

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

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday 10th May 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 10 th May	9.30am			11am	12noon
Monday 11 th May	10am	7.30pm			
Tuesday 12 th May	10am				
Wednesday 13 th May	10am				
Thursday 14 th May					
Friday 15 th May	7pm			9.30am	
Saturday 16 th May	5pm	6.30pm			
Sunday 17 th May	9.30am		12noon	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

“Could you not watch with me one hour?” is a famous question asked by Jesus to his disciples. Eucharistic Adoration is held in St Patrick's Church, Saul each Tuesday from after 10.00am Mass until 8.00pm to give everyone in the Family of Parishes an opportunity to spend one hour each week before the Blessed Sacrament, to pray for their own needs and the needs of others. If you can commit to spending time in Adoration please come along. To enable us to ensure there is always someone in the Church during Adoration we urgently need Adorers who can attend at 4pm, 5pm or 6pm.

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.

Rev Thomas Hampton will be ordained for the Diocese on Sunday 28th June in St Patrick's Church, Downpatrick. His Mass of Thanksgiving will be here in St Patrick's, Saul on Monday 29th June. It is a very special celebration and “Fr Thomas” will be giving his first Blessing after the Mass. St Patrick's Primary School have kindly offered the use of their hall for refreshments after the Mass. So many of our Parishioners have asked if there was anything they could do for the celebration, and I thought back to my own where families made sandwiches while others baked and others helped with the serving. I was going to bring in caterers but remember just how special it was at mine, as a Parish celebration. If you would like to be involved in any way please give your name and phone number to Amanda in the Parish office (office is closed until Monday 18th May). Please keep Thomas in your prayers over the coming weeks. Thank you all.

Fr Aidan

**The Parish office will be closed week commencing Monday 11th May.
There will be no bulletin next week.**

Recently Deceased: Jim Simpson

Parish of Saul & Ballee

Anniversary Masses

Saturday 9th May – Madge McCormick, Sean, Micheal & Isobel Higgins
Sunday 10th May – Sylva Loughran (9.30am), Vera & Joe Hamill (12noon)
Friday 15th May – Billy Joe Murphy
Saturday 16th May – Aidan Killen
Sunday 17th May – James McMullan (9.30am), Patsy Holland, Barney Shields (12noon)
Saturday 23rd May – Patrick Black, Paul Black
Sunday 24th May – Margaret Mullin

Parish of Kilclief

Months Mind Mass: Bridgetta Savage on Saturday 23rd May at 6.30pm in Stella Maris
Ann Smith on Sunday 24th May at 11am in St Malachy's

Anniversary Masses

Sunday 10th May – Louis Fitzsimons, Betty, George & Kathleen Conway
Monday 11th May – Vincent & Harry Fitzsimons
Saturday 16th May – Tom Sharvin
Saturday 23rd May – Nathaniel Brownlee
Sunday 24th May – Paddy Murphy

	Saul & Ballee	Kilclief
Weekly Collection	£2,123.20	£895.50
Monthly Offering	£1,854.40	£1,122.80

Hymns – St Malachy's, Kilclief

Entrance: 58v1 Bind us Together Offertory: 243v1 Lord, accept the gifts we offer
Communion: 50v1, 2 & 3 Be still and know
Recessional: 405v1&5 The Lords my shepherd

Hymns - St Patrick's, Saul

Entrance: 185 Bring flowers of the rarest 141 As I kneel before you
Communion – 360 Immaculate Mary Recessional – 309 Hail Queen of Heaven

Upcoming Sacrament Dates

Saturday 9th May – First Communion for St Patrick's PS, Saul
Saturday 16th May – Frist Communion for St Malachy's PS, Kilclief
Tuesday 19th May – Confirmation for St Patrick's PS, Saul
Saturday 6th 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 28th June. Please keep Deacon Thomas in your prayers as he makes his final preparations for his Ordination.

Parish of Saul & Ballee 300 Club

The first draw will take place on Monday 1st June. This will cover April, May and June. There will be prizes of £250 and £100 for each month. We thank those who have renewed their membership for another year and welcome all our new members.



We congratulate our P7 children from St Joseph's PS, Strangford and St Malachy's PS, Kilclief who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this week.

Prayer for exams

Over the next few weeks many of our young people will be sitting exams at various levels in schools and colleges. If you wish to submit a petition for prayer support during these stressful times, a form is available at the back of St Patrick's Church, Saul. Please complete this form and place it in the brown box. The petitions will be included in all our Parish Masses. A Blessed exam candle will burn in the sanctuary for these intentions. A special student Mass will be held in **St Patrick's Church, Saul on Friday 22nd May at 7pm**. All students and their families are welcome to attend this Mass. There is also an Exam Prayer leaflet in the Church, please take one home with you.

Annual Parish Census 2026

Parish of Kilclief – Census will take place this weekend

Parish of Saul & Ballee – Census will take place on the weekend of 16th and 17th May

Parishioners are asked to take a counter (red for female, blue for male) and place it in the basket which corresponds to your age band. We thank you for your support.



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 28th May. Bus will leave the Church car park at 7am sharp. 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 15th May***.

Legion of Mary 41st All Ireland Rosary Rally on Saturday 6th 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 6th June from 10am to 4pm. Let go, let God, "surrender to Jesus". Further information will be available in the coming weeks.

Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ and Jim Deeds will lead the Three-Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg. Date: 19th – 21st June 2026. The bus will depart from St Patrick's Church Donegall Street. Cost £100. Places are limited early booking advised. To book contact Claire on 028 90690920 or email: pathwaystothefuture@downandconnor.org

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

Inverbrena Draw – May 2026

1st Prize – C Foley

2nd Prize – Anne Kelly

3rd Prize – C&M McMullan

Congratulation and thank you for your support

*"You are rewarded not according to your work or your time
but according to the measure of your love"*

Saint Catherine of Siena

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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