

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

**Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday 2nd August 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 2 nd August	9.30am		12noon	11am	
Monday 3 rd August	10am	7.30pm			
Tuesday 4 th August	10am				
Weds 5 th August	10am				
Thursday 6 th August					
Friday 7 th August	7pm			9.30am	
Saturday 8 th August	5pm	6.30pm			
Sunday 9 th August	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.

All bulletin notices should be with the Parish office by 12noon on Wednesday

Cemetery Sunday Saul – Sunday 2nd August at 3pm

300 Club – the next draw will take place on Monday 3rd August. Please ensure all memberships are paid up to date to guarantee inclusion in this months draw.

Sick and housebound Parishioners will be visited this week

Recently Deceased: Anne Robinson

Parish of Saul & Ballee

Anniversary: Dermot Magee

Anniversary Masses

Saturday 25th July – Ben Fitzsimons, Damien Feenan

Sunday 9th August – Agnes Killen (9.30am)

Saturday 15th August – Joe Curran, Leonard Curran, Roseanne & Patrick Sloan

Sunday 16th August – Margaret Curran, Lennie Curran (9.30am) Bill Kearney, John & Oliver O'Hare, Patrick Taggart, Allie Dobbin & Siobhan Smyth

Friday 21st August – Marie Cully, Gareth Fitzsimons

Sunday 23rd August – Warren Rodgers, Tom McVeigh (9.30am)

Parish of Kilclief

Anniversary Masses

Saturday 1st August – Elizabeth. Liam & Patrick Brankin, Ernie Thompson

Sunday 2nd August – Pat Ward

Monday 3rd August – Patricia & Frank Fitzsimons

Sunday 9th August – Margaret Magee, Richard Murphy, Joe Burns, Noel Kearney

Sunday 16th August – Freda Sharvin, Patsy Cultra

Sunday 23rd August – Leo McGurnaghan

	Saul & Ballee	Kilclief
Weekly Collection	£1,929.90	£880.87

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 – 604 Seek ye first

Communion – 194 Christ be beside me

Offertory – 362 In bread we bring you Lord

Recessional – 572 Peace is flowing

24 hours of Prayer for Vocations on the Feast of St John Vianney, 3rd to 4th August in St Colmcille's Parish, Ballyhackamore. Vigil begins with Mass at 7pm on Monday 3rd August with Eucharistic Adoration and Sacrament of Reconciliation through the 24 hours, concludes with Mass at 7pm on Tuesday 4th August. Webcam can be accessed via <https://st-colmcilles.net/web-camera/>

River of Roses 2026



Our annual River of Roses floral display in memory of our deceased loved ones will be completed for Cemetery Sunday, 2nd August.

All names included in the River of Roses Intention book will be remembered at a special Mass on **Saturday 8th August at 5pm in St Patrick's Church, Saul.**

Youth 2000 Summer Festival from 13th to 16th August - Calling all young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included. Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome. To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland."

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

Burren Outdoor Retreat, Friday 4th September to Sunday 6th September. Would you like to come with us on a journey through the Burren with its limestone pavements, rare flora and ancient sacred sites? Let the beauty of this place renew you in body and soul. Residential (people within easy reach may commute). Contact Mary at 087 970 1130 for information or Des at 085 161 4951 for bookings.

Abide in His Love Women's Conference. The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, 20–22 November 2026. Join women from across Ireland for a faith-filled weekend with inspiring speakers including Sarah Swafford, Danielle Noonan, Fr Mark Wharton, Fr Barry Braum, Fr Oisín Martin, the Dominican Sisters of Nashville, Bishop Fintan Gavin, and more. Register now: <https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.com/>

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>

A Brief history of St Joseph's Church, Ballycruttle



St Joseph's Church was built by Rev Daniel McAlea in 1783 on ground donated by John Spear Snr and John Spear Jnr from Downpatrick which was leased by James Magee at that time.

Before the Church was built Mass was celebrated along the ditches near the site of the present Church. It is said that one of the Spear family, having ordered the Priest and congregation to leave some place where they were assembled for Mass, the family granted the site to make amends for the insult. Mass was also celebrated in a sand pit in Ballymurray and another "bohog" (a name used by the old people for a shed under which the Priest said Mass during times of persecution) in Ballybrannagh and Loughkeeland.

The Parish Priest at the time was Rev Roger Magee.

In 1836 the Church was described as "only having three pews which seated six people and a number of forms scattered over the floor, capable of holding 200 people. There was a gallery without any seats and no aisle or belfry."

Fr James Killen enlarged the Church in 1839 and consecrated the graveyard.

Back then, marriages were celebrated at the bride or goom's house, never at the Chapel.

The Church was rebuilt in 1864.



Details sourced from online research and www.rosdavies.com

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