

Downpatrick Family of Parishes  
Parishes of Saul & Ballee and Kilclief

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Sunday 25<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 25 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am			11am	12noon
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> May	10am	7.30pm			
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	10am				
Weds 28 <sup>th</sup> May	10am				
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> May					
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	7pm			9.30am	
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	5pm	6.30pm			
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	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 to 8pm with Holy Hour from 2.30pm to 3.30pm.**



We invite all parishioners to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament each Tuesday to pray for their own needs and the needs of the Parish - we particularly need someone who can commit to attend from 12.00 to 1.00pm or from 1.00 to 2.00pm each week.

**Saul Sunday - Bishop Alan McGuckian will celebrate Mass on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 3pm on Saul Mountain. Everyone welcome.**

## Parish of Saul & Ballee

**Months Mind Mass:** Margaret McCormick on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May at 5pm

### Anniversary Masses

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

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June – William McCormick (9.30am), Noel Holland (12noon)

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Reggie McGreevy, Kathleen Murphy, Gavan McNabb

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Gerald Laverty, Frankie McKee Snr, Frankie McKee Jnr

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Patricia Curran

## Parish of Kilclief

### Anniversary Masses

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Felix, Mary, Brendan & Dick Fitzsimons

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Daniel Somers

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Paddy Murphy

### Hymns for May – Saul

Entrance	185	Offertory	141
Communion	358	Recessional	274

	<b>Saul &amp; Ballee</b>	<b>Kilclief</b>
Weekly Collection	£1,476.00	£837.20
Education of Dioc Students	£741.90	£616.30

We offer prayers for our P4 children from St Malachy's PS, Kilclief and St Joseph's PS, Strangford who are receiving their First Holy Communion in the coming days.

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

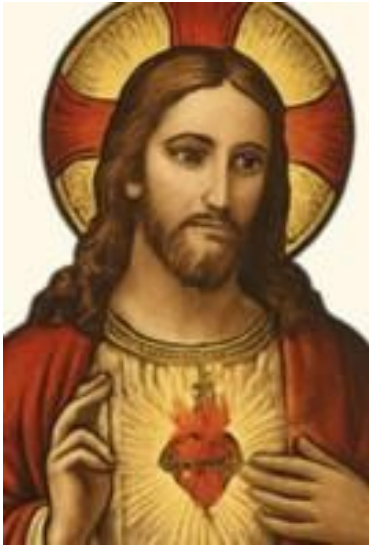
St Joseph's, Ballycruttle – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July after 12noon Mass

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

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

**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.

The Parish office will be closed on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May and will re-open on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 9.30am.



## **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Diocesan Devotions June 2025**

The Pilgrim Statue will arrive on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June for Mass on St Patrick's Mountain (Saul Sunday) at 3pm, celebrated by Bishop Alan McGuckian.

The Statue will stay in Saul until Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June when it will process to Downpatrick Parish.

This procession will leave St Patrick's Church, Saul at 5.30pm following the route of St Patrick's Road, Saul Road (from junction at Saul Mills Road), Saul Street, Scotch Street, Market Street, St Patrick's Avenue arriving at St Patrick's Church, Downpatrick for Mass at 7.30pm.

The Pilgrim Statue will visit many other Parishes within the Diocese, please see the poster in the Church for dates. The Diocesan Sacred Heart Novena will take place from 18<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> June in St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast.

**300 Club – Monthly Parish Draw** - The next draw will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June

**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.

In this Jubilee Year of Hope, come on an authentic St Patrick's Way Pilgrimage experience in Downpatrick on 7<sup>th</sup> June or 5<sup>th</sup> July or 9<sup>th</sup> August, led by pilgrim guides Martina Purdy and Elaine Kelly. Visit The Saint Patrick Centre & see the fabulous IMAX film, receive your pilgrim passport on a 6 mile walk with guides to Inch Abbey and Saul Church & St Patrick's grave. Pilgrim Lunch @Saul Barn and bus transfers included £50 pp. (9am-3pm approx) More info contact the Centre 028 4461 9000 or book online [www.saintpatrickcentre.com/experiences/](http://www.saintpatrickcentre.com/experiences/)

**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.

### **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 Mobility 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.

**Pilgrimage to Fatima** - flying direct from Belfast International, 7 Nights F/B Avenida Hotel 30<sup>th</sup> July/6<sup>th</sup> August. Spiritual Director Fr Martin Graham Adm St Peter's Cathedral Belfast. £885pps. Convenient flight times. For further information contact Joe Catney 07776425631

**Down & Connor Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025:** Celebrating the Jubilee Year and our 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage: 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> July – 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> July 7 nights. 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 (9-16<sup>th</sup> July): applications now open (see website for details)

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**My Day by Day** books have increased in price to £1.20 per month effective from the June issue.

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