

**Downpatrick Family of Parishes
Parishes of Saul & Ballee and Kilclief**

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 8th February 2026**

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 8 th Feb	9.30am			11am	12noon
Monday 9 th Feb	10am	7.30pm			
Tuesday 10 th Feb	10am				
Wednesday 11 th Feb	10am				
Thursday 12 th Feb					
Friday 13 th Feb	7pm			9.30am	
Saturday 14 th Feb	5pm	6.30pm			
Sunday 15 th Feb	9.30am		12noon	11am	

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

Masses for Ash Wednesday, 18th February

St Malachy's, Kilclief at 9.30am

St Patrick's, Saul at 10am

Stella Maris, Strangford at 7.30pm

Our Lady of Knock Novena each Monday evening in Stella Maris, Strangford at 7.10pm

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.

Please Note – We ask that NO DOGS be brought onto Church property. We have received a number of complaints about dogs fouling on graves.

My Day by Day Lent issue is now available for collection from the Parish office. There are a couple of spare copies if you would like to purchase one at the cost of £1.20 please call into the Parish office.

Parish Cemeteries

Can all old holly wreaths and dead floral arrangements please be removed from the graves prior to the start of the cutting season (start of March, weather permitting). Thank you for your co-operation.

Parish of Saul & Ballee

Anniversary Masses

Sunday 8th February – Thomas Hamill (12noon)
Wednesday 11th February – Chris Laverty
Friday 13th February – Eileen & Hugh McGrath
Sunday 15th February – Brigid Burns
Saturday 21st February – Bernadette Hynds, Pat McGreevy, Alex Ferris
Sunday 22nd February – John & Annie Curran

Parish of Kilclief

Anniversary Masses

Saturday 7th February – James & Mary Hynds, Clare & Percy Artherton
Sunday 8th February – Madeline Beattie
Monday 9th February – Jeannie Magee
Sunday 15th February – Moira Gilmore, Alfie Gilmore, Philomena Gilmore
Saturday 21st February – Frances Hynds
Sunday 22nd February – Daniel Lundy, Liam Polley, Rob Polley
Monday 23rd February – George & Elizabeth Branney

	Saul & Ballee	Kilclief
Weekly Collection	£1,724.20	£1,028.16
Monthly Offering	£1,806.50	£1,085.42

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 300 Club – February Draw Winners

1st Prize - £250 – Daniel Brown

2nd Prize - £100 – Michael Burns

Congratulations and thank you for your support.

The next draw will take place on Monday 2nd March.

This will be the last draw for the 2025/2026 year.

There will be our usual prizes of £250 and £100 along with additional prizes totalling £500 for this final draw

Hymns – St Malachy's, Kilclief

Entrance: 410 v 1

Offertory: 183 v 1

Communion: 186 v 1 & 2

Recessional: 135 v 1

Hymns for February - St Patrick's, Saul

425 - Let there be love shared among us

413 - Lay your hands gently upon us

628 - Soul of my Saviour

529 - How great thou art

Down & Connor Fatima Pilgrimage – Led by Bishop Alan McGuchian

Pilgrimage Directors: Canon Sean Gilmore, Fr Martin Graham Adm, Fr Gerry McCloskey PP
29th May 2026 for 7 nights, £850 pp sharing, staying at Hotel Avenida, full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner each day). Further details from Joe Catney, tel 07776 425631

Medjugorje Pilgrimage 29th July-5th August 2026 - an opportunity to experience the Peace of Medjugorje and the absolute Joy of our faith with the Mladifest Youth Festival. 7 nights £755 pps (£705 with January discount). Contact Éadaoin for details 07706288095.

Down & Connor Lourdes Pilgrimage 9th to 14th July (5nts) or 8th to 15th July (7nts) staying in Hotel Accueil Notre Dame from £899 pps.

Down & Connor Lourdes Pilgrimage Youth Team 8th to 15th July costing £810. Open to 17-24 year olds (at time of travel). Applications close on Friday 7th March at 5pm, limited places available.

Further details available on the posters displayed in the Churches



St Patrick's GAC, Saul - Annual General Meeting Invitation

We warmly invite all members, supporters, and parishioners to join us for our Annual General Meeting on Sunday 22nd February at 6:30pm in the Clubhouse.

Your presence and participation are greatly appreciated as we review the past year, share plans for the year ahead, and continue working together for the good of our parish and community. We look forward to seeing you there.

Inverbrena February Draw Winners

1st Prize – Cahal McClelland

2nd Prize – Ralph Forbes

3rd Prize – Jim Mills

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Discernment Retreat for Diocesan Priesthood from 6th–8th March 2026

- For young men who are open to the question: “Is God calling me to be a priest?”
- A chance to step away from the noise and busyness of everyday life.
- Time for prayer, silence, and honest conversation.
- No pressure to decide anything — just space to listen and reflect.

For more information, contact Fr Conor McGrath on C.mcgrath@downandconor.org

Divine Mercy Conference on Saturday 28th February 2026

Bus will leave St Paul's Church, Falls Road at 7.30am, returning approx. 10.45/11.00pm.

Travel cost is £25 (bus price only) which must be paid when booking your seat. Failure to get 30 people the bus would have to be cancelled. Travel confirmation, 1 week before departure.

Unfortunately, no refund can be given in cases of sickness etc.

Conference tickets to be bought individually at the venue £35 or Euros.

Bring enough food for lunch and dinner – there are tea and coffee stations where hot drinks and snacks can be purchased. Telephone Tina McCrory – 07523824350 to book a seat on the bus.

Accord (NI) and Couples for Christ (NI/Ireland) are having a St. Valentine's Thanksgiving Eucharistic Celebration with the Blessing of Rings for Engaged Couples and the Renewal of Marriage Vows for Milestone Celebrants. The main celebrant is Auxiliary Bishop Michael Router, Archdiocese of Armagh, and concelebrants Fr. Conor McGrath (Parish Priest), Fr. Manuelito Milo, (Administrator of St. Malachy's Church, Coleraine), and Fr. Eddie Creamer, (Clonard Monastery).

This will take place on Saturday 14th February 2026 in St. Colmcille's Church, Upper Newtownards Belfast BT14 3JB, at 2pm, followed by a meal in Stormont Hotel (£75 per couple).

To book your place please phone Accord NI on 02890 233002 or email info@accordni.com before 9th February.

This special occasion is an opportunity to highlight Sacramental Marriage and honour married and engaged couples who have chosen the Sacrament of Matrimony as their vocation in life. As services rooted in Catholic values, Accord (NI) and 'Couples for Christ' believe in the dignity of marriage and commend the need for effective marriage preparation, particularly in the areas of self-awareness and emotional literacy. Couples availing of Accord's Marriage Preparation Programme learn that bringing hope into their future marriage is about nurturing connection, understanding, and a shared vision, even when challenges feel overwhelming. We affirm the irreplaceable value of specialized Couple Counselling, especially when undertaken early and the potential for healing through forgiveness, communication, and support. In the words of the late Pope Francis, "Marriage is not a static ideal but a lived witness to total, faithful, and fruitful love. Even in brokenness, hope remains".

Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse

In Ireland, a Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse is marked each year on the Friday immediately following Ash Wednesday. This year it will be marked across Ireland on Friday 20th February 2026. Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ will celebrate Mass in St Peter's Cathedral on Friday 20th February 2026 at 6:00pm. Chairs and members of Parish - Family of Parishes Safeguarding Committees are invited to attend the Mass in St Peter's Cathedral and join with Bishop Alan in praying for all those who have been affected by abuse.

SAFEGUARDING - If you have a concern, suspicion, or wish to make an allegation of child abuse, or abuse in relation to an adult at risk, please contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Office: Philip O'Hara, Designated Liaison Person, 120, Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT14 6LA. Mobile: 07534 992124 or Telephone: 028 90 492798. Email: philip.ohara@soddc.org or visit <https://downandconnorsafeguarding.com>

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