

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

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 15th 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 15 th Feb	9.30am		12noon	11am	
Monday 16 th Feb	10am	7.30pm			
Tuesday 17 th Feb	10am				
Wednesday 18 th Feb (Ash Wednesday)	10am	7.30pm		9.30am	
Thursday 19 th Feb					
Friday 20 th Feb	7pm			9.30am	
Saturday 21 st Feb	5pm	6.30pm			
Sunday 22 nd Feb	9.30am			11am	12noon

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

During Lent there will be an additional Mass in Stella Maris Church each Wednesday at 7.30pm. There will be Stations of the Cross before Mass from 7pm. There will be Stations of the Cross in St Patrick's, Saul on Friday before Mass from 6.30pm

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. **There will be NO EVENING ADORATION this Tuesday, 17th February.** 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.

Recently Deceased: Joseph McShane (Belfast)

Parish of Saul & Ballee

Anniversary Masses

Sunday 15th February – Brigid Burns
Saturday 21st February – Bernadette Hynds, Pat McGreevy, Alex Ferris
Sunday 22nd February – John & Annie Curran
Saturday 28th February – Cormac Artt, Finola & Sean Higgins
Tuesday 3rd March – Dermot Brennan

Parish of Kilclief

Anniversary Masses

Saturday 14th February – Nicole Croke
Sunday 15th February – Moira Gilmore, Alfie Gilmore, Philomena Gilmore
Saturday 21st February – Frances Hynds, Gerry Braniff
Sunday 22nd February – Daniel Lundy, Liam Polley, Rob Polley
Monday 23rd February – George & Elizabeth Branney
Saturday 28th February – Bobby Magee, Annie Magee, Bill Fay, Michael Tumelty
Sunday 1st March – Gertie Crangle, Terence Fitzsimons
Monday 2nd March – Catherine O'Neill

	Saul & Ballee	Kilclief
Weekly Collection	£1,198.90	£992.20

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

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



St Malachy's P.S. Kilclief next 'Little Learners Session' is Monday 16th February from 10.30am to 12noon in school hall. Tea & coffee, social, music, play and crafts. Everyone welcome and bring a friend.

Sacrament Dates

First Confession

St Malachy's PS, Kilclief – Tuesday 3rd March at 11am
St Joseph's PS, Strangford – Tuesday 10th March at 7pm
St Patrick's PS, Saul – Wednesday 25th March at 11am

First Holy Communion

St Patrick's PS, Saul – Saturday 9th May at 11am
St Malachy's PS, Kilclief – Saturday 16th May at 10.30am
St Joseph's PS, Strangford – Saturday 6th June at 11am

Confirmation

St Patrick's, Saul – Tuesday 19th May at 3pm
St Joseph's & St Malachy's PS – Friday 8th May at 11am in St Malachy's Church

We ask you all to pray for the children as they prepare for their Sacraments.

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.

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.

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**

This day is not only for victims and survivors who have been so severely injured inside our Church, but also for the families and communities affected by the pain and grief of their loved ones.

“It is essential that we, as a Church, be able to acknowledge and condemn, with sorrow and shame, the atrocities perpetrated by consecrated persons, clerics, and all those entrusted with the mission of watching over and caring for those most vulnerable. Let us beg forgiveness for our own sins and the sins of others. An awareness of sin helps us to acknowledge the errors, the crimes and the wounds caused in the past and allows us, in the present, to be more open and committed along a journey of renewed conversion”.

Abuse happened within the Catholic Church in Ireland.

Abuse happened in our Diocese of Down and Connor.

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>

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

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