

Downpatrick Family of Parishes
Parishes of Saul & Ballee and Kilclief

Twenty Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday 12th October 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 12 th Oct	9.30am			11am	12noon
Monday 13 th Oct	10am	7.30pm			
Tuesday 14 th Oct	10am				
Weds 15 th Oct	10am				
Thurs 16 th Oct					
Friday 17 th Oct	7pm			9.30am	
Saturday 18 th Oct	5pm	6.30pm			
Sunday 19 th Oct	9.30am		12noon	11am	

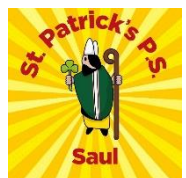
Masses are available to view online at www.saulandballeeparish.com and www.churchmedia.tv

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.



We welcome the **Primary 3** children from St Patrick's PS, Saul and their families for their enrolment ceremony as they begin their preparations for their First Confession.

Parish of Saul & Ballee 300 Club

October Winners

1st Prize £250 – Oliver Hanna

2nd Prize - £100 – Andrea Doran

Congratulations and thank you for your support

The next draw will take place on Monday 3rd November. Please ensure your membership is paid up to date for inclusion in this draw.

Parish of Saul & Ballee

Months Mind Mass: Alfie Williamson on Saturday 25th October at 5pm

Anniversary Masses

Saturday 11th October – Denis Hamill, Nicola Burns

Friday 17th October – John & Winifred Higgins

Sunday 19th October – Pat Trainor (12noon)

Saturday 25th October – Colette McWhinney

Monday 27th October – Ian Trevor, Hugh & Agnes McCorry, David & Kathleen Wiles and Pauline Wiles

Parish of Kilclief

Months Mind Masses:

Mary Polley on Sunday 12th October at 11am in St Malachy's, Kilclief

Patsy King on Sunday 19th October at 11am in St Malachy's, Kilclief

Anniversary Masses

Saturday 11th October – Percy Artherton

Sunday 12th October – Paddy Beattie

Friday 17th October – Rose Ward

Saturday 18th October – Thomas Fitzsimons

Sunday 19th October – Diana Reynolds, Phyllis Fahy

Sunday 26th October – John Fay

Hymns – Saul

Entrance 476 Offertory 362

Communion 470 Recessional 120

	Saul & Ballee	Kilclief
Weekly Collection	£1,944.75	£979.09
Monthly Offering	£2,017.10	£1,130.91

World Mission Sunday, 19th October

A Second collection will be taken up next weekend

World Mission Ireland is Pope Francis' official charity for overseas mission and is part of a worldwide network of 120 offices, under the coordination of the Pontifical Mission Societies in Rome. World Missions aims to share the Gospel and build the Church throughout the world. World Missions reach out to missionaries who work in some of the most inhospitable, marginalised and disadvantaged communities in the world, offering aid to struggling communities, allowing them to grow and thrive.

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.

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.

St Malachy's PS Kilclief Upcoming Events

Spooktacular Pumpkin Patch on Sunday 19th October from 11am to 2pm. Everyone welcome.

Wear it Pink Coffee Morning in aid of Breast Cancer Awareness on Thursday 23rd October from 8.30am to 10am. Everyone welcome.

St Joseph's PS, Strangford PTFA Spooky Family Bingo night on Thursday 23rd October from 7-9pm in The Church Hall, Strangford. £10 per book which can be purchased on the door or via the QR code on the poster. Refreshments served along with spooky treats. Raffle with great prizes. A great fun filled family evening, dress-up encouraged but not essential. All proceeds go towards funding projects in the School.

Fr Peter McVerry in conversation with author and journalist Martin O'Brien - an evening of sharing with this social justice campaigner who has worked with Dublin's poorest for decades, providing homes and shelter. The Saint Patrick Centre, Downpatrick, 23rd October at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 and available by phoning 02844 619000

Inverbrena Draw Winners for October

1st Prize – Margaret Clendenning

2nd Prize – Darren Kearney

3rd Prize – Patricia Fitzsimons

Congratulations and thank you for your support.

Parish of Saul & Ballee and Parish of Kilclief Financial Reports for 2024 are available in the Churches

Cistercian Nuns Monastic Vocations Weekend from 24th to 27th October. The Cistercians at Glencairn Abbey invite you to discern God's call to monastic life, as lived here since 1932. If you are a single woman between the ages of 19-40, come and experience our life of prayer, work, hospitality and liturgy in the solitude and beauty of St Mary's Abbey, Glencairn, Co. Waterford. Contact Sr Mairéad, Novice Mistress on vocations@glencairnabbey.org

Prayers for the Pre-Synodal Assembly of the Catholic Church in Ireland

All Catholics are invited to pray for a special gathering that will take place in Kilkenny on 18th October, called a Pre-Synodal Assembly of the Catholic Church in Ireland. This assembly is an important juncture on the journey towards a National Synodal Assembly to be held in 2026. Around 240 people will be in attendance and these are drawn from each diocese on the island, Religious Congregations and Church movements. A preparatory document, entitled *Baptised and Sent* - the fruits of listening sessions across Ireland last spring - will be the basis for discussion at this gathering, and for the next stage of the journey of renewal. Central to the document is a renewed focus on baptism as the foundation of our Christian dignity, unity, and mission and how baptism infuses the life and mission of the Church in Ireland today and into the future.

You are invited to read this document by visiting www.synod.ie/baptised-and-sent-preparatory-document-available-now/

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the conversations at Kilkenny, and those flowing from it, as we walk together as sisters and brothers of Christ, united by our baptism and filled with hope.

Prisons Week, A Week of Prayer ***Sunday 12th October to Sunday 18th October*** ***Jubilee Year theme: "God's Word is not chained"***

Founded in 1975 by Catholic Bishop Victor Guazzeill, Prisons week is now a collaborative initiative across these Islands, involving numerous organisations. It's purpose is to call people to prayer and raise awareness of the needs of prisoners and their families, victims of crime, communities and all who work within the justice system

A message from Bishop Alan – During this Prisons Week, I warmly invite all the faithful across our Diocese to join in prayer for the Prison Parishes of Hydebank, Maghaberry and Magilligan. These communities, though behind walls, are very much part of our Church family.

On Thursday, 16th October, I will visit Hydebank Women's Prison and Young Offenders College to spend time in prayer with the residents and staff. It is my hope that through our shared prayer, we may bring light, hope, and the healing presence of Christ to those who carry heavy burdens. Let us remember that no one is beyond the reach of God's mercy, and that in this Jubilee Year of Hope, we are called to be instruments of compassion and reconciliation.

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