

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

**Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 26 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am			11am	12noon
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	10am	7.30pm			
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	10am				
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> Apr	10am				
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> Apr					
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	7pm			9.30am	
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	5pm	6.30pm			
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	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)

**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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

**First Friday visits on Wednesday will be attended on Friday this week**

**My Day by Day May** issue is now available for collection from the Parish office. We have a couple of extra copies available if anyone would like to purchase these at £1.20 each.

As the collection for Education of Diocesan Students was take up last week please disregard the envelope dated May in your box of envelopes.

**Cemetery Sunday Dates**

**Ballycruttle** – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July Mass at 12noon and Blessing of the graves immediately afterwards

**Kilclief** – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm

**Saul** – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 3pm

## Parish of Saul & Ballee

**Months Mind Mass:** John Fitzsimons on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm

**Anniversary:** Dora & Matthew Brennan

### **Anniversary Masses**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Brian Gibson. Maud Fitzsimons

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Sean Higgins, Bernadette Higgins, Kathleen McKinney, Eugene Smyth

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

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Gerardine McQuoid

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Madge McCormick

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Sylva Loughran (9.30am), Vera & Joe Hamill (12noon)

## Parish of Kilclief

### **Anniversary Masses**

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April – Joseph McIlmail

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April – John Hanna

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Jeannie Mullan

	<b>Saul &amp; Ballee</b>	<b>Kilclief</b>
Weekly Collection	£1,697.40	£921.25
Education of Diocesan Students	£748.80	£394.99

### **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

### **Upcoming Sacrament Dates**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May – Confirmation for St Joseph’s PS and St Malachy’s PS

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May – First Communion for St Patrick’s PS, Saul

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May – First Communion for St Malachy’s PS, Kilclief

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Confirmation for St Patrick’s PS, Saul

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June – First Communion for St Joseph’s PS, Strangford

We ask you to keep the children in your prayers over the coming weeks as they prepare for their Sacraments.

**Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon Thomas Hampton** will take place on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Please keep Deacon Thomas in your prayers as he makes his final preparations for his Ordination.

## **Parish of Saul & Ballee 300 Club**

### **Final call!!**

The first draw will take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May. This will cover April and May.

There will be prizes of £250 and £100 for each month.

If you do not have a ticket yet and would like to join please contact the Parish office or speak to one of the promoters who will be at Masses over the next couple of weekends.

Unfortunately we cannot accept card payments.

**We would appreciate if all memberships could be paid  
before Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 12noon**

We thank those who have renewed their membership for another year and welcome all our new members.



Society of St Vincent de Paul

### **Stella Maris St Vincent de Paul Strangford**

Do you need help? If you are a parishioner of the parish of Kilclief and Strangford, please contact Stella Maris Strangford St Vincent de Paul on the confidential helpline: 07590355462. All calls are treated with respect and complete confidentiality. We are here to help.

**Saul St Vincent de Paul Conference** – If you are a Parishioner of Saul & Ballee and need help please contact Caroline on 07928 346114 or Marie on 07801896229. All calls are confidential.

**St Vincent de Paul, Saul Conference Annual trip to Knock Shrine** will take place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May. Cost will be £40 which includes breakfast on the way to Knock and dinner on the way home. Please note pre-booking is essential with priority given to those living in the Parish of Saul & Ballee. If you live outside the Parish and would like to go you can still get your name to be added to the list should there still be places available. Please contact Caroline on 07928 346114 or Marie on 07801896229 with your name, address and phone number ***before 15<sup>th</sup> May.***

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

**41<sup>st</sup> All Ireland Rosary Rally on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June at Knock Shrine.** The bus will leave St Patrick's Church, Downpatrick at 6.45am with pick up at Crossgar Chapel at 7am and Saintfield Chapel at 7.10am. Costs £30, please bring a packed lunch. To book your place leave your money along with your name and phone number in a sealed envelope into the Parish office.



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

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](mailto:donegal@encounterschool.org).

### Belfast Jesuit Centre Upcoming Events

#### 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.

Working with Youth Link, our Diocese are delighted to offer the opportunity to acquire an accredited qualification in youth work for parish volunteers. Up to 20 training places are available. Participants must be aged 17 years or above. The course will be delivered by Youth Link and will cover the full range of OCNNI Level 2 Certificate in Youth Work Practice. For further information please contact the Parish office. Alongside meeting the OCNNI learning outcomes, the programme will be framed within the wider vision of Catholic youth ministry. In particular, the course will connect with themes from *Christus Vivit*, such as the importance of accompaniment, listening to young people, participation, and recognising young people as active protagonists in the life and mission of the Church. The aim is to ensure that participants not only gain practical youth work skills but also reflect on how their ministry supports the faith development and leadership of young people within parish communities.

As the programme is primarily aimed at adult volunteers involved in Catholic youth ministry, a delivery model that works best for people balancing parish commitments, work and family life has been developed. This uses a hybrid format (online and in person), combining a small number of mid-week evening sessions with two Saturday training days, alongside practical youth ministry experience in participants' own parish contexts.

*“In the humble signs of bread and wine, changed into His body and blood,  
Christ walks beside us as our strength and our food for the journey,  
and, He enables us to become, for everyone, witnesses of hope.”*

Pope John Paul II

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>

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