

Parish of Bright Bulletin

Twenty-Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time - 13th September 2026

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Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 14th September

<u>St Patrick’s, Legamaddy</u>	<u>St Joseph’s, Killough</u>
14th September Monday 10am	15th September Tuesday 10am
18th September Friday 7.30pm	16th September Wednesday 7.30pm
20th September Sunday 10am.	19th September Saturday 10am
	19th September Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Rossglass
17th September Thursday 10.00am

Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased: Libby Dornan
Month’s Mind: Ross Rice (Castlewellan)

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 6th September

Weekly £606-32; Monthly £588-86. Thank you for your generous contributions.

St Martin de Porres Magazine

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

Why is September dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows?

‘Over the centuries there grew a custom of devoting certain months of the year to specific spiritual themes. September became known as the month of "Our Lady of Sorrows.”

Initially this might seem like a strange designation, as Our Lady of Sorrows is usually connected to Jesus' crucifixion, which in the Church's liturgical year is celebrated in March or April.

However, early on there developed a feast on September 14 named "The Exaltation of the Holy Cross." The Saint Andrew Daily Missal explains, "Originally this feast celebrated the finding of the Holy Cross by St. Helena and the consecration, on September 14, 335, of the basilicas built by Constantine on the sites of the Holy Sepulchre and Calvary at Jerusalem."

This brought into September a particular meditation on the cross of Jesus Christ, and by the 17th century there developed a complementary Marian feast on September 15.

In the 17th century the Servites celebrated a solemn feast of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady, which in 1817 was extended to the whole Church by Pius VII as a memorial of his sufferings in exile and captivity and of his deliverance through the Blessed Virgin’s intercession.

Furthermore, "Pope St Pius X transferred this feast from the third Sunday of September to this octave-day of Our Lady’s Nativity (September 8th), in 1912."

Originally this feast was more concerned with Mary's sufferings throughout her early life, excluding the Passion of Jesus, her Son, but over time it has come to represent all of Mary's suffering.

On account of these two central feasts September has become known as a month dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows.’ (By Philip Kosloski)