Parish of Bright Bulletin
Sunday 22nd November 2026

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Mass Times: Week Beginning Monday 23rd November

St Patrick's, Legamaddy
23rd November Monday 10am
27th November Friday7.30pm
29th November Sunday 10am

St Joseph's, Killough
24th November Tuesday 10am
25th November Wednesday 7.30pm
28th November Saturday 10am
28th November Sat Vigil 6.30pm

Our Lady, Star of the Sea, Rossglass
26th November Thursday 10.00am

Faithful Departed
Recently Deceased: Lorna Duffy (Strangford), Phyllis Starkey, Danny Rogan (Dublin, formerly Coniamstown)
Anniversaries: Michelle McQuoid, Geroge & Margaret Hanna, Nell Logue, Jim Rogan, Mairead Mageean, Anna Prior, Patrick Elliott, Margaret McIlmail & Eileen McGreevey

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 15th November
Weekly £593-17, Bishop's Commissions £340-00. Thank you for your generous contributions.

Annual Inter-Church Carol Service will take place this year in St Joseph's Church, Killough on Thursday 17th December at 7.30pm. Refreshments afterwards in Killough Youth and Community Hall.

Stained Glass Window's 125th Anniversary
Tuesday 24th November will mark the 125th anniversary of the stained glass window behind the altar of St Patrick's Church, Legamaddy. The center piece portrays the crucifixion scene, to the right is an image of St Colmcille and to the left an image of St Patrick.

In his souvenir booklet, 'The Parish of Bright: A History, St. Patrick's Church, Legamaddy (150yrs, 1865 -2015)', John McGrath wrote:

"The main triple stained glass window behind the altar is dedicated to the memory of the family of the Right Rev. Monsignor James O'Laverty the author of the well-known series "Diocese of Down and Connor Ancient and Modern" first published in 1878. The window reads:

'To God Almighty and Most Merciful in humble gratitude this triple window was erected November 24th 1901 on the 50th anniversary of his ordination to priesthood by the Rev. James O'Laverty Parish Priest of Holywood. Of your charity pray for the souls of his father Edward of Carrabane who died March 14th 1877 and of his mother Margaret Venny who died May 21st 1846 aged 43 years, of his brother Bernard who died January 23rd 1854 aged 9 years, of his sister Margaret who died December 4th 1857 aged 24 years, of his brother Hugh of Grangecam who died September 15th 1864 aged 33 years. Their remains are interred in Rossglass."'

Saint Gertrude's Prayer for the Holy Souls
Let us continue to make every effort during the remaining days of November to assist the Souls in Purgatory to enter the Glory of Heaven.

One of the most popular prayers for the Souls in Purgatory is that of Saint Gertrude the Great. She received many visions of Our Lord during her lifetime and expressed to Jesus her great desire to pray for the deceased. In return, Jesus taught Saint Gertrude the following prayer. It is believed that 1,000 souls are released from purgatory by praying this payer with the heart.

Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal Church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

Lord God, whose days are without end and whose mercies beyond counting, keep us mindful that life is short and the hour of death unknown. Let your Holy Spirit guide our days on earth in the ways of holiness and justice, that we may serve you in union with the whole Church, sure in faith, strong in hope, perfect in love. And when our earthly journey is ended, lead us rejoicing into your kingdom, where you live for ever and ever. Amen.