

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

**First Sunday of Lent  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	9.30am			11am	12noon
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	10am	7.30pm			
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10am				
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	10am	7.30pm			
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb					
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7pm			9.30am	
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	5pm	6.30pm			
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	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)

**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, 17<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**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

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Bernadette Hynds, Pat McGreevy, Alex Ferris  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – John & Annie Curran  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Marian Bennett  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Cormac Artt, Finola & Sean Higgins  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Dermot Brennan  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Al Dillon, June Shields  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Paddy Hayball (12noon)

## Parish of Kilclief

**Months Mind Mass:** Pat Kerr on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 11am  
Patrick McConville on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm

**Anniversary:** Francis Sharvin, Brendan Sharvin

### Anniversary Masses

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Frances Hynds, Gerry Braniff  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Daniel Lundy, Liam Polley, Rob Polley  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – George & Elizabeth Branney  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Bobby Magee, Annie Magee, Bill Fay, Michael Tumelty. Mary Tumelty  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Gertie Crangle, Terence Fitzsimons  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Catherine O'Neill  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Kathleen Bennett, Jimmy Curran

	<b>Saul &amp; Ballee</b>	<b>Kilclief</b>
Weekly Collection	£1,676.10	£761.90
Sick & Retired Priests	£867.40	£710.14

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

**Inverbrena Community Association AGM** in Inverbrena Centre on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 8.15pm in Room 2. Everyone welcome

## Hymns for Lent – St Malachy’s, Kilclief

Entrance: 145 v 1 – God forgave my sin

Communion: 40 v 1 & 3 – As the deer pants

Offertory: 183 v 1 – I am the Bread of Life

Recessional: 79 v 1 – Colours of day

## Hymns for February - St Patrick’s, Saul

425 - Let there be love shared among us

628 - Soul of my Saviour

413 - Lay your hands gently upon us

529 - How great thou art

## **Sacrament Dates**

### First Confession

St Malachy’s PS, Kilclief – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 11am

St Joseph’s PS, Strangford – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm

St Patrick’s PS, Saul – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 11am

### First Holy Communion

St Patrick’s PS, Saul – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 11am

St Malachy’s PS, Kilclief – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am

St Joseph’s PS, Strangford – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 11am

### Confirmation

St Patrick’s, Saul – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 3pm

St Joseph’s & St Malachy’s PS – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 11am in St Malachy’s Church

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

**Pilgrimage to Fatima**- flying direct from Belfast International for 7 nights full board staying Avenida Hotel 14th/21st August. Spiritual Director Fr Andrew McMahon PP. Convenient flight times. £845pps. For further details contact Joe 07776425631 or Joe Walsh Tours 0035312410800

**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** 9<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> July (5nts) or 8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> July (7nts) staying in Hotel Accueil Notre Dame from £899 pps.

**Down & Connor Lourdes Pilgrimage Youth Team** 8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> July costing £810. Open to 17-24 year olds (at time of travel). Applications close on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Divine Mercy Conference on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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](mailto:C.mcgrath@downandconor.org)

🍀 Don't miss a DIVINE invitation to come on St Patrick's Way Pilgrim Walk in Downpatrick with guides Martina Purdy and Elaine Kelly on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March in honour of Ireland's patron saint and the 25th Anniversary of The Saint Patrick Centre. Includes the fabulous 180° IMAX film of St Patrick, with internal bus transfers, pilgrimage lunch, an authentic Camino passport and a 6 mile pilgrimage walk finishing at St Patrick's grave. A special 25% discount price is on offer of £40 (normally £55) To book ring 02844 61900 or [www.thesaintpatrickcentre.com](http://www.thesaintpatrickcentre.com) 🍀

**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](mailto:philip.ohara@soddc.org) or visit <https://downandconnorsafeguarding.com>

*“Lent comes providentially to reawaken us,  
to shake us from our lethargy.”*  
Pope Francis

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