

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

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
Sunday 22nd March 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 nd March	9.30am			11am	12noon
Monday 23 rd March	10am	7.30pm			
Tuesday 24 th March	10am				
Wednesday 25 th Mar	10am	7.30pm			
Thursday 26 th March					
Friday 27 th March	7pm			9.30am	
Saturday 28 th March	5pm	6.30pm			
Sunday 29 th March	9.30am			11am	

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, Saul, each Tuesday after 10am Mass until 3.30pm. Holy Hour from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. Adoration recommences from 7pm to 8pm.

Please note – the Parish office will be closed on Thursday 26th March

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.

Easter Mass Bouquets are now available to purchase from the Parish office priced at £2 each

Kilclief Residents Association are holding their AGM in the GAA Clubrooms (please use rear entrance) on Wednesday 25th March at 7.30 pm. Everyone welcome, so please come along as we would like to hear your ideas for the community going forward.

Assumption Grammar Holy Week Vigil "Keep watch and pray for one hour" on Wednesday 1st April, 6pm to 6am. Please see poster in the Churches for further details.

Parish of Saul & Ballee

Anniversary: Fr Tony Meaney

Anniversary Masses

Saturday 21st March – Jamie Hynds, Josephine McCann, Dessie Savage, Savage Family, Sean Feenan

Sunday 22nd March – PJ Lennon (9.30am) John & Patricia Campbell (12noon)

Monday 23rd March – Una McConn

Tuesday 24th March – Alan & Christopher Gordon

Saturday 28th March – Ann Walsh, Margaret Ward, Ted Quinn

Parish of Kilclief

Months Mind Mass: Cecelia Smyth on Wednesday 1st April at 7.30pm

Anniversary Masses

Sunday 22nd March – Sheila Fitzsimons, Neil Rooney

Sunday 29th March – Molly & Leo McShane

	Saul & Ballee	Kilclief
Weekly Collection	£1,923.90	£857.42
Needy Parishes	£959.30	£599.90

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 March - St Patrick’s, Saul

Entrance: Cead Mile Failte

557 - O the love of my Lord

192 – Christ Be Beside Me

308 - Hail Glorious St Patrick

Parish of Saul & Ballee 300 Club

We are pleased to announce the draw will continue for another year with the first draw in May. This draw will cover both April and May.

If you wish to renew your membership please speak to your promotor or contact the Parish office as soon as possible.

If you are not a member and would like to join please contact the Parish office for details.

Membership remains at £60 for the year.

Monthly prizes of £250 and £100, with special additional prizes at Christmas and the final draw.

Collection envelopes – Saul & Ballee

These are now available to collect from St Patrick’s Church.

If you do not have a box of envelopes and would like to get one please contact the Parish office.

You can also pay via standing order. Please contact the Parish office for further details.

Are you a UK tax payer? If so, have you signed a Gift Aid Declaration? These can be picked up from the Parish office and allow us to reclaim 25% of your contribution (for envelope and SO payees only) from HMRC. If you contribute £5 per week, which is £260 per year, we can claim back £65 at no extra cost to you. This makes your contribution worth £325 to us.



St Malachy's PS, Kilclief – Big Breakfast and Car Boot Sale on Sunday 22nd March from 10am to 1pm, £10 per car, large fry £7, small fry £5, kids £3. Everyone welcome



St Joseph's PS, Strangford – Get ready for a hopping good time at our Bake-Off, Sale and Scavenger Hunt on Sunday 29th March from 1-3pm. Bring the whole family to collect your scavenger hunt checklist from the Church Hall and embark on an egg-citing afternoon.

Are you ready to show off your baking skills? Enter our Easter Bake-Off. Whether it's a chocolatey showstopper or cute mini cupcakes, we want to see them all. Bring your creations to the Church Hall from 12.30pm, final entries by 1pm, judging from 1.30pm. Free to enter with both adult and junior categories. All entries will be sold off after judging to raise funds for the school. Tea and coffee will be on sale. Everyone welcome!

Lay Bereavement Ministry Team

This ministry provides an ongoing compassionate outreach to parishioners supporting them through the grieving process. A lay bereavement minister after completing the training can offer the following support:

1. Pre-arranged visits to the bereaved family (accompanied by another bereavement minister.)
2. Telephone support
3. Group meetings and drop-in meetings in parish or community centres
4. Supporting the Months Mind Mass
5. Supporting the November Mass of Remembrance
6. Being the compassionate face of the parish

Full training will be provided over 6 sessions in April and May.

If you would like further details and an application form please contact the Parish office.

Sacrament Dates

First Confession

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

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>

Parishes of Saul & Ballee and Kilclief
Holy Week and Easter Arrangements

Monday 30th March

10am – Mass in St Patrick’s, Saul
7.30pm Mass in Stella Maris, Strangford

Tuesday 31st March

10am – Mass in St Patrick’s, Saul followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 1st April

10am – Mass in St Patrick’s, Saul
7.30pm – Mass in Stella Maris, Strangford

Thursday 2nd April, Holy Thursday

7pm – Mass of The Lords Supper in St Patrick’s, Saul
9pm – Mass of The Lord’s Supper in St Malachy’s, Kilclief

Friday 3rd April, Good Friday

10am – Morning Prayer in St Patrick’s, Saul
3pm – The Lords Passion in St Patrick’s, Saul and St Malachy’s, Kilclief
5.30pm – Stations of the Cross in St Patrick’s, Saul
7pm – Stations of the Cross in St Malachy’s, Kilclief

Saturday 4th April, Holy Saturday

10am – Morning Prayer in St Patrick’s, Saul followed by Confessions
12noon – Confessions in Stella Maris, Strangford
9pm -Vigil Mass in St Patrick’s, Saul
9pm - Vigil Mass in Stella Maris, Strangford

Sunday 5th April, Easter Sunday

6am – Dawn Mass on Slieve Patrick (weather and ground conditions permitted). If the ground is not suitable Dawn Mass will be celebrated at the Grotto at St Patrick’s Church, Saul. If the weather unfavourable Dawn Mass will be celebrated in St Patrick’s Church, Saul
9.30am – Mass in St Patrick’s, Saul
11am – Mass in St Malachy’s, Kilclief
12.15pm – Mass in St Joseph’s, Ballycruttle

There will be no Masses on Easter Monday or Easter Tuesday

The Parish office will be closed Good Friday, Easter Monday and Easter Tuesday

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