

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

**Third Sunday of Easter
Sunday 19th April 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 19 th April	9.30am		12noon	11am	
Monday 20 th April	10am	7.30pm			
Tuesday 21 st April	10am				
Wednesday 22 nd Apr	10am				
Thursday 23 rd Apr					
Friday 24 th Apr	7pm			9.30am	
Saturday 25 th Apr	5pm	6.30pm			
Sunday 26 th Apr	9.30am			11am	12noon

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 8pm. Holy Hour from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. 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.
There will be no Holy Hour on Tuesday 21st and Tuesday 28th April.

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.

Cemetery Sunday Dates

Ballycruttle – Sunday 19th July Mass at 12noon and Blessing of the graves immediately afterwards

Kilclief – Sunday 19th July at 3pm

Saul – Sunday 2nd August at 3pm

St Vincent de Paul, Saul Conference meeting this Monday 20th at 7pm in the Parochial house.

Recently Deceased: John Fitzsimons

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Anniversary Masses

Sunday 19th April – Eileen Rogan (12noon)

Friday 24th April – Brian Gibson. Maud Fitzsimons

Sunday 26th April – Fergus O’Neill, Teresa McMullan (9.30am), Emily Blaney, Stephen Brennan (12noon)

Parish of Kilclief

Months Mind Mass: Marian Teggart on Saturday 18th April at 6.30pm

Anniversary Masses

Saturday 18th April – Dessie Craig, Julie Woods

Sunday 19th April – Margaret Rooney

Sunday 26th April – Joseph McIlmail

	Saul & Ballee	Kilclief
Weekly Collection	£2,233.70	£1,327.71
Easter Offering	£2,708.90	£1,360.20
Catholics in the Holy Land	£410.50	£536.60
Weekly Collection 12/4/26	£1,089.20	£775.16
Monthly Offering	£866.20	£1,192.00

A Second Collection for the Education of Diocesan Students will be taken up this weekend. The proceeds of this collection go to the Diocesan Clerical Students Fund which meets the cost of educating Seminarians and supporting Diocesan Priests engaged in post-graduate studies. Educating Seminarians is an investment in the future of the Catholic Church and the annual collection is the primary source of funding for men studying for the priesthood and for those engaged in post-graduate studies.

Hymns – St Malachy’s, Kilclief

Entrance: 39 v 1 – As I Kneel Before You

Offertory: 19 v 1 – All That I Am

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

Recessional: 362 v 1 – Seek Ye First

Hymns - St Patrick’s, Saul

Entrance: 105 Alleluia, Alleluia Give thanks to the risen Lord

122 All That I Am

Communion – El Shaddai

Recessional – 684 This is the day

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.

Promotors will be at the Masses this weekend for anyone wishing to join the draw.

Collection envelopes – Saul & Ballee

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.

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

ENCOUNTER WEEKEND DONEGAL, Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. 6.00pm - 10.30pm Friday 5th June. 9.00am - 10.30pm. Saturday 6th June. Expect to experience the presence of God through the celebration of the Sacraments, Spirit-led worship, inspiring talks, healing service, and fellowship. Come and be refreshed and empowered by the Holy Spirit and learn from the Saints how to live the lifestyle God intended you to live. Keynote Speakers: Patrick Reis: co-founder and Executive Director of Encounter Ministries USA & Fr. Patrick Gonyeau who serves with the U.S. Province of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in Ohio. Bookings at <https://encounterschoolofministrydoneg.regfox.com/encounter-conference-donegal> For more info, email donegal@encounterschool.org.



Join us for our 1-day retreat at Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre, Crossgar on Saturday 6th June from 10am to 4pm. Let go, let God, “surrender to Jesus”. Further information will be available in the coming weeks.

Slips, Trips and Falls – a talk given by Kirsty Morgan from South Eastern Trust on Wednesday 6th May at 11am in Inverbrena Hall. To book your place please phone 07846 718512 and leave a message. Refreshments provided.

Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ will celebrate Mass to mark the first anniversary of the death of Pope Francis on Tuesday 21st April in St Peter’s Cathedral at 7pm. Everyone welcome.

Belfast Jesuit Centre Upcoming Events

An Evening with Dr Yousef Aljamal

Monday 20 April at 7.00pm, Belfast Jesuit Centre

The Belfast Jesuit Centre, in partnership with Christians 4 Palestine, welcomes Dr Yousef M. Aljamal, Gazan Palestinian writer and academic, and editor of *If I Must Die*, the new collection of writings by the late Refaat Alareer. Dr Aljamal will speak about Refaat’s life and witness, his own work with the Quaker American Friends Service Committee; and there will be updates on the developing Twinning Links between Belfast parishes and Christian communities in Palestine.

Attendance is available in person or on Zoom. To register for either option, visit:

<https://belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk/an-evening-with-dr-yousef-aljamal/>

Belfast Jesuit Centre, Faith & Film – *A Hidden Life*

Join us in the BJC on **Thursday 30th April at 7.00pm**, for a screening of Terrence Malick’s *A Hidden Life*, the true story of Franz Jägerstätter’s courageous witness of conscience. There will be a short Ignatian introduction before the film and group conversation will follow. All welcome. Light refreshments provided. Small donation suggested.

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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