

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

**Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday 9th 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 9 th August	9.30am			11am	12noon
Monday 10 th August	<i>NO MASS</i>	<i>NO MASS</i>			
Tuesday 11 th August	<i>NO MASS</i>				
Weds 12 th August	<i>NO MASS</i>				
Thursday 13 th August					
Friday 14 th August	7pm	7pm		<i>NO MASS</i>	
Saturday 15 th August	5pm	6.30pm			
Sunday 16 th August	9.30am		12noon	11am	

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

Please note – there will be NO MASSES in the Parishes on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday this week. There will be no Morning Mass in St Malachy's on Friday. There will be a Communion Service on Tuesday from 10am in St Patrick's, Saul

Masses for the Feast of the Assumption

Vigil Masses will be celebrated on Friday 14th August at 7pm in St Patrick's, Saul and Stella Maris, Strangford

Our Lady of Knock Novena each Monday evening in Stella Maris, Strangford at 7.10pm.

Eucharistic Adoration will continue after a Communion Service this Tuesday in St Patrick's Church, Saul at 10.00am and conclude at 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

Recently Deceased: Martha Savage, Adrian Higgins

Parish of Saul & Ballee

Months Mind Mass: Mary McGreevy on Saturday 22nd August at 5pm

Anniversary Masses

Sunday 9th August – Agnes Killen, Anastacia Croskery (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), Ann Brennan (12noon)

Parish of Kilclief

Anniversary Masses

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	£1,393.85	£934.11
Monthly Stipend	£1,554.00	£961.60

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 – 240 Do not be afraid Offertory – 256 Fill my house

Communion – 165 Be still for the presence of the Lord

Recessional – 330 He's got the whole world in his hands

300 Club August Winners

1st Prize - £250 – Howard McQuoid

2nd Prize - £100 – Susan Walsh

Congratulations and thank you for your support

Inverbrena Draw – August Winners

1st Prize – Darren Kearney

2nd Prize – Con & Patricia Fitzsimons

3rd Prize – Pauline Fitzsimons

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River of Roses 2026

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

24 Hours of Adoration on the Feast of Our Lady's Assumption – St Agnes's Church

To honour the Feast of Our Lady's Assumption the Legion of Mary are organising 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration in St Agnes Church. Adoration will begin after the 7pm Mass on Friday 14th August and will continue throughout the night and throughout the day, ending before 6.30 vigil Mass on 15th August. St Theresa of Calcutta described time spent with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament as the "best time you will spend on earth". Please come along and give thanks to Our Lady and her Son Jesus.

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/>

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A Brief history of St Patrick's Church, Cargagh



St Patrick's Church was one of the five Old Mass Houses reported in 1731, originally built of mud, packed with stone and with a mud floor. It was thatched with reeds and sprigs from the bog.

It was described as "a square building with no vestry attached". The Priest put his robes on behind a screen and when it rained the roof leaked and made puddles on the earthen floor. People sat on wooden forms.

The building was replaced with stone in 1754. The outside porch at the roadside was built sometime later and a gallery erected after that as the congregation grew. The gallery and three windows in the west side of the Church were made by James McConville of Drumroe. The seats were made by Tommy Curran and the earthen floor was replaced with wood.

A new altar was donated by Michael Little in 1902 when Rev O'Kane was PP. The altar was made by Joe & James Murnin of Cloughy. In 1947 some renovations were made to Cargagh – the ceiling was raised, a new sacristy replaced the old lean-to with its fire and tall red brick chimney. The old confession box was removed to provide extra seating. The builder was William Taggart of Saul.



The stained glass window in the altar gable wall was brought from Dublin and depicts the Crucifixion as centrepiece.

Details sourced from online research and www.rosdavies.com

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