

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

**Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 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 5 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30am		12noon	11am	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	<i>NO MASS</i>	<i>NO MASS</i>			
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	10am				
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	10am				
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July					
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	7pm			9.30am	
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	5pm	6.30pm			
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30am			11am	12noon

Masses are available to view online at [www.saulandballeeparish.com](http://www.saulandballeeparish.com) and [www.churchmedia.tv](http://www.churchmedia.tv)

**Please note – there will be NO MASSES ON MONDAY as Fr Aidan is on retreat.**

**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.

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

A very special "thank you" from Fr Thomas and myself to everyone who helped and supported in so many ways to make the Thanksgiving Mass on Monday evening such a special and memorable celebration. From the flowers, to the baking, helping to serve and clearing up. Every one of you worked as a close-knit team and your dedication and friendliness made a big impression on everyone there. Thank you so much.

*Fr Thomas & Fr Aidan*

## Parish of Saul & Ballee

### Anniversary Masses

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Muriel Gordon, James & Margaret McGrath  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July – William & Elizabeth Wade (12noon)  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Frank McAleenan  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July – David Killen  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Brendan Fitzsimons, Geraldine Curran, Sally Curran  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July – John Ward, Drew Boyd  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Mary Connolly

## Parish of Kilclief

### Anniversary Masses

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Anna Burke  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Brendan & Patsy McCusker, Margaret Sloan  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Meta McFall  
Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Alan, Norah & Tommy Reid, Agnes Sharvin, Harry Reid  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July – John Kearney, Marie McMullan

	<b>Saul &amp; Ballee</b>	<b>Kilclief</b>
Weekly Collection	£1,590.90	£980.28

### 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  
Offertory – 362 In bread we bring you Lord  
Communion – 194 Christ be beside me  
Recessional – 572 Peace is flowing

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

### Cemetery Sunday Dates

**Downpatrick** – Struell Cemetery on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm

**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

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

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.

**We are delighted to announce that this year sees the Ordination Jubilees of three priests living in Downpatrick Parish.** Canon John Murray will celebrate his 50th anniversary, Fr Jim Conway, his 30th and Fr John Moley, his 70th. There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate all three jubilees – 150 years of priestly service! – in St Patrick’s Church on Monday 6th July at 7pm

### **Youth 2000 Summer Festival from 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://youth2000.ie) or follow @Youth2000Ireland."

**National Grandparents Pilgrimage on 26<sup>th</sup> July at Knock Shine.** Celebrating World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly. Please see poster for further details. You can take part online at [www.knockshrine.ie/watch](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch)

*“Help someone in distress  
and you lighten your own burden,  
the very joy of alleviating  
the sorrow of another  
is the lessening of one’s own.”*

Venerable Fulton John Sheen  
(sourced from My Day by Day)

## *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](http://nijob.com).

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

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**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](mailto:philip.ohara@soddc.org) or visit <https://downandconnorsafeguarding.com>

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