

Downpatrick Family of Parishes  
Parishes of Saul & Ballee and Kilclief

Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March 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 9 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30am			11am	12noon
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> March	10am	7.30pm			
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	10am				
Weds 12 <sup>th</sup> March	10am				
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> March		9.30am			
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	7pm			9.30am	
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	5pm	6.30pm			
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	9.30am		12noon	11am	

Masses are available to view online at [www.saulandballeeparish.com](http://www.saulandballeeparish.com) and [www.churchmedia.tv](http://www.churchmedia.tv)

**During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be prayed in St Patrick's, Saul each Friday at 6.30pm**

**During Lent additional Masses will be celebrated in Stella Maris Church on Thursdays at 9.30am**

**Our Lady of Knock Novena** each Monday evening in Stella Maris, Strangford at 7.10pm

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**

**Parish of Saul & Ballee**

**Recently Deceased** Benedict McGreevy (Scotland, formerly Saul Circle)

**Month Mind Mass** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Brigid Burns (9.30am)

**Anniversary Masses**

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Al Dillon

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March – June Shields, Walter Mullin, Frank Smyth (9.30am), Paddy Hayball (12noon)

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Brian & Alice Cheetham

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Josephine McCann, Maureen Fitzsimons, Maureen Brennan, Rita & Willie Rice

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Alan Gordon, Christopher Gordon, Jamie Hynds, Richard Sharvin, Dessie Savage, Savage family

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Una McConn (9.30am), Patricia & John Campbell (12noon)

**Parish of Kilclief**

**Months Mind Masses** Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Moira Gilmore  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Daniel Lundy

**Anniversary Masses**

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Natasha McMullan

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Gerry Ward, Jimmy Curran

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Gerry Seed

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Molly & Leo McShane, Sheila Fitzsimons, Neil Rooney

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Peggy McGrady

	Saul & Ballee	Kilclief
Weekly Collection	£1,664.25	£873.36
Monthly Offering	£1,609.51	£1,031.75

**Hymns for March - Saul**

Entrance 688	Offertory 462
Communion 376	Recessional 757

**300 Club Monthly Fundraising Draw**

The draw will continue for a further 12 months with the first draw for 2025/2026 taking place on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025 and on the first Monday of each month thereafter.

Membership remains at £60 for the year – payable by BACS, cash, cheque, card (in person at the Parish office) or via standing order.

If you wish to remain in the draw please contact your promotor or if you wish to join the draw please contact Amanda at the Parish office. The draw is open to everyone!

Congratulations to the P3 children from St Malachy's PS, Kilclief who received the Sacrament of First Penance this week. We ask you to keep these children and all the children who are preparing for their Sacraments in your prayers.

Saul Conference of St Vincent de Paul meeting on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in the Parochial house. Please access the meeting rooms from the Patio doors.

### **Pilgrimage to Slemish**

The Family of Parishes have organised a Pilgrimage to Slemish on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2025, leaving St. Patrick's Church Car Park at 9.30am and returning for approx 5.00pm

Those who are comfortable and able to climb Slemish are invited to do so, however, those with Motability issues or who are not comfortable with the climb, are welcome to join us for the day. The cost for the bus is £5 per person payable via the Parish Office to secure your seat. Please bring a packed lunch and wear suitable clothing/footwear.

Booking is strictly through Downpatrick Parish Office Tel 02844612084 Monday - Thursday 9.15am - 2pm. Cost is payable on booking.

**Pilgrims of Hope** – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Give Blood, Save Lives** – the next blood donation session will take place in Bright Community Centre on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March from 12.30pm to 7pm. This is by appointment only – scan the QR Code on the poster, go to [www.NIBTS.org](http://www.NIBTS.org) or phone 08085 534653 to book your appointment.

Singer-songwriter Dana will sing Our Lady of Knock, and her new songs for St Patrick (Light The Fire) and St Brigid at a special evening int The Saint Patrick Centre, Downpatrick, on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. Dana will also share stories of her life and faith journey, and perform the songs which brought her around the world including her Eurovision hit, *All Kinds of Everything*. Tickets are £20 and can be obtained from Eventbrite. More information from The Saint Patrick Centre 02844 619000.

**Down & Connor Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025:** Celebrating the Jubilee Year and our 40th Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage: 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> July – 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> July. 5 & 7 night options available. Please visit [www.downandconnor.org/lourdes](http://www.downandconnor.org/lourdes) for more information or call the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 9077 0162 or email [lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org) Youth Team (9-16th July): applications now open (see website for details)

**Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Fatima** – flying from Belfast International Airport. 7 Nights F/B Avenida Hotel 30<sup>th</sup> July/6<sup>th</sup> August. Spiritual Director Fr Martin Graham Adm. Convenient flight times. £885pps. For further details contact Joe Catney 07776425631. Also 28<sup>th</sup> May/4<sup>th</sup> June.

**Pope Francis has invited us this Lent to “journey in hope together”**

A short-term pledge is available via [www.pioneerassociation.org](http://www.pioneerassociation.org) for parishioners who wish to become a “pilgrim of hope” for people who are living under the shadow of addiction

**Hearts on Fire Conference** – Bishop McGuickian has offered 7 places to our Family of Parishes to attend the Down & Connor conference on Parish renewal, Hearts on Fire, at the Hilton Hotel, Belfast on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June. Hearts on Fire will be a special gathering that seeks to explore key themes central to the renewal of the Church and will build on the theme of Jesus, Hope of the World. The programme features a variety of speakers who have deep expertise and a heart for this mission as well as a series of workshops to inspire and empower attendees in their journey of faith. Early booking rate of £75 for 2-day tickets if booked before 28<sup>th</sup> March – after 28<sup>th</sup> March the cost increases to £90 for a 2-day ticket and £45 for a 1-day ticket. For further information please contact the Parish office.

**Inverbrena Community Centre – March Draw Winners**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Lesley McCullough

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Kevin Braniff

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Bernadette Hann

Congratulations and thank you for your support.

go bear fruit.  
sharing CHRIST  
A SEVEN-WEEK MISSION

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK WITH CONFIDENCE TO OTHERS ABOUT YOUR FAITH?

DOES THE IDEA OF DOING THAT INTIMIDATE YOU A LITTLE?

**sharing CHRIST**

a seven-week mission that will train parishioners in our **Community of Parishes** to share Jesus Christ with others and invite them to be part of the Church.

**The mission will run on six Tuesday nights in Lent (starting 4 March) with a retreat day on Sat 12 April.**

**Venue - Parochial House Downpatrick**  
**Time: 7.15 pm**  
**To register or for further information call Mary on 028 4461 2084**

See your parish bulletin and social media platforms for further details

**Responding in Lent**

**Called to be Pilgrims of Hope**

Very Rev Fr Aidan Brankin, Parish Priest 02844 612525 (Saul) or 02844 260101 (Strangford)

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Kilclief Parish Office: 02844260101, Office Hours: Monday 1pm to 3pm 8 Shore Rd, Strangford, BT30 7NL

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