Downpatrick Family of Parishes

Parishes of Saul & Ballee and Kilclief

Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 3rd August 2025

Mass Schedule for the coming week:

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| Date | St Patrick’s Saul | Stella Maris  Strangford | St Joseph’s  Ballycruttle | St Malachy’s  Kilclief | St Tassach’s  Carlin |
| Sunday 3rd August | 9.30am |  | 12noon | 11am |  |
| Mon 4th August | 10am | 7.30pm |  |  |  |
| Tuesday 5th August | 10am |  |  |  |  |
| Weds 6th August | 10am |  |  |  |  |
| Thurs 7th August |  |  |  |  |  |
| Friday 8th August | 7pm |  |  | 9.30am |  |
| Saturday 9th August | 5pm | 6.30pm |  |  |  |
| Sunday 10th August | 9.30am |  |  | 11am | 12noon |

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

***Please note the new later starting time***

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.

***A close-up of a gold cross

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**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.

**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.**

**Recently Deceased**: Damian Feenan

**Parish of Saul & Ballee**

**Months Mind Mass:** Frank McAleenan on Friday 8th August at 7pm

Geraldine Curran on Sunday 10th August at 9.30am

**Anniversary Masses**

Saturday 2nd August – John Starkey, Ann McCabe

Sunday 10th August – Agnes Killen

Friday 15th August – Joe Curran, Mary Cully Kellett, Leonard, Alicia & Desmond Curran

Saturday 16th August – Margaret Curran, Patrick & Rose Ann Sloan

Sunday 17th August – Bill Kearney, Allie Dobbin, Siobhan Smyth (12noon)

**Parish of Kilclief**

**Anniversary Masses**

Saturday 2nd August – John, Eileen and Kevin Hanna

Sunday 3rd August – Margaret Magee

Sunday 10th August – Richard Murphy

Saturday 16th August – Noel Kearney

**Hymns – Saul**

Entrance 358 Offertory 141

Communion Mary Most Holy Recessional Lady of Knock

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|  | **Saul & Ballee** | **Kilclief** |
| Weekly Collection | £1,744.80 | £1430.20 |
| Diocesan Pastoral Needs | £739.30 | £369.88 |
| Cemetery Sunday | Ballycruttle £590.00 | £7,695.37 |

**A second collection will be taken up this weekend for the Monthly Offering.**

**Cemetery Sunday in** St Patrick’s Cemetery, Saul on Sunday 3rd August at 3pm

**A logo for a blood donation

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**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.

**Parish of Saul & Ballee 300 Club -** The next draw will take place on Tuesday 5th August. Please ensure your membership is paid up to date for inclusion in this draw.

**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.

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**Standing in the breach Catholic mens retreat**

Why not come and join us on Saturday 9th August from 9.00am-1.00pm in Portglenone Monastery for this men’s retreat. Come and listen to inspiring speakers including Brett Lockart QC, Kevin Heffron, Dr. Owen Gallagher & others. Includes Mass. Suggested Donation of £10 which includes tea/coffee & scones! All men are very welcome! Contact Thomas Carey on 07967620435 or [Sean@CatholicMinute.co.uk](mailto:Sean@CatholicMinute.co.uk) for more information.

**Men’s Jubliee 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/](https://url.uk.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/2kfHCznzKiJDolhXhDi95fZP?domain=dominicans.ie) . €70 (Lunch, dinner & bus), over 18’s male event.  Enquiries to [op.evangelisation@gmail.com](mailto:op.evangelisation@gmail.com)

*“Jesus Christ, our Salvation, the Hugh Priest of our offerings,*

*the Protector and Helper of our weakness.*

*Through Him we fix our gaze on the heights of heaven.*

*In Him we see mirrored God’s pure and transcendent face.”*

*Pope Saint Clement of Rome*

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

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