

Downpatrick Family of Parishes

Parishes of Saul & Ballee and Kilclief

Weekly Bulletin

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time,
Sunday 19th January 2025

Mass Schedule for the coming week

Date	St Patrick's, Saul	Stella Maris, Strangford	St Joseph's, Ballycruttle	St Malachy's, Kilclief	St Tassach's, Carlin
Sunday 19 th January	9.30am		12noon	11am	
Monday 20 th January	10am	7.30pm			
Tuesday 21 st January	10am				
Wednesday 22 nd January	10am				
Thursday 23 rd January					
Friday 24 th January	7pm			9.30am	
Saturday 25 th January – Vigil	5pm	6.30pm			
Sunday 26 th January	9.30am			11am	12noon

Masses are available to view online at www.saulandballeeparish.com and www.churchmedia.tv

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.



Eucharistic Adoration in St Patrick's Church, Saul each Tuesday from 10am, Holy Hour from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. Adoration resumes from 7pm to 8pm

Please Note – Change to Parish office hours

The Parish office in Saul will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.30am to 12noon.
The office will be closed each Wednesday until further notice.

The Parish office hours in Strangford remain the same – Monday 1pm to 3pm.



FOUNTAIN FOODBANK ADVENT APPEAL

Fountain Foodbank would like to say a huge thank you to all our parishioners for their exceptional generosity and support towards the recent Advent Appeal. Your food and cash donations were gratefully received and helped provide food parcels to those in need in our local community and parish over the Christmas period. Thank you again for your kindness and generosity.

Months Mind Mass – Saul & Ballee – Saturday 18th January – Betty Rice

Anniversary Masses – Saul & Ballee

Saturday 18th January – Donall Gibson
Sunday 19th January – Rosie Blaney
Tuesday 21st January – Marie McGreevy
Friday 24th January – Michael Murphy
Sunday 26th January – Sonia Kinsella (9.30am)
Monday 27th January – Anne Smyth
Friday 31st January – Brian Leathem
Saturday 1st February – Sharon Deegan, Rose & Joe Craig
Sunday 2nd February – Margaret & Patrick Smyth (9.30am)
Monday 3rd February – Peter, Ben and Sam Williams
Saturday 8th February – Maeve Black
Sunday 9th February – Thomas Hamill (12noon)

Anniversary Masses – Kilclief

Saturday 18th January – Joe Magee, Winnie Fitzsimons
Friday 24th January – Hugh Smyth
Saturday 8th February – James & Mary Hynds
Sunday 9th February – Madeline Beattie

	Saul	Kilclief
Weekly Collection – 5/01/2025	£1,158.60	£709.69
Monthly Stipend - January	£2,634.60	£1,110.67
Weekly Collection – 12/01/2025	£1,506.30	£937.98
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”

The second collection this weekend is for Down & Connor Living Church. This collection helps defray some of the Living Church’s expenses in respect of its role of co-ordinating, promoting and developing the numerous forms of ministry within the Diocese. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Hymns for January - Saul

Awake from your Slumber 154
All that I am 122
Bind us together 169
God Forgave my sin 286.

300 Club - The next draw, which is the final draw for 2024/2025 will take place on Monday 3rd February. There will be an additional prize of £500.

All promoters are invited to a **short** meeting on Friday 24th January at 6.30pm in the Parochial house. The meeting can last no longer than 15 minutes. If you would like to join our small team of promoters you are very welcome to come along to the meeting. Please confirm your attendance with the Parish office.

Inverbrena Draw January 2025 Winners

1st – Nancy Alexander
2nd – Michael Fitzsimons
3rd – Sally Hanna

Congratulations and thank you for your support.



Have your say in how your Parish works

Are you a current Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) member or are you interested in joining the Pastoral Council in your Parish?

The Pathways team are offering training to existing and interested individuals.

Join us on Tuesday 28th January from 7pm to 9pm in Lecale Trinity Mercy Site (formerly St Mary's High School), Downpatrick. Tea and coffee will be served from 6.30pm, the meeting will begin promptly at 7pm.

If you are interested and want to have a deeper understanding of what the PPC does, why not join us on the evening. There is no obligation to commit to joining the PPC at this event.

Stage 1 - Awareness Training

This will comprise of 1 evening session which is open to all interested parishioners.

This evening will provide an overview of the context, role and responsibilities of a Parish Pastoral Council. It will explore the gifts, skills and qualities required to be a PPC member.

These information sessions will help those who may have an interest in this leadership role to understand what it entails and to discern if it is a role for them in the life of their Parish.

At the conclusion of the evening, those participants who have an interest in serving on the PPC will be invited to register their name.

Please contact the Parish office to note your interest in attending this meeting. Office hours are Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri 9.30am to 12noon.

Readers/Lectors – There will be a training day in Tobar Mhuire on Saturday 8th February for all our Lectors (current and prospective). Lunch and tea will be provided. Please let Fr Aidan or Amanda know if you are able to attend, also, any dietary requirements you may have.

Pilgrims of Hope – Saturday 29th March is the first of three days in our Diocese called “24 hours for the Lord”. The focus will be on confession and reconciliation. The sessions will take place in Downpatrick, further details to follow.

Do you have a wedding booked in the Parish this year? Can you please make contact with the Parish office to ensure your date has been transferred to the 2025 diary and to confirm your contact details are still as first recorded.

Renewal in Action

The Heart of Jesus has a special love for the poor, and so must we. This means not only contributing financially but also giving of our time and ourselves and simply being present to those who are lonely or struggling.

Love, flowing from our closeness to the Heart of Jesus, becomes a beacon of hope in our world. Here in our Diocese of Down and Connor, we have a unique opportunity to make this Jubilee Year truly memorable. Let us support one another on this journey, remembering that every small act of love brings us closer to the Heart of Jesus and closer to one another.

The recent Synod invites us to think of ourselves in new ways as disciples of Jesus, and of our parishes as centres for his ongoing mission. We live in a broken world that cries out to hear the Good News of salvation that Jesus brings us. Each one of us has his or her part to play as persons of prayer, as channels of reconciliation, and as 'artisans of a new humanity'.

We will find in His Heart the strength, courage, and grace to love as He loves, to serve as He serves, and to bring hope where it is needed most.

With every blessing for the Jubilee Year,
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+ Alan M c Guckian SJ

Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.
Amen

Prayer of Blessed John Sullivan SJ

I believe in God, I hope in God, I love God

I am sorry for having offended God.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I believe in your love for me.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I believe you love me now.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in thee.



My Jubilee 2025 Commitment is to

