

Parish of Bright Bulletin

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 2nd August 2026

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Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 3rd August

<u>St Patrick’s, Legamaddy</u>	<u>St Joseph’s, Killough</u>
3rd August Monday 10am	4th August Tuesday 10am
7th August Friday 7.30pm	5th August Wednesday 7.30pm
9th August Sunday 10am	8th August Saturday 10am
	8th August Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Rossglass

6th August Thursday 10.00am

Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased: Noel Brown (Leitrim), Anne O’Carroll (Kilkenny)

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, 26th July:

Weekly £654-05. Thank you for your generous contributions.

Ice Cream Summer Sundays

We look forward to our next ‘Ice Cream Summer Sunday’ in St Joseph’s on 15th August and St Patrick’s on 16th August. Everyone welcome!

St Martin de Porres Magazine

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

Mass for the Sick and Infirm

The annual ‘Mass for the Sick and the Infirm’ will take place in Bright Community Hall, Ballynoe, BT30 8AJ at 12noon on Saturday 12th September. Neighbouring parishes are also very welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served afterwards. If you need transport please contact St Vincent de Paul: Nickey 07745 004510 or Sean 07548 647301.

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord - Thursday 6th August

‘During Jesus’ life on earth he performed many miracles that were seen by large crowds. He multiplied bread, cast out demons and cures the incurable.

However, there was one miracle that he revealed only to a small group of his apostles, three to be exact. He revealed to them his heavenly glory and allowed them to glimpse the beauty of his wondrous light.

Why did Jesus do that? What was the reason behind it? The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains how the transfiguration bolstered the faith of the core apostles, the ones who would lead the Church after his death: "For a moment Jesus discloses his divine glory, confirming Peter's confession. (CCC 555) Christ's Transfiguration aims at strengthening the apostles' faith in anticipation of his Passion: the ascent on to the "high mountain" prepares for the ascent to Calvary. Christ, Head of the Church, manifests what his Body contains and radiates in the sacraments: "the hope of glory." (CCC 568)”

The reason why this would strengthen their faith, is that they were able to glimpse the glory being prepared for them in Heaven. St. Thomas Aquinas echoes this reasoning in his Summa Theologiae: “To which glory He brings those who follow the footsteps of His Passion, according to Acts 14:21: "Through many tribulations we must enter into the kingdom of God." Therefore it was fitting that He should show His disciples the glory of His clarity (which is to be transfigured), to which He will configure those who are His..."Hence Bede says on Mark 8:39: "By His loving foresight He allowed them to taste for a short time the contemplation of eternal joy, so that they might bear persecution bravely."

Similarly, Jesus' transfiguration was not only meant for those three apostles, but after being shared with all of Jesus' disciples, it became an encouragement for all Christians.

The Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when he "will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body." But it also recalls that "it is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God" (CCC 556)

Everything about Jesus' life had great purpose, and the transfiguration can help us even today look forward to the glory that awaits us after the passion of this life.’
(By Philip Kosloski)