

Downpatrick Pastoral Community Area

Parishes of Saul & Ballee and Kilclief

Sunday 28th May 2023

Pentecost Sunday, Year A, Psalter Week 4



May Devotions

May Devotions have been and are a traditional devotion to Mary, the Mother of God.

The May Altar has always been central to this devotion.

In this month of May, all families in our Parishes are invited to set up a May Altar in their homes. It usually consists of a small table with a Marian picture or statue on it and decorated with flowers. Families are encouraged to gather around the May Altar, in their home, at a suitable time in the day and recite three Hail Marys or a Decade of the Rosary for the family's intentions.

Stella Maris Church, Strangford – throughout the month of May, the Rosary and Knock Novena will be recited on Mondays at 7.30pm. On Wednesdays at 7.30pm Parishioners are invited to partake in a programme of meditation based on the life of Our Lady.

Parish of Kilclief – The Rosary Statue

We wish to revive our former practice of asking families to host the statue for one week and to recite the Rosary each day. The Parish intentions will be for the sick members of our Parish community and Fr John. In this way we can ensure that everyday there is a Rosary being offered to Our Blessed Mother for our sick.

Praying with Mary in the Month of May in St Patrick's Church, Saul – On Sunday mornings during May, after 9.30am Mass, we will have a short prayer and meditation with Mary. Everyone welcome.

Legion of Mary are planning a bus trip to Knock for the All-Ireland Rosary Rally on 3rd June. The cost is £20 per person, this covers the BUS ONLY and must be paid at time of booking. For further information or to book your place please call Colette on 07732610247

We would like to thank all who participated in the Census last weekend, especially those who helped with the paperwork.

We will publish the details in due course.

Mass schedule for the coming week

Date	St Patrick's, Saul	St Joseph's Ballycruttle	St Tassach's, Carlin	Stella Maris, Strangford	St Malachy's Kilclief	St Patrick's, Cargagh
Sunday 28 th May	9.30am		12noon		11am	
Monday 29 th May	10am					
Tuesday 30 th May	10am					
Wednesday 31 st May	10am					
Thursday 1 st June						
Friday 2 nd June	7pm					
Saturday 3 rd June	No 10am Mass					
Saturday 3 rd June (Vigil Mass)	5pm			6.30pm		
Sunday 4 th June	9.30am	12noon			11am	

Please Note

There will be **no weekday Masses** in Stella Maris or St Malachy's until further notice
 There will be **no 10am Mass** in St Patrick's, Cargagh on Saturday mornings until further notice.

There will be **NO 10am Mass** in St Patrick's, Saul on Saturday 3rd June.

The Parish office will be closed Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th May

Private Prayer is available in the Churches as follows:-

St Patrick's, Saul every day, from 10.30am to 3.30pm

Stella Maris, Strangford every day

St Malachys, Kilclief on Tuesday and Thursday.

When Sacraments are being celebrated the Church will not be available for private prayer at that time.

The Sanctuary Lamp in St Patrick's Church, Saul has been lit for private intentions. If you would like it lit for your intentions please contact the Parish office. The cost is £5 per week.

Months Mind Mass – Saul & Ballee - Stephen Brennan on Sunday 28th April at 12noon

Anniversary Masses – Saul & Ballee

Sunday 28th May – Margaret Mullin (9.30am)

Friday 2nd June – Reggie McGreevy

Saturday 3rd June – Mary Hannity (5pm)

Sunday 4th June – Kathleen Murphy, William McCormick (9.30am)

Tuesday 6th June – Gavan McNabb

Friday 9th June – Peter Ward

Sunday 11th June – Patricia Curran (9.30am)

Anniversaries – Kilclief

George & Betty Conway Thanney Brownlee

Felix, Mary & Brendan Fitzsimons

	Saul	Kilclief
Weekly Collection	£1,528.40	£792.63
Education of Dioc Students	£1,061.00	£538.30
We thank those who have contributed, your support is much appreciated in these difficult times	Please make cheques payable to “Parish of Saul & Ballee”	Please make cheques payable to “Parish of Kilclief”

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Holy Ghost Missions have unfortunately had to postpone their appeal until the weekend of 23rd and 24th September

Eucharistic Adoration - “*Could you not keep watch one hour with Me?*” *Matthew 26:40*

Eucharistic Adoration in St Patrick’s Saul from 10.00am until 9.00pm.

There will be no Adoration in Stella Maris, Strangford or St Malachy’s, Kilclief until further notice

Holy Hour each Tuesday in St Patrick’s, Church, Saul from 3-4pm.

Parish of Kilclief – Sacraments

First Holy Communion – St Joseph’s PS – Saturday 3rd June at 11am

We ask you to pray the children from both Parishes who are preparing to receive Sacraments in the coming weeks.

My Day by Day June issue is now available to collect from the Parish office.

Lost/found property – there is a box at the back of St Patrick’s Church, Saul with gloves, umbrellas, rosary beads etc which have been left in the Church.

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE



This weekend we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came down upon the apostles. In an instant a group of frightened disciples were empowered to go out and proclaim God's amazing dream for the world - the Good News of Jesus Christ!

When we read about Pentecost and the birth of the Church in the Acts of the Apostles, we find inspiration for where we are as a Church here in Ireland today. We know that we have come to a fork in the road. We can't keep going the way we were, we have to head out on a new pathway.

In Down & Connor the Pathways to the Future project is charting the next steps on this journey. We have to be realistic - change is inevitable. There will be new ways of working in our parishes and communities. But this isn't something to be afraid of. God still has a dream for our Church. He wants us to be filled with the Spirit and willing to go out and share the Gospel with others. He wants us to be generous, loving and inclusive, welcoming everyone into his family. And he wants us to be confident that each of us - lay women and men, clergy and religious - has a part to play in renewing our parishes, the diocese and building up the Kingdom of God.

Pathways to the Future Prayer

God of Love,

You are with us in every transition and change.

As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love.

We thank you for the gifts, talents and skills with which you have blessed us.

We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work.

Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another.

We ask this in your Holy Name. AMEN

Bishop Donal McKeown has issued a Pastoral Letter which is available at the back of the Churches this weekend. Please take a copy home with you to read. The Pastoral letter can also be viewed on www.downandconnor.org or www.pathwaystothefuture.org

Diocese of Down & Connor are seeking to recruit an Assistant Director for the Living Church office on a 3-year fixed term contract. Full details can be found on the Diocesan website www.downandconnor.org click on "job vacancies". Closing date for applications is 12noon on Thursday 8th June 2023.

The Department of Education has confirmed this week of the decision to close St Joseph's Primary School in Ballycruttle at the end of the summer. This it is a sad time for the Parish as the School has contributed to the education of our children for over 100 years. We thank the staff who kept the school going over the last number of years through very difficult and challenging times. The School is holding a Community Celebration Day on Saturday 17th June from 2pm-4pm – more details to follow.

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