

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

**Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday 12th 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 12 th July	9.30am			11am	12noon
Monday 13 th July	10am	7.30pm			
Tuesday 14 th July	10am				
Wednesday 15 th July	10am				
Thursday 16 th July					
Friday 17 th July	7pm			9.30am	
Saturday 18 th July	5pm	6.30pm			
Sunday 19 th July	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.

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.

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

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

Please note – The Parish office will be closed Monday 13th July and Tuesday 14th July. We will re-open on Wednesday 15th July

Parish of Saul & Ballee

Anniversary Masses

Saturday 11th July – David Killen
Sunday 12th July – Brendan Fitzsimons, Geraldine Curran, Sally Curran
Saturday 18th July – John Ward, Drew Boyd
Sunday 19th July – Mary Connolly
Tuesday 21st July – Rodney Walker
Friday 24th July – Richard Murphy
Saturday 25th July – Ben Fitzsimons, Damien Feenan

Parish of Kilclief

Anniversary Masses

Saturday 11th July – Meta McFall
Saturday 18th July – Alan, Norah & Tommy Reid, Agnes Sharvin, Harry Reid
Sunday 19th July – John Kearney, Marie McMullan, Josie Fay
Sunday 26th July – Eleanor McGurnaghan, Dick Cull

	Saul & Ballee	Kilclief
Weekly Collection	£1,799.25	£776.44
Monthly Offering	£1,400.50	£913.60

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

300 Club – July Winners

1st Prize – Roisin Polly
2nd Prize – Caroline Flanagan
Congratulations and thank you for your support
The next draw will take place on Monday 3rd August.
Please ensure your membership is paid before this date for inclusion in the draw

Inverbrena Community Association - July Draw

1st Prize – Peter McErlean
2nd Prize – Mary Clarke
3rd Prize – T P Fitzsimons
Thank you for your support

The annual Pioneer pilgrimage Mass at Knock Shrine will be celebrated in the Basilica at 3pm next Sunday 19th July 2026. Pioneers extend a welcome to families and relatives of people who are undergoing treatment for addiction at this time. Further information from Fr Robert: prayer@pioneers.ie

Catholic Men's Retreat - Standing in the Breach: Freedom in Christ, will take place in Portglenone Monastery on Saturday 25th July from 9am-1pm. The keynote speaker will be Dr Robert McNamara, and the morning will be an opportunity for men to come together for prayer, encouragement, fellowship and renewal in the Catholic faith. All men are warmly invited to attend. For further information or to book a place, please contact Thomas Carey on 07967 620435 or email Sean at sean@catholicminute.co.uk

National Grandparents Pilgrimage on 26th 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

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 McMahan 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>

Over the coming weeks we will be providing you with a little bit of history about one of our Parish Churches, each week. This week we are featuring St Patrick's Church, Saul.



St Patrick's Church, Saul, situated in the townland of Ballysugagh or Moutain Quarter, was built in 1866 to replace the original Church which was erected in 1755, finally finished in 1782 by Dean Paul McCartan. The remains of the original Church may still be seen in the cemetery if you look carefully for them.

Prior to this the people celebrated Mass in Hugh Crickards garden or in a field in Loughmoney or at Mr Napier's in Carnacaw.

In 1836 the Church was described as "a plain building with a gallery of 25 seats, capable of holding 400 people".

The original building was replaced in 1866 by the present Church by Fr Nicholas Crickard with designs by Fr Jeremiah R McAuley. Fr Crickard, a native of Ballykinlar, was ordained

in 1826 and appointed Parish Priest of Saul in 1843. The Church was consecrated by Most Rev Fr Dorrian (Bishop of Down & Connor) on 16th September 1866, 160 years ago this year! Fr Crickard died on 1st April 1882 and is interred behind the Sanctuary of the Church. Fr Jeremiah R McAuley, a native of Belfast, was an architect before entering the Priesthood. He also designed and oversaw the building of St Peter's, Belfast. Other Churches designed by him include Aughlisnafin, Ballykinlar and Ballycastle.

There is a portion of altar stone in the Church which is said to be the original altar used by St Patrick.



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