

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

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
Sunday 7th June 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 7 th June	9.30am		12noon	11am	
Monday 8 th June	10am	7.30pm			
Tuesday 9 th June	10am				
Wednesday 10 th June	10am				
Thursday 11 th June					
Friday 12 th June	7pm			9.30am	
Saturday 13 th June	5pm	6.30pm			
Sunday 14 th June	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 is held in St Patrick's Church, Saul each Tuesday from after 10.00am Mass until 8.00pm. Everyone welcome.

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 at 7pm. It is a very special celebration and "Fr Thomas" will be giving his first Blessing after the Mass.

A big "thank you" to all of the parishioners (and beyond) who have already volunteered to bake and make sandwiches for the refreshments after Mass in Saul on Monday 29th June. Any further help would be greatly appreciated, especially to make the tea/coffee and help tidy up the hall afterwards. Hopefully the weather on the 29th will be a lot better than it has been this week!

Thank you all for your continued help and support.

Fr Aidan

The Parishioners of Saul & Ballee and Kilelief,
extend a heartfelt congratulations to Fr Aidan as he celebrates
the 40th anniversary of his Ordination, this Monday, 8th June 2026.
We offer our prayers for Fr Aidan as he continues his ministry
to God and our Parishes.

Parish of Saul & Ballee

Months Mind Mass: Jim Simpson on Saturday 6th June at 5pm

Anniversary Masses

Saturday 6th June – Gavan McNabb, Alastair Killen, John Kelly (JJ), Maurice Feenan,
Helen Feenan, Gerald Laverty

Sunday 7th June – Patricia Curran, Frankie McKee Snr, Frankie McKee Jnr

Friday 12th June – Rod Smith

Saturday 13th June – Columban Fitzsimons, Hugh Magee

Saturday 20th June – Lewis Deegan, Eamon Hogan, Mary Shiels

Sunday 21st June – Felix Grant (12noon)

Parish of Kilclief

Anniversary Masses

Saturday 6th June – Lillian McConville

Sunday 7th June – Patsy Magee

Saturday 20th June – Maeve Polly, Malachy Fitzsimons

Sunday 21st June – Jim Sloan

	Saul & Ballee	Kilclief
Weekly Collection	£1,637.10	£953.09

Hymns – St Malachy’s, Kilclief

Entrance: 348v1 Praise to the Lord

Communion: 376v1,2,3 Soul of my saviour

Offertory: 183v1 I am the bread of life

Recessional: 175v1 Go to the Mass is ended

Hymns - St Patrick’s, Saul

Entrance – 125 All things bright and beautiful

Communion – 634 Sweet heart of Jesus

Offertory – 122 All that I am

Recessional – 529 How great thou art

Important dates for our Parish

Sunday 28th June - Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon Thomas Hampton. Please keep Deacon Thomas in your prayers as he makes his final preparations for his Ordination.

Monday 29th June at 7pm – Mass of Thanksgiving in St Patrick’s, Saul

Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Slieve Patrick

Sunday 7th June (Saul Sunday)

Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Alan McGuckian at 3pm

Everyone welcome.

There are a couple of My Day by Day books for sale priced at £1.20 each.

Ordination cards are now available to purchase from the Parish office priced at £1 each. Very limited stock left.

***Down & Connor Diocesan Novena to The Sacred Heart
June 4th to June 12th, the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.***

It is with great joy as a Diocese we celebrate the Novena to The Sacred Heart. The Sacred Heart Novena invites you to nine days of prayer, cumulating in the celebration of the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Come to Me. These words of Jesus are among the most tender in all of the Gospels. They are not a command but an invitation - offered freely, offered personally, offered to each one of us.

To set aside time each day for prayer is to say yes to that invitation.

It is a simple act, yet a profound one. In the busyness of our lives - with all their demands, their joys, and their anxieties - to pause and turn our hearts toward Jesus is itself a form of love.

The prayers will be available in a booklet you can pick up at Mass or read online; it will also include a piece of scripture and a reflection for each day for those who wish to go a little deeper. The images used in this year's Novena book are by students from our schools from across the diocese. Bishop Alan's hope is that this novena will be prayed either individually or together by parishes, groups, schools or families. Even young children can join in with the short prayers!

Parish of Saul & Ballee 300 Club

April – 1 st Prize £250 –	Joe Brennan
2 nd Prize £100 –	Margo Linehan
May – 1 st Prize £250 –	David Magee
2 nd Prize £100 –	Teresa Mullan
June - 1 st Prize £250 –	Mary Crossan
2 nd Prize £100 –	Geraldine McGaughey

Congratulations and thank you for your support.

Inverbrena Draw Winners for June 2026

1st Prize – Eamon Quinn

2nd Prize – P&D Connolly

3rd Prize – Colm Foley

Congratulation and thank you for your support

Cemetery Sunday Dates

Downpatrick – Killough Road Cemetery on Sunday 21st June at 3pm and Struell Cemetery on Sunday 5th July at 3pm

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

Down & Connor Vocations – Fr Conor McGrath & David Goodwin invite you to Vocation 'Allies' evening on Tuesday 9th June 6.30pm in Catholic Chaplaincy, Queens University, Belfast

The monthly Saint Carlo Acutis Mass will be held in St Nicholas' Church, Ardglass next Tuesday, 9th June at 7.30pm..This mass is held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month after which everyone will have the opportunity to be blessed with the relic

Three Day Healing Mission in St Nicholas Church, Ardglass

Wednesday 10th to Friday 12th June at 7.30pm
Led by Deacon Niall O'Hara and Fr Gerry McCloskey

Wednesday – Healing of mind, emotions and memories – Eucharistic healing service

Thursday – Healing of soul – sacrament of reconciliation, penitential service

Friday (Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus) – Healing of the sick – Holy Mass, sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, Blessing with the relic of St Carlo Acutis, rededication of families to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

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

Down & Connor Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026



Pilgrimage Fund Appeal

Please consider helping us to continue helping bring pilgrims in need of support and care to Lourdes
Your donation means that we can continue to offer support for our sick pilgrims & volunteers' fares and provide the necessary material and equipment needed to provide care

To make an online donation please visit:
<https://tinyurl.com/LourdesDonation>



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.

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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