Downpatrick Family of Parishes

Parishes of Saul & Ballee and Kilclief

Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday

14th September 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 14th Sept | 9.30am |  |  | 11am | 12noon |
| Monday 15th Sept | 10am | 7.30pm |  |  |  |
| Tuesday 16th Sept | 10am |  |  |  |  |
| Weds 17th Sept | 10am |  |  |  |  |
| Thurs 18th Sept |  |  |  |  |  |
| Friday 19th Sept | 7pm |  |  | 9.30am |  |
| Saturday 20th Sept | 5pm | 6.30pm |  |  |  |
| Sunday 21st Sept | 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

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Description automatically generated with medium confidence*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.

**Parish of Saul & Ballee**

**Months Mind Masses:** Gareth Fitzsimons on Friday 19th September at 7pm

Mary McGreevy on Sunday 28th September at 9.30am

**Anniversary Masses**

Saturday 13th September – James Hynds, Tilly Robinson

Sunday 14th September - Raymond Blaney, Liam Brankin (12noon)

Wednesday 17th September – Patricia Burns

Friday 19th September – Niall Laverty

Saturday 20th September – Terry Quayle, Dermot Vint

Sunday 21st September – Maurice King

Sunday 21st September – Patrick Grant (12noon)

Saturday 27th September – Alastair Wylie, Patrick McCormick

**Parish of Kilclief**

**Month Mind Masses:** Freda Sharvin on Saturday 13th September at 6.30pm

Patsy Cultra on Sunday 14th September at 11am

Louise Fitzsimons on Monday 29th September at 7.30pm

**Anniversary Masses**

Sunday 14th September – Seamus McMorrow, Kevin Cultra

Saturday 20th September – Anna & William Shields

Sunday 28th September – Diarmuid Riordan

**Hymns – Saul**

Entrance 476 Offertory 362

Communion 470 Recessional 120

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|  | **Saul & Ballee** | **Kilclief** |
| Weekly Collection | £1,610.30 | £1,230.00 |
| Monthly Stipend | £1,625.50 | £869.90 |

A second collection for the Autumn Offering will be taken up next weekend.

**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.

**An Appeal for Holy Cross School, Makambe, Zimbabwe**

Holy Cross School, Makambe is in a remote area of Zimbabwe. The Sisters took it over a few years ago. They are doing their best to improve the school in every respect and need funds badly. The local people contribute but can only afford little. Any funds go directly to the Sisters and are used solely for the School. Feedback will be given by Sr Maureen Rooney HC who has been a frequent visitor in Saul Parish over the years.

A collection will be taken up at the Masses in Saul next weekend. Your support is much appreciated.

**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](mailto:vocations@glencairnabbey.org) **or v**isit [www.glencairnabbey.org](https://url.uk.m.mimecastprotect.com/s/kwGPCLPz8H45nlHqh5syYUWI?domain=glencairnabbey.org) for more details.

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**Down & Connor Diocesan Trust are seeking to appoint a Diocesan Assistant Finance Officer.** Please see the poster in the Churches for further details or [www.downandconnor.org](http://www.downandconnor.org) and click on job vacancies. Closing date for applications is 12noon on Tuesday 23rd September 2025.

**SMA Novena 2025  i**n 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](http://www.sma.ie))

**Community Safety & Wellbeing Event** organised by the Policing & Community Safety Partnership in Down Leisure Centre, Downpatrick on Wednesday 24th September 2025 from 10am – 12pm. This free event will bring together a wide range of local services to support health, safety, and wellbeing in our community. Attendees can benefit from:

Free advice and health checks

Information on local services and community safety

Refreshments and an opportunity to connect with others

**Act of Hope**

*My God, I hope in you,*

*for grace and for glory,*

*because of your promises,*

*your mercy and your power.*

**SEASON OF CREATION 2025 – Events in Belfast**

For further information contact: info@jointhedotstogether.org

***Three seminars for Season of Creation***

**Wednesday 17th September, 7.30-9 pm, in Hillsborough Presbyterian Church, 49 Lisburn Street - Economics for Peace and the Planet** Prof John Barry-Professor of Green Political Economy, Rev Dr Allen Sleith, Maria Pavlou-Discourse Officer at UK Baha'i Office of Public Affairs TBC

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/economics-for-peace-and-the-planet-tickets-1632312383279>

**Thursday 18th September, 6.30-8.30pm in the Windsor Hub, 22 Lower Windsor Ave, Belfast BT9 7DW - Work, Wealth and Wellbeing** Maria Pavlou-Discourse Officer at UK Baha'i Office of Public Affairs

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1546473536979>

**Wednesday 24th September, 7.30pm in the Windsor Hub, 22 Lower Windsor Ave, Belfast BT9 7DW - “Many Voices, One Peace: Faith in Action in a Divided World”** Dr Naomi Green- Assistant Secretary General of the Muslim Council of Britain, Bishop Brendan Leahy- Members of the Dicastery for Interreligious Dialogue (Zoom)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/many-voices-one-peace-faith-in-action-in-a-divided-world-tickets-1632440927759>

***Two events for Peace***

**Tuesday 16th September, 7-8.30 pm, online and in person at the Windsor Hub, 22 Lower Windsor Ave, Belfast BT9 7DW - All-Ireland online interfaith gathering for peace** Including input from Mary Robinson, George + Aryana Scott, Rev Daphne Hanna, Boyd Sleator & others

In-person:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/all-ireland-interfaith-gathering-for-peace-tickets-1654054675059>

Online: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/all-island-of-ireland-interfaith-gathering-for-peace-tickets-1332115315769>

**Sunday 21st September, 6-8pm in the Farset International Hostel**

**International Day of Peace “Our Shared Humanity: Act Now for a Peaceful World.”**

Lead partners Corrymeela, Beyond Skin, NIIFF

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/our-shared-humanity-act-now-for-a-peaceful-world-tickets-1657039312189>

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