

Downpatrick Family of Parishes
Parishes of Saul & Ballee and Kilclief

Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday 24th August 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 24 th August	9.30am			11am	12noon
Mon 25 th August	10am	7.30pm			
Tuesday 26 th August	10am				
Weds 27 th August	10am				
Thurs 28 th August					
Friday 29 th August	7pm			9.30am	
Saturday 30 th August	5pm	6.30pm			
Sunday 31 st August	9.30am			11am	

Masses are available to view online at www.saulandballeeparish.com and 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 this Tuesday from 10am to 8pm.



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.

Please Note – The Parish office will be closed this week. There will be no bulletin next weekend. Parish office will re-open on Monday 1st September

PARISH CEMETERIES

Our cemeteries and grounds are maintained on a regular basis by approved contractors. We ask that you do not bring in your own lawnmower or strimmer to cut around your family or another grave(s).

All floral arrangements and ornamental items should be placed on the headstone base and not on the grass area of the graves. This is to enable cutting of the grass.

Parish of Saul & Ballee

Months Mind Mass: Damien Feenan on Saturday 30th August at 5pm
in St Patrick's, Saul

Anniversary: Peggy Murphy, Mary Murphy, Christina McConville and
Kathleen McMahon

Anniversary Masses

Saturday 23rd August – Marie Cully, Eithne McMullan

Sunday 24th August – Warren Rodgers, Tom McVeigh (9.30am), Ann Brennan (12noon)

Tuesday 26th August – Harry Hampton

Friday 29th August – Philip Smith

Saturday 30th August – Nora, Frank Snr & Michael Donnelly

Friday 5th September – Tom, Minnie, Tommy & Barney Magee, Maureen McKee,
Kenny Kelly

Saturday 6th September – Thomas & Elizabeth McCormick

Sunday 7th September – Michael Burns (12noon)

Parish of Kilclief

Months Mind Mass: Eleanor McGurnaghan and Dick Cull on Sunday 24th August
at 11am in St Malachy's, Kilclief

Anniversary Masses

Sunday 24th August – Leo McGurnaghan

Friday 29th August – Edward, Sean & Hugh Seed

Saturday 30th August – Frank & Patricia Fitzsimons, Barry & Jack Fitzsimons

Saturday 8th September – Jason Hynds

Hymns – Saul

Entrance 358

Offertory 141

Communion Mary Most Holy

Recessional Lady of Knock

	Saul & Ballee	Kilclief
Weekly Collection	£1,833.40	£813.30
Diocesan Cathedral Fund	£946.80	£541.65

Parish of Saul & Ballee 300 Club - The next draw will take place on Monday 1st September. Please ensure your membership is paid up to date for inclusion in September's draw.

September issue of My Day by Day is now available for collection

Legion of Mary: Annual Trip to Knock will take place on Sunday 28th September. The cost is £30, making the usual stops for breaks. First pick up is at the back of the Church in Newcastle at 6.15am, followed by Castlewellan at 6.30am, Downpatrick at 6:45am, Crossgar 7am and Saintfield 7:15am. All pick ups will be at Churches. Money to be put in envelope with name and telephone number and dropped into either the Parochial house in Downpatrick or Saul. For further details please call Colette on 07732610247.

PLEASE NOTE - WEBCAMS/LIVE STREAMS

Online cameras in St Patrick's, Saul and Stella Maris, Strangford are managed by the Parish offices in Saul and Downpatrick..

We attempt, where possible, to broadcast Requiem Masses from each Church via our Downpatrick Family of Parishes Facebook page. If we are unable to broadcast live, we will provide a direct link to the webcam on our Facebook page.

Families who wish to have events recorded, should contact either Mary in Downpatrick Parish office (02844 612084) or Amanda in Saul Parish office (02844 612525) or speak to their undertaker to arrange a recording.

Please note – Itech Media are our service providers and are not responsible for any aspect of scheduling livestreams or recordings.

Important Notice Music in Churches for Weddings, Funerals etc

The Diocese of Down & Connor state that ALL music used in a church must be licensed – the license provided **ONLY** covers liturgical music. Pop Music, Irish folk Music, Football anthems etc should **not be used at any event** in the church, as these are covered by a separate copyright and may leave the Parish/Diocese open to legal repercussions.

Using a song or music in a church service or act of worship, even if its a non profit event - wedding, funeral etc, is considered a public performance and reproduction which requires permission under our license. Furthermore - to legally use a copyrighted song, you need the permission of the copyright holder. There is a minimum fine of £5000.

St Agnes' Choral Society proudly presents the Irish amateur premiere of the smash-hit musical Come From Away at the Lyric Theatre, Belfast, from 4-15th September 2025. This remarkable true story is filled with hope, humanity, and heart, telling how a small town in Newfoundland welcomed stranded airline passengers in the wake of 9/11. Uplifting, moving, and filled with joyful music, Come From Away is a celebration of kindness and community. *Book now at lyrictheatre.co.uk or call 028 9038 1081*

Day of Prayer and Reflection for Gaza on Sunday 24th August

All across Ireland Dioceses are encouraging people to set aside Sunday 24th August as a day of prayer and reflection for Gaza and for a renewed commitment by the international community for a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

And so, I ask everyone: please join in 24 hours of prayer and reflection in your Parishes and homes on Sunday 24th August. Light a candle in your family home or local Parish Church, attend Mass, spend time before the Blessed Sacrament; pray the Rosary; make some small personal penance or sacrifice, and on that day let the light of hope radiate out from the island of Ireland for peace, for Gaza and for the future of its people.

Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ

School Re-opening Dates

St Patrick's PS, Saul, St Joseph's PS, Strangford and St Malachy's PS, Kilclief all return on Wednesday 27th August. Please note there will be no school meals until Monday 1st September therefore a packed lunch will be required on each of these days.

St Malachy's PS, Kilclief will have Breakfast Club on Wednesday 27th, Thursday 28th and Friday 29th August from 8.15am to 8.45am

Men's Jubilee Camino

Men's hike - Saturday 13th September - 20kms, on greenway, from Dominican abbey (ruin) in Carlingford to Newry (St Catherine's) via Newry Cathedral (Jubilee Indulgence). Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Confessions & Fraternity. Registration & details on www.dominicans.ie/events/ . €70 (Lunch, dinner & bus), over 18's male event. Enquiries to op.evangelisation@gmail.com



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