

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

**Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday 21st 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 21 st June	9.30am		12noon	11am	
Monday 22 nd June	10am	7.30pm			
Tuesday 23 rd June	10am				
Wednesday 24 th June	10am				
Thursday 25 th June					
Friday 26 th June	7pm			9.30am	
Saturday 27 th June	5pm	6.30pm			
Sunday 28 th June	9.30am			11am	12noon

Masses are available to view online at www.saulandballeeparish.com and www.churchmedia.tv

Please note – There will be NO EVENING MASS in Stella Maris on Monday 29th June

***A day of prayer for Rev Thomas Hampton
and for vocations to the Priesthood
Tuesday 23rd June in St Patrick's Church, Saul***

Mass will be celebrated at 10am with Eucharistic Adoration until 3.30pm
St Patrick's PS, Saul will lead a period of prayer from 11.15am
Holy Hour from 2.30pm to 3.30pm
Hour of prayer and Benediction from 7pm

This will be live-streamed via our webcam for those who are unable to attend

Day for Life 2026 - Today, Sunday 21st June, the Church across Ireland celebrates Day for Life on the theme *The humanity of the unborn child*, which invites us to reflect on the wonder of human life from the moment of conception. We remember how the Lord Jesus Christ Himself sanctified and experienced the beginning of life in the world as an unborn child, hidden in the womb of Mary. Mary knew that she was carrying the Son of God - God and man - as soon as He was conceived. John the Baptist leapt in his mother Elizabeth's womb when Mary greeted her. Our Lady treasured Our Lord in her heart and womb until His birth. To read the full bishops' message visit www.councilforlife.ie

Parish of Saul & Ballee

Months Mind Mass: Gerald Hynds on Saturday 27th June at 5pm in St Patrick's

Anniversary Masses

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

Sunday 21st June – Felix Grant (12noon)

Monday 22nd June – Hugh McCorry

Wednesday 24th June – Alfie Linehan

Friday 26th June – Jack Cully

Saturday 27th June – Charles & Patricia Dumigan, David Fegan

Parish of Kilclief

Months Mind Mass: Anne Laffan on Friday 26th June at 9.30am in St Malachy's

Anniversary Masses

Saturday 20th June – Maeve Polly, Malachy Fitzsimons

Sunday 21st June – Jim Sloan, Annie, Jim & Seamus McCann

Monday 22nd June – Caroline Vaughan

Saturday 27th June – Nicholas & Margaret Fitzsimons

Sunday 28th June – Lisa Magee Lawlor

	Saul & Ballee	Kilclief
Weekly Collection	£1,541.90	£776.14

Hymns – St Malachy's, Kilclief

Entrance: 348v1 Praise to the Lord

Offertory: 183v1 I am the bread of life

Communion: 466v1, 2 You shall cross the barren desert

Recessional: 175v1 Go to the Mass is ended

Hymns - St Patrick's, Saul

Entrance – 125 All things bright and beautiful

Offertory – 122 All that I am

Communion – 634 Sweet heart of Jesus

Recessional – 529 How great thou art

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

Important dates for our Parishes

Sunday 28th June at 3pm - 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

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.

***Donations of sandwiches etc can be left off at
St Patrick's PS, Saul from 5.30pm on Monday 29th***

Thank you all for your continued help and support.

Fr Aidan

Selected Masses are live-streamed via Facebook on a weekly basis. We will also live-stream and record Requiem Masses. These recordings can only be held for 3 months and then must be deleted to free up storage space on the server. Once they are deleted they cannot be recovered. At the moment we have not deleted any Requiem Masses that are over 3 months old. Any files over 3 months old will be deleted on 30th June 2026.

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

Parish Financial Report for year ended 31st December 2025 is available in all the Churches.

Annual pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on 8th July. Phone Mary McCargo on 07895098189 for further details.

Pilgrimage to Fatima, flying direct from Belfast International, 7 Nights F/B Avenida Hotel 14th/21st August Spiritual Director Fr Andrew McMahon PP Convenient flight times. £845pps. For further information contact Joe 07776425631

Our Lady of Knock Novena each Monday evening in Stella Maris, Strangford at 7.10pm. There will be no Novena and no evening Mass on Monday 29th June.

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.

Join us in the **Belfast Jesuit Centre on Thursday 25th June at 7pm** for Greta Gerwig's **Barbie**; our final Faith & Film screening before the summer break. Though bright and playful on the surface, the film offers a thoughtful reflection on truth, dignity, and the journey toward becoming who God created us to be. In the Ignatian spirit of "finding God in all things," we'll explore how even an unexpected story can open space for grace, insight, and good conversation. All are welcome. Small donation suggested.

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>



Diocese of Down & Connor – Job Vacancy for a “Pastoral Ministry Co-Ordinator” (fixed term contract for 9 months).

We are seeking to recruit into a 9-month Fixed Term Contract role as Pastoral Ministry Co-Ordinator based within the Jesuit Centre, 193-195 Donegall Street, Belfast, BT1 2FL.

The Pastoral Ministry Co-Ordinator will support the Director of the Belfast Jesuit Centre & Chaplain to the Ulster University, Belfast. The role holder will help nurture the emerging community involved in the growing programme of formation initiatives and offer pastoral, spiritual and community support to students of all faith backgrounds and none.

The post will be for 35 hours per week. In order to meet the business and pastoral needs of the role, flexibility will be required in relation to attendance and hours worked including evening work.

Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at:

<http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: **JOB VACANCIES**, also on the Community NI website, <https://belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk> and nijob.com.

Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Monday 6 July 2026

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