

# Parish of Bright Bulletin

## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 5th July 2026

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### Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 6th July

<i>St Patrick’s, Legamaddy</i>	<i>St Joseph’s, Killough</i>
6th July Monday 10am	7th July Tuesday 10am
10th July Friday 7.30pm	8th July Wednesday 7.30pm
12th July Sunday 10am	11th July Saturday 10am
	11th July Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

*Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Rossglass*  
9th July Thursday 10.00am

### Faithful Departed

*Recently Deceased:* Malachy Doran (Downpatrick, formerly Ballyplunt)  
*Anniversaries:* Joe McClean, Vera Brown, Goretti Gelston

### 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, 28th June:

Weekly £501-95. Thank you for your generous contributions.

### Fr Thomas Hampton

Congratulations to Fr Thomas Hampton (Saul & Ballee) who was ordained to the priesthood for our Diocese of Down & Connor on Sunday 28th June in St Patrick’s, Downpatrick. We wish Fr Thomas abundant blessings as he looks forward to beginning his ministry as a newly ordained priest. Ad multos annos!

### 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 Martin de Porres Magazine

The July edition is available in the CTS book stalls in our three churches, priced £2.00.

### St Benedict (Patron of Europe, Feast Day 11th July)

“Typically when we think of someone who founds a monastery, we may imagine an old man or woman who has years of experience behind them. Yet St. Benedict, the "Father of Western Monasticism," began his first experiments with monastic life when he was around 20 years old.

St. Benedict did not plan to found a monastery when he fled 40 miles from the city of Rome and found a cave near Subiaco, Italy. Initially he lived the life of a hermit after meeting the abbot of a nearby monastery, as the Catholic Encyclopedia explains: ‘Benedict met a monk, Romanus, whose monastery was on the mountain above the cliff overhanging the cave. Romanus had discussed with Benedict the purpose which had brought him to Subiaco, and had given him the monk's habit. By his advice Benedict became a hermit and for three years, unknown to men, lived in this cave above the lake.’

This solitude did not last long, as ‘on the death of the abbot of a monastery in the neighbourhood ... the community came to him and begged him to become its abbot.’ He eventually consented, but it did not go well as the community tried to poison him.

But soon St. Benedict was surrounded by a new group of men and went on to found several monasteries in the area.

St. John Paul II commented on this remarkably wise young man in a letter to the Abbot of Subiaco in 1999: ‘Illumined by divine light, Benedict became a beacon and guide for poor shepherds in search of faith and for devout people who needed direction in the way of the Lord. After a further period of solitude and difficult trials, 1,500 years ago, when he was barely 20 years old, he founded the first Benedictine monastery at Subiaco, not far from the Sacro Speco. In this way the grain of wheat that had chosen to hide itself in the soil of Subiaco and to waste away in penance for love of Christ, gave rise to a new model of consecrated life, becoming a fruitful ear of wheat.’

This experience would lay the foundation for what would later become the Rule of St. Benedict and the official Order of St. Benedict.

St. Benedict was wise beyond his years and everyone could sense his openness to the Holy Spirit and receptivity to the will of God in his life.”  
(By Philip Kosloski)

*St Benedict, pray for us!*