

Downpatrick Family of Parishes  
Parishes of Saul & Ballee and Kilclief

Third Sunday of Easter, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May 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 11 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am			11am	12noon
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> May	10am	7.30pm			
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	10am				
Weds 14 <sup>th</sup> May	10am				
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> May					
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	7pm			9.30am	
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	5pm	6.30pm			
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	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)

**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**

Our Parish Facebook page is now closed and we have amalgamated with all the Parishes in our family. Please pop on and like Downpatrick Family of Parishes Facebook page where you will be kept up to date with information for the following Parishes:- Downpatrick, Saul & Ballee, Kilclief, Dunsford and Ardglass and Bright.

## Parish of Saul & Ballee

**Recently Deceased:** Madge McCormick

### **Anniversary Masses**

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Aidan Killan

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Vera & Joe Hamill (12noon)

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Paula McGoldrick

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Patsy Holland (12noon)

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Billy Joe Murphy

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Patrick & Paul Black

## Parish of Kilclief

**Months Mind Mass:** Ted Rafferty on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm in Stella Maris

### **Anniversary Masses**

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Harry Fitzsimons

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Johnny Clarke, Laurentia Clarke & Helen Clarke

### **Hymns for May – Saul**

Entrance	185	Offertory	141
Communion	358	Recessional	274



We congratulate our P7 children from St Joseph's PS, Strangford and St Malachy's PS, Kilclief who received the Sacrament of Confirmation yesterday.



We ask you to pray for our P4 children from St Patrick's PS, Saul who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion next Saturday.



**Give Blood Save Lives** – Blood donation session in Bright Community Centre, Downpatrick on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May from 12.30pm to 7pm. To book your appointment please go to [www.NIBTS.org](http://www.NIBTS.org) or scan the QR code on the poster in the Churches. Northern Ireland needs 1200 blood donations per week – that's 1 every 8 minutes.

**Do you have a couple of hours a month to spare? We are looking volunteer cleaners for our Churches. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank those who have given their time and energy over the years.**

## 300 Club – Monthly Parish Draw

Final call for anyone wishing to join our fundraising draw!!

There will be 12 draws with monthly prizes of £250 and £100, there will also be additional prizes totalling £500 at Christmas and the final draw in March 2026.

All this for just £60 for the year.

We still have a very small number of tickets left so if you would like to join please call into the Parish office *before 12noon on Monday 12th*.

First draw will cover the months of April and May will take place on  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

All Trocaire boxes or donations should be returned no later than Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May

**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.

**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.

### St Vincent de Paul Saul Conference

#### Day trip to Knock on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May

The cost is £40 which includes breakfast on the way to Knock and dinner on the way home. The bus will leave at 7am SHARP. **Bus is now fully booked.**

There will be a Healing Service in St Matthew's Church, Short Strand, East Belfast on Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Focussing on the healing power of the Rosary followed by a Eucharistic healing blessing and benediction.

The service will be led by Fr Peter Carlin, PP, and Music Ministry will be provided by Fionnuala O'Neill and family.

### **Legion of Mary trip to Knock Shrine**

The 40<sup>th</sup> All-Ireland Rosary Rally will be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June. The bus will leave St Patrick's Church, Downpatrick at 6.45am with pick-up at Crossgar Chapel at 7am and Saintfield Chapel at 7.10am. Costs £30, please bring a packed lunch. To book your place please leave your money along with your name and phone number in a sealed envelope into the Parish office.

### **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.

**One Day Retreat for Readers** has been re-scheduled to Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June in Tobar Mhuire. Please note this new date in your diary. If you had booked to attend the postponed event on 8<sup>th</sup> February and cannot attend on 7<sup>th</sup> June please contact Mary in Downpatrick Parish office 02844 612084

### **Prayer for Exams.**

Over the next few weeks many of our young people will be sitting exams at various levels in schools and colleges. If you wish to submit a petition for prayer support during these stressful times, a form will be available in the back of St Patrick's Church, Saul. Please complete this form and place in the brown box. The petitions will be included in all our Parish Masses. A Blessed Exam Candle will burn in the Sanctuary for these intentions. A special student Mass will be held in St Patrick's Church, Saul on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm. All students and their families are welcome to attend this Mass.

### **Saul, Ballee & Kilclief Cemetery Sunday Dates**

St Joseph's, Ballycruttle – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July after 12noon Mass

St Malachy's, Kilclief – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm

St Patrick's, Saul – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August at 3pm

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

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