

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

**Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday 30th 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 30 th August	9.30am			11am	
Monday 31 st August	10am	7.30pm			
Tuesday 1 st Sept	10am				
Weds 2 nd Sept	10am				
Thursday 3 rd Sept					
Friday 4 th Sept	7pm			9.30am	
Saturday 5 th Sept	5pm	6.30pm			
Sunday 6 th Sept	9.30am		12noon	11am	

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

Eucharistic Adoration in St Patrick's Church, Saul each Tuesday after 10am Mass concluding at 8pm. Holy Hour from 2-3pm
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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.

The Parish office will be closed on Monday 31st August and Tuesday 1st September and re-open on Wednesday 2nd September.

Sick and housebound Parishioners will be attended this week as usual.

Down & Connor vocations newsletter is available in the Churches. Please take a copy home to read.

Job vacancy – Pastoral Ministry Co-Ordinator in Belfast Jesuit Centre (fixed term contract for 2 years). Further details can be obtained from www.downandconnor.org and click on "job vacancies". Closing date is 12noon on Thursday 10th September 2026

Recently Deceased: Conleith Fitzsimons

Parish of Saul & Ballee

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

Anniversary Masses

Saturday 29th August – Frank, Norah and Michael Donnelly

Sunday 30th August – John McKerverey (9.30am)

Saturday 5th September – Kenny Kelly

Sunday 6th September – Michael Burns (12noon)

Wednesday 9th September – Spencer Cusack

Friday 11th September – Niall Laverty

Saturday 12th September – James Hynds

Sunday 13th September – Raymond Blaney (12noon)

Parish of Kilclief

Months Mind Mass: Maeve Savage Saturday 29th August at 6.30pm in Stella Maris

Anniversary Masses

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

Saturday 5th September – Jason Hynds

Sunday 13th September – Kevin Cultra, Seamus McMorrow, Mary Polley, Patrick King

	Saul & Ballee	Kilclief
Weekly Collection	£1,582.75	£907.75

Parish of Kilclief Cemetery collection amounted to £9,005.45. We thank those who contributed.

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

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.
Thinking about becoming Catholic or want to deepen your understanding of the faith?

The Diocesan RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a journey of faith, formation, and community for adults who wish to explore the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. It is open to those who are not baptised, those baptised in another Christian tradition, or Catholics who wish to reconnect with their faith.

The 2025–2026 programme begins on Wednesday 1st October and runs weekly from 6.30–8.00 pm at St Mary's Hall, Chapel Lane, Belfast. Sessions include prayer, teaching, discussion, and time for questions. Spouses, fiancés or friends are welcome to attend alongside participants.

All are welcome, whether you are exploring faith for the first time or returning after some time away.



To register or find out more, please email rcia@downandconnor.org or scan the QR code.

“Jesus does not demand great action from us but simply surrender and gratitude.”
St Therese of Lisieux

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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