

Downpatrick Family of Parishes
Parishes of Saul & Ballee and Kilclief

First Sunday of Advent
Sunday 30th November 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 30 th Nov	9.30am			11am	
Monday 1 st Dec	10am	7.30pm			
Tuesday 2 nd Dec	10am				
Weds 3 rd Dec	10am				
Thurs 4 th Dec					
Friday 5 th Dec	7pm			9.30am	
Saturday 6 th Dec	5pm	6.30pm			
Sunday 7 th Dec	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

PLEASE NOTE – CHANGE OF TIMES FOR ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration in St Patrick's Church, Saul each Tuesday from 10am to 3.30pm and 7pm 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.

Advent issue of My Day by Day is available for collection from the Parish office.

Parish of Saul & Ballee 300 Club – The next draw will take place on Monday 8th December. This will include special Christmas Draw prizes totalling £500

Parish Christmas Cards are now available to purchase from the Parish office priced at £2 each.

St Vincent de Paul, Saul Conference, meeting on Monday 1st December at 7pm in the Parochial house.

Parish of Saul & Ballee

Months Mind Mass: Delia Smyth on Friday 5th December at 7pm

Anniversary Masses

Saturday 29th November – Gerry Newton, Peter McKenny, Brian Connolly

Friday 5th December – Katy Duffy

Sunday 7th December – Patrick Burns (9.30am), Rita Galloway (12noon)

Saturday 13th December – Peggy & Joey McGreevy & Family

Parish of Kilclief

Months Mind Mass: Brian Thomas on Monday 1st December at 7.30pm

Anniversary Masses

Saturday 29th November – Joe & Marie Magee, Gerald & Julie Hynds

Sunday 30th November – Thomas & Martha Fitzsimons

Sunday 7th December – Josie & Bridget Curran, Baby Seamus McKendry,
Sheila & Cissie Magee

Sunday 14th December – Stella Denvir

Hymns – Saul

Entrance: 503 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Offertory: 141 As I Kneel Before You

Communion: Let Us Be Bread Recessional: 346 How Lovely On The Mountains

	Saul & Ballee	Kilclief
Weekly Collection	£1,454.90	£817.94

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 Special Christmas Collection will be taken up on the weekend of 13th and 14th December in Saul and Carlin. The collection will be taken up in Ballycruttle on Sunday 21st December.

Strangford St Vincent de Paul Conference would like to invite all parishioners aged 65+ to the annual Christmas lunch in the Lobster Pot on 3rd December at 3pm. Please contact Mary Kearney on: 07709 869 448. Numbers are limited. **Please note – this lunch is only available to the parishioners of the Parish of Kilclief (Strangford) ONLY**

Stella Maris St Vincent de Paul Annual Christmas Special Collection will be taken up on the weekend of 13th and 14th December.

Stella Maris St Vincent de Paul Conference Christmas cards are now on sale at both Churches.

St Malachy's P.S. Kilclief, Grandparents, Parent & Toddler session on Monday 1st December from 10:30am- 12noon in School Hall. There will be tea/coffee, social and playtime. Everyone welcome, bring a friend.



Christmas Craft Fair on Thursday 4th December from 6pm to 8pm. Come see Santa arrive in his sleigh at 6pm. Then join Santa, Mrs Claus and the elves in his grotto. £5 per child (includes present). There will be tea, coffee, mulled wine, mince pies, hot chocolate, hot dogs, craft stalls, Christmas movie and plenty more. Everyone welcome.

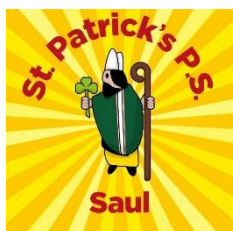
St Malachy's PS, Kilclief open evening on Tuesday 9th December 2025, 4pm - 6pm and **open morning** Thursday 8th January 2026 from 9am - 11am. Or by appointment tel: 02844881477



St Joseph's PS, Strangford PTFA are hosting a Christmas Wreath workshop with Natalie Kennedy from Nat's Bloom Room on Thursday 4th December 7-9pm in the Church Hall, Strangford. Doors open at 6.45pm for a prompt starts at 7pm. Tickets are £45 each. Price includes materials, festive food and drink. All proceeds towards School projects.

St Joseph's PS, Strangford Open Night on Tuesday 6th January from 6.30pm to 8pm

St Patrick's PS, Saul Open Morning on Wednesday 7th January from 930am to 10.30am.



We invite all prospective children and parents to come along. If you are unable to make that morning, please contact us at 02844614145 and we'll be happy to show you around.

St Patrick's PS, Saul annual 'Welcome to Christmas' prayer and carol service is on Friday 19th December at 11am in St Patrick's Church, Saul.

Kilclief Residents Association will welcome Santa to the Community Garden on Sunday 7th December at 7 pm when the tree lights will be switched on and there will be Carol Singing. Hot mulled wine and mince pies will be served for adults.

Knock All Night Vigil leaving Clonard Monastery on Sunday 7th December at 1.45pm returning to Belfast on Monday 8th December at 12noon. Price is £75 per person which includes dinner and breakfast. To book please contact Brendan on 02890 665211 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday. £20 deposit required to secure your place. Vigil starts at 11pm and consists of the Rosary, Station of the Cross, Benediction and finishes with Mass at 4am.



Fountain Foodbank Advent Appeal

Once again this Christmas, Fountain Foodbank is asking for your support and generosity for those in need in our community.

On each of the coming four weekends of Advent you are asked to please consider bringing an item or items of **NON-PERISHABLE** food for use in food parcels to be distributed before Christmas to those in need in our parish and wider local community.

Items of non perishable food that are sought include tins of beans, soup, tuna, fruit, spaghetti, tuna, ham, corned beef, meals/pies, peas, carrots, sweetcorn, fruit and sauces.

In addition boxes of cereal, long-life milk, teabags, coffee as well as packets of biscuits, pasta and rice, custard, jam and diluting juice are very welcome. Toiletries and cleaning products are also sought by the Foodbank.

Throughout Advent a large marked donation box will be available in Strangford and Kilclief churches.

Donations in Saul can be left on the table at the bell tower in St Patrick's or into the Parish office.

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity!

Discernment Group for Young Women (18-40yrs) who are discerning a Vocation to Religious/Consecrated Life, monthly meetings are held in Charleville Retreat Centre, Cork. The day includes prayer, talks, Holy Mass, Adoration and a chance to meet and chat with religious sisters of different communities. If you are interested in attending please email womendiscern@corkandross.org

Advent Wreath Prayer for week one

O Emmanuel, Jesus Christ,
desire of every nation,
Saviour of all peoples,
come and dwell among us.

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

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