

Parish of Bright Bulletin

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 9th August 2026

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Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 10th August

<u>St Patrick’s, Legamaddy</u>	<u>St Joseph’s, Killough</u>
10th August Monday 10am	11th August Tuesday 10am
14th August Friday 7.30pm	12th August Wednesday 7.30pm
16th August Sunday 10am	15th August Saturday 10am
	15th August Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Rossglass
13th August Thursday 10.00am

Saturday 15th August: The Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven *It is a Holy Day of Obligation.*

Masses are as follows:

Friday Vigil Mass 14th August in St Patrick’s, Legamaddy at 7.30pm
Saturday Day Mass 15th August in St Joseph’s, Killough at 10.00am.

Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased: Marcellous Burke (Ballyhornan)
Anniversaries: John McLean, Ned Crane, Brendan Reid

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, 2nd August:

Weekly £627-51, Monthly £551-00. 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!

What does the Assumption of Mary Mean?

‘The Assumption is the feast that celebrates Mary’s being taken body and soul into Heaven at the end of her earthly life. What does the Assumption of Mary mean? According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Assumption refers to an event that occurred at the end of the Virgin Mary’s life:

“Finally the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death.” The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son’s Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians. (CCC 966)”

This is a belief in the Catholic Church that has its origin in the first few centuries of Christianity, finding its source in early stories of the Virgin Mary’s death.

St. John Damascene, an 8th century Christian author, wrote about how fitting it was for the Virgin Mary to be assumed into Heaven:

"It was fitting that she, who had kept her virginity intact in childbirth, should keep her own body free from all corruption even after death. It was fitting that she, who had carried the Creator as a child at her breast, should dwell in the divine tabernacles. It was fitting that the spouse, whom the Father had taken to himself, should live in the divine mansions. It was fitting that she, who had seen her Son upon the cross and who had thereby received into her heart the sword of sorrow which she had escaped in the act of giving birth to him, should look upon him as he sits with the Father. It was fitting that God’s Mother should possess what belongs to her Son, and that she should be honoured by every creature as the Mother and as the handmaid of God.”

Pius XII details in his apostolic constitution, *Munificentissimus Deus* how this belief has been handed down over the ages and finds evidence even in scripture: “Moreover, the scholastic Doctors have recognised the Assumption of the Virgin Mother of God as something signified, not only in various figures of the Old Testament, but also in that woman clothed with the sun whom John the Apostle contemplated on the Island of Patmos. Similarly they have given special attention to these words of the New Testament: “Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you, blessed are you among women,” since they saw, in the mystery of the Assumption, the fulfilment of that most perfect grace granted to the Blessed Virgin and the special blessing that countered the curse of Eve.”

The Assumption is an ancient celebration, one that honours the Virgin Mary and her role in salvation history and the eternal destination prepared for her by her Son, Jesus.’ (By Philip Kosloski)