

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

**Palm Sunday
Sunday 29th 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 29 th March	9.30am			11am	
Monday 30 th March	10am	7.30pm			
Tuesday 31 st March	10am				
Wednesday 1 st Apr	10am	7.30pm			
Thursday 2 nd Apr <i>Mass of The Lord's Supper</i>	7pm			9pm	
Friday 3 rd Apr <i>The Lord's Passion</i>	3pm			3pm	
Saturday 4 th Apr	9pm	9pm			
Sunday 5 th Apr	9.30am		12.15pm	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

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.

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Easter Tuesday. ALL DAY ADORATION (10.00am to 8.00pm) will resume on Tuesday 14th April. All are welcome and we hope those who have committed to spending an hour in Adoration will be able to attend at their chosen time.

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

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.



We congratulate the children from St Patrick's PS, Saul who received their First Confession on Wednesday

Parish of Saul & Ballee

Months Mind Mass: Sheena McKermitt on Saturday 11th April at 5pm

Anniversary Masses

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

Friday 10th April – Anne & John Patterson, Michael & Sarah Rafferty, Patterson, Rafferty & Flanagan Families, Colum Quail

Saturday 11th April – Carmel & Tommy Fitzsimons, Bibianna Black, Sean Denvir

Sunday 12th April – Denis & Christopher Keenan

Parish of Kilclief

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

Anniversary Masses

Sunday 29th March – Molly & Leo McShane

Sunday 5th April – Brian & Marie Magee

Friday 10th April – Laurentia, Johnny & Helen Clarke

Saturday 11th April – Damian Shields

Sunday 12th April – Malachy & Patricia Sharvin, Tony & Catherine King

Monday 13th April – Winnie Beattie

	Saul & Ballee	Kilclief
Weekly Collection	£1929.55	£882.15
Migrants Collection	£430.07	£247.39

Hymns for Lent – St Malachy’s, Kilclief

Entrance: 39 v 1 – As I Kneel Before You

Communion: 186 v 1&2 - I the Lord of Sea & Sky

Offertory: 19 v 1 – All That I Am

Recessional: 362 v 1 – Seek Ye First

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.

St Malachy’s P.S. Kilclief, next ‘Little Learners Session’ is Monday 30th March in school hall. tea & coffee, social, play and Easter crafts. Everyone welcome and bring a friend.

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 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!

Sacrament Dates

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

Divine Mercy Sunday: Would you like your soul to be as pure as on the day you were baptised? If the answer is yes, read on. St Pope John Paul II canonized a Polish mystic, Sister Faustina (1905 – 1938) on the Sunday after Easter in 2000 and declared that from then on, the second Sunday of Easter would be known as Divine Mercy Sunday. In a revelation to Sister Faustina (recorded in her Diary 1109) Jesus told her, 'I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to confessions and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy' (Divine Mercy Sunday). The conditions for receiving this great grace, including going to confessions, can be fulfilled by attending any of the following Churches on Divine Mercy Sunday, 12 April this year. St Peter's Cathedral @ 2pm, Mater Dei, Crumlin @ 2pm, Sacred Heart, Oldpark Rd @ 2pm and All Saints Ballymena @ 3pm.

Eucharistic Adoration - Calling ALL ADORERS of the Blessed Sacrament in Down & Connor Diocese. National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock on Sunday 19th April (weekend after Divine Mercy) details on www.eucharisticadoration.ie

Ring Una for bus leaving Toome, at 077 4357 5969

Patricia (Belfast bus) 07972 103 130

Patrick (Belfast bus) 07963 581 543

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

PLEASE NOTE – CHANGE TO GOOD FRIDAY, THE LORD’S PASSION
THIS WILL NOW TAKE PLACE IN STELLA MARIS CHURCH, STRANGFORD AT 3PM
AND NOT 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 Stella Maris, Strangford
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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