

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

**Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday 23rd 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 23 rd August	9.30am			11am	12noon
Monday 24 th August	10am	7.30pm			
Tuesday 25 th August	10am				
Weds 26 th August	10am				
Thursday 27 th August					
Friday 28 th August	7pm			9.30am	
Saturday 29 th August	5pm	6.30pm			
Sunday 30 th August	9.30am			11am	

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

Eucharistic Adoration in St Patrick's Church, Saul

Due to a wedding in St Patrick's Church this Tuesday we have to make the following amendments to Adoration:-

There will be no Adoration this Tuesday morning

Holy Hour will take place from 2pm to 3pm followed by Adoration until 8pm
Everyone welcome

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

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.

Cemetery Sunday collection taken up at Ballycruttle amounted to £639. We thank all those who donated. There was no collection taken up at Saul.

The Parish office will be closed on Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th August and re-open on Thursday 25th.

Parish of Saul & Ballee

Months Mind Masses:

Gerry McCashin on Saturday 22nd August at 5pm in St Patrick's, Saul

Adrian Higgins on Saturday 29th August at 5pm in St Patrick's, Saul

Anniversary Masses

Saturday 22nd August - Mary McGreevy, Eithne McMullan

Sunday 23rd August – Warren Rodgers, Tom McVeigh (9.30am), Ann Brennan (12noon)

Friday 28th August – Philip Smith

Saturday 29th August – Frank, Norah and Michael Donnelly

Sunday 30th August – John McKervery (9.30am)

Saturday 5th September – Kenny Kelly

Sunday 6th September – Michael Burns (12noon)

Parish of Kilclief

Anniversary Masses

Saturday 22nd August – Jack & Barry Fitzsimons

Sunday 23rd August – Leo McGurnaghan

Monday 31st August – Louise Fitzsimons, Marie & Louie Fitzsimons

	Saul & Ballee	Kilclief
Weekly Collection	£1,429.50	£847.63
Diocesan Cathedral Fund	£867.00	£600.80

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

St Vincent de Paul Helpline - Are you struggling with the cost of school uniform? Please call us for help. Strangford Conference helpline number is displayed in the Church or phone Saul Conference on 07928346114 or 07801896229

Legion of Mary Annual Trip to Knock will take place on Sunday 27th September. The cost is £30 per person, making the usual stops for breaks. Pick up points are at the following Churches:-

Newcastle – (back of the Church) 6.15am, Castlewella – 6.30am, Downpatrick – 6.45am, Crossgar – 7am and Saintfield – 7.15am

To book your place you can place your money in an envelope along with your name and phone number and drop it into the Parish offices in Saul or Downpatrick (Patrician Youth Centre) or you can phone Geraldine on 07845 422723

MATT TALBOT – URBAN MYSTIC

The Knights of St Columbanus, CK12 Downpatrick, invite you to a special screening of *Matt Talbot – Urban Mystic* at Newcastle Community Cinema, St Mary's Hall, Main Street, Newcastle, on Friday 4th September at 7.00pm.

Matt Talbot's remarkable true story of faith, struggle, addiction and redemption continues to inspire people throughout the world and offers a powerful message of hope to those affected by addiction and their families.

The evening will also feature guest speaker Michael Murphy.

Admission is free, with a suggested donation of £3 towards costs. Tea and coffee will be served following the screening.

Everyone is very welcome – please bring family and friends.

Catholic Mothers Ireland – Family Day

Catholic Mothers Ireland will hold its Annual National Mass on Sunday, 6 September at Termonbacca Retreat Centre, Derry City. The day will begin with Mass at 2.00pm, celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown, followed by refreshments, children's activities, and a talk for parents. This promises to be a lovely day for the whole family. For more information and booking details, please email info@catholicmothers.ie. All are welcome.

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/>

MYMY is an accredited counselling service for adults based in Newcastle. If you or someone you know could benefit from counselling please give us call on 028 4372 7549, email hello@mymy.org.uk or self-refer via our website."

St Joseph Men's Camino - *Every Camino changes us in ways we don't expect, every man needs one.*
Join men from across Ireland on Saturday 12th September for a 25km pilgrimage through the Boyne Valley, beginning in Drogheda. The day includes Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Confessions, fraternity, lunch and dinner, with after-dinner speaker Fr Mark Quinn. Open to men aged 18+. Cost: €65 (student € 55). Registration, accommodation and details: www.dominicans.ie/events. Enquiries: op.evangelisation@gmail.com.

*“We should strive to
keep our hearts open
to the sufferings
and wretchedness
of others and pray, continually,
that God may grant us
that spirit of compassion
which is truly the Spirit of God.”
Saint Vincent de Paul*

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>

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