

Downpatrick Family of Parishes
Parishes of Saul & Ballee and Kilclief

Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday 28th September 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 28 th Sept	9.30am			11am	12noon
Monday 29 th Sept	10am	7.30pm			
Tuesday 30 th Sept	10am				
Weds 1 st Oct	10am				
Thurs 2 nd Oct					
Friday 3 rd Oct	7pm			9.30am	
Saturday 4 th Oct	5pm	6.30pm			
Sunday 5 th Oct	9.30am		12noon	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

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.

Parish of Saul & Ballee 300 Club

The next draw will take place on Monday 6th October. Please ensure your membership is paid up to date for inclusion in this draw.

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.

Saul St Vincent de Paul meeting on Monday 29th September at 7pm in the Parochial house.

Parish of Saul & Ballee

Months Mind Masses: Mary McGreevy on Sunday 28th September at 9.30am

Anniversary: Mary McAleenan

Anniversary Masses

Saturday 27th September – Alastair Wylie, Patrick McCormick, Tommy Bibby, Hugh Hanvey, John Gordon

Friday 3rd October – Michael McGreevy

Saturday 4th October – Baby Lucas Smyth

Sunday 5th October – Anita Cunningham, Cissie Hudson, Elizabeth Wade

Saturday 11th October – Denis Hamill, Nicola Burns

Parish of Kilclief

Month Mind Masses: Louise Fitzsimons on Monday 29th September at 7.30pm

Anniversary Masses

Sunday 28th September – Diarmuid Riordan, Michael Carlin

Saturday 4th October – Anna Braniff, Ted & Patricia Allison, Eileen Cahir

Sunday 5th October – Darren Beattie

Sunday 12th October – Paddy Beattie

Hymns – Saul

Entrance	476	Offertory	362
Communion	470	Recessional	120

	Saul & Ballee	Kilclief
Weekly Collection	£1,637.40	£853.52
Autumn Offering	£821.40	£771.78

Holy Cross School, Makambe, Zimbabwe - Last weekends collection for the Holy Cross School, Makambe amounted to £2,305. St Maureen and the Holy Cross Sisters are immensely grateful for your generosity. God bless you.

Do you feel called to seek God in prayer and contemplation, monastic work and community life? The Cistercian community at St Mary's Abbey, Glencairn invites single women aged 19–40 to our upcoming Monastic Vocations Weekend from 24th-27th October 2025. Please contact our Vocation Director, Sr Mairéad, at vocations@glencairnabbey.org or visit www.glencairnabbey.org for more details.

SMA Novena 2025 in honour of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Patroness of the Missions
Tuesday 23rd September to Wednesday 1st October. Daily Mass & Novena Prayers. At 10.00am &
7.30pm SMA Chapel Dromantine. All welcome. Also, via webcam (www.sma.ie)

“Pray, hope and don’t worry” St Padre Pio – Celebration of Mass and blessing with the
Holy Relic of St Padre Pio on Sunday 28th September at 7pm in St Vincent de Paul Parsh,
Ligoniel Road, Belfast.

This year is 1700th anniversary of the first council of Nicaea. On Sunday 5th October
2025 we join with Christian Churches throughout Ireland to mark and remember Nicaea and
the Nicene Creed which came from it. We hold this creed in common with Christians for the
last 1700 years, around the world and across the traditions. This Sunday is an opportunity for
shared witness and reflection on the core beliefs that unite us in Christ.

Conference: Family, Life, Education: Our Hope for the Future

Saturday 4th October in Knock House Hotel/by Zoom

The European Institute of Family Life Education / Institution Européen d’Education
Familiale (EIFLE/IEEF) in association with the Natural Family Planning Teacher
Association of Ireland (NFPTAI) are hosting a seminal conference to bring hope to Ireland
at this dark time. The conference will focus on the importance of cherishing the *family* as the
foundation for a stable society, respecting human *life* from conception to natural death and
ensuring our children have access to a holistic *education* that nurtures their intellectual,
psychological, social and spiritual development. Promoting Christian values in Family, Life
and Education will ensure the future wellbeing of our society.
Conference speakers are chosen for their expertise, knowledge and experience in living,
teaching and learning that *God’s way is nature’s way*.

The venue for the conference is Knock House Hotel www.knockhousehotel.ie Tickets are
€60 (in person or by zoom). Lunch is optional at €30 pp. Tickets for the conference are
available via Eventbrite www.eventbrite.ie/o/nfptai-73350755083 / QR Code:



Act of Charity

My God, because you are so good,
I love you with all my heart,
and for your sake,
I love my neighbour as myself.

Our Lady's Rosary Festival 2025 from 4th to 12th October

Come and join us for a week of events to honour Our Lady, ending with the annual Belfast Rosary Procession on 12th October.

Sat 4th Oct – “The Camino of St Michael the Archangel” – Mass at 11.30am in St Michaels, Finaghy Road North. Visits to 9 Churches honouring the nine choirs of angels, finishing at St Mary's, Chapel Lane.

Sun 5th Oct – Family Day from 12noon, St Colman's Hall, Lambeg for a family day of games, snacks, face painting, bouncy castle and much more.

Mon 6th Oct – “Ask a Catholic Priest” from 7pm – Got questions about the Catholic Church? Ask Fathers! Tea and refreshments at St Paul's Parish Centre, Belfast.

Tues 7th Oct – “From Gangland to Promised Land” – A talk from Ex-East London Gangster John Pridmore who shares his journey from crime to Christ at St Anne's Church Hall, Belfast.

Weds 8th Oct – Eucharistic Healing from 7pm – Experience Jesus' love through Mary: Exposition, talk, Adoration, confession and prayer at Our Lady of Lourdes, Moneyglass.

Thurs 9th Oct – Be Reconciled at St Mary's: Night Fever, Adoration, confession and Mass from 6pm. Light refreshments afterwards at St Mary's Church, Chapel Lane.

Fri 10th Oct – All Night Adoration from 8pm to 8am – Spend an hour in prayer and reflection with our Blessed Lord at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Antrim Road, Belfast.

Sat 11th Oct – Youth Retreat (Ages 16-35) from 12pm to 4pm – New to the faith or looking to grow deeper and build community? Join us for Mass, talks and more at St Paul's Parish Centre, Belfast.

Sun 12th Oct – Annual Rosary Procession from St John's Parish to St Peter's Cathedral at 2.30pm, followed by a Catholic Organisations' Fair in the Church Hall, with refreshments afterwards.

Bus to the Rosary Procession on Sunday 12th October will leave St Patrick's Church, Downpatrick at 1.20pm sharp. The cost is £12 return. To secure a place please contact Mary or James in Downpatrick Parish office on 02844 612084

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