.”

Husbands are not always open to their wives’ influence, but Ulf was and this
openness allowed them to experience a very fruitful marriage:

“This first period of Bridget’s life helps us to appreciate what today we
could describe as an authentic “conjugal spirituality”: together, Christian spouses
can make a journey of holiness sustained by the grace of the sacrament of
Marriage. It is often the woman, as happened in the life of St Bridget and Ulf, who
with her religious sensitivity, delicacy and gentleness succeeds in persuading her
husband to follow a path of faith.”

In this way St. Bridget is a great intercessor for any wife who is trying to bring
along her husband to a deeper practice of the faith.

Her life shows that it is possible to be united in a devout marital spirituality, but it
does require an openness of heart from both husband and wife.

Pope Benedict XVI ends his reflection on St. Bridget’s marital life with the
following prayer for all married couples:

“May the Lord’s Spirit still inspire holiness in Christian spouses today, to
show the world the beauty of marriage lived in accordance with the Gospel values:
love, tenderness, reciprocal help, fruitfulness in begetting and in raising children,
openness and solidarity to the world and participation in the life of the Church.”

(By Philip Kosloski)