

Parish of Bright Bulletin

Twenty-Third Sunday Ordinary Time - 6th September 2026

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Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 7th September

<u>St Patrick’s, Legamaddy</u>	<u>St Joseph’s, Killough</u>
7th September Monday 10am	8th September Tuesday 10am
11th September Friday 7.30pm	9th September Wednesday 7.30pm
13th September Sunday 10am.	12th September Saturday 10am
	12th September Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Rossglass

10th September Thursday 10.00am

Faithful Departed

Recently Deceased: John Lundy (Saul & Ballee)

Month’s Mind: Richard Smyth, Jeannine Schollhammer (Jersey)

Anniversaries: Tommy Connolly

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 30th August

Weekly £794-92. Thank you for your generous contributions.

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.

Parish of Bright Cemetery Sunday 2027

Sunday 13th June: St Joseph’s, Killough 1pm & Star of the Sea, Rossglass 3pm

Sunday 27th June: St Patrick’s, Legamaddy 3pm.

Celebration of the Sacraments for our Primary Schools 2027

First Confession

St Patrick’s PS: Monday 8th March in St Patrick’s Church at 1.00pm

St Joseph’s PS: Monday 15th March in St Joseph’s Church at 1.00pm

Confirmation

St Patrick’s & St Joseph’s PSs: Thursday 22nd April, St Patrick’s Church, Legamaddy at 11.00am with Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ

First Holy Communion

St Joseph’s PS: Saturday 15th May in St Joseph’s Church at 11.00am

St Patrick’s PS: Saturday 22nd May in St Patrick’s Church at 11.00am

Parish Pastoral Council 1st September 2026

During the meeting we discussed the following: The newly merged Parishes of Downpatrick and Bright Baptism Preparation Team is now providing courses for parents requesting Baptism in our parish, plans are progressing to provide Children's Liturgy at St Patrick's in Legamaddy (hopefully from October) and to involve the Primary 4 Come Follow Me group from St Joseph's in the Saturday Vigil Mass. Children's Liturgy will be provided by a number of catechists on the Come Follow Me Programme all of whom have undergone the appropriate level of safeguarding checks and training. We discussed how to most sensitively implement a new Diocesan process for parishioners who wish to avail of the Bereavement Ministry that recognises that not everyone will wish to do so.

The Pastoral Council plan to introduce 'Lectio Divina' as a way of enhancing the prayerfulness of our meetings, Father Peter will lead us in the reading, meditation, prayer and contemplation of the Gospel, based on resources accessed from the Dominican Lectio Divina Centre in Newry.

Proposed dates were suggested for the Mass for the Bereaved and the Inter-Church Carol Service (it is our turn to host this year) and are awaiting confirmation. Two dates that have been agreed include next year's Cemetery Sunday and Confirmation for children from both primary schools that will be held at St Patrick's - these dates will be published in the bulletin in due course. We all agreed that 'Ice Cream Sundays' had been a great success and these will be scheduled for next summer.

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Monday 5th October 2026.

The members of the Parish of Bright Pastoral Council are: Gertie Small (Chair), Suzanne Hogg (Secretary), Mary McGrath, Mary Wylie, Cyril Carr, Gerarde Dawe, Fr Peter.