

Downpatrick Family of Parishes
Parishes of Saul & Ballee and Kilclief

Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday 13th September 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 13 th Sept	9.30am			11am	12noon
Monday 14 th Sept	10am	7.30pm			
Tuesday 15 th Sept	10am				
Weds 16 th Sept	10am				
Thursday 17 th Sept					
Friday 18 th Sept	7pm			9.30am	
Saturday 19 th Sept	5pm	6.30pm			
Sunday 20 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 2.30pm-3.30pm

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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Down & Connor Diocese is renewing and developing its *Diocesan Adoration Lay Committee* in order to increase the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in Parishes throughout the Diocese. You are welcome to attend an information meeting on Friday 2nd October in St Patrick's Centre, Downpatrick at 8pm. Registration from 7.30pm. Please see the poster in the Churches for further details.

The Medical Missionaries of Mary have been invited to visit us in Down and Connor this year and will be with us here at Saul and Ballee on the weekend of 26th and 27th September 2026. They will speak of their work, mainly in Africa and South America, and their mission to bring Christ's healing love to those most in need. Our parish and our diocese have supported MMM generously in the past, both in finance and in prayer, and MMM wishes to express gratitude for that support and to emphasise that we here at home are the body of mission, and those who are sent to far away places are the hands and the feet. When they speak to us and share their story they serve as a connection between us and those whom they serve.

Parish of Saul & Ballee

Months Mind Mass: John Lundy on Sunday 27th September at 9.30am

Anniversary Masses

Saturday 12th September – James Hynds Jnr, James Hynds Snr, Frankie & Maureen McKee

Sunday 13th September – Raymond Blaney (12noon)

Saturday 19th September -Dermot Vint

Sunday 20th September – Patrick Grant (12noon)

Saturday 26th September – John Gordon, Terence Quayle, Thomas (Tommy) Bibby

Sunday 27th September – Maurice King (9.30am)

Wednesday 30th September – Eileen McMullan

Parish of Kilclief

Months Mind Mass: Conleith Fitzsimons on Sunday 27th September at 11am

Anniversary Masses

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

Saturday 19th September – Anna & William Shields

Sunday 27th September – Michael Carlin

	Saul & Ballee	Kilclief
Weekly Collection – 30 th August 2026	£1,822.20	£813.12
Weekly Collection -	£1,953.60	£1,023.50
Monthly Stipend	£1,930.80	£1,056.87

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: Longing for light – 439

Offertory: The Last Supper

Communion: Lay your hands – 413

Recessional: Go the Mass is ended - 303.

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, Castlewellan – 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

IT COULD BE YOU!!!

I am deeply indebted to all the volunteers we have in our 2 Parishes. In fact, we could not function without each of you.

One of the biggest fears that prevent people from volunteering is that they could still be there in 15 years time!!

I don't want that for anyone which is why I am making this appeal.

We are always looking for new volunteers –

- For practical things such as cleaning our churches, helping with the flowers, collectors and counters.
- For the roles of Eucharistic Minister or readers, especially from the younger members of our congregations.
- For the various committees in the Parishes, I can assure you we try to keep the meetings brief and not too often.

If you would be interested, I'd love to hear from you – even to explain what the various roles entail. I am eager to revamp our Parish Pastoral Councils. To look at what can be done to make our Parishes and our celebrations more vibrant and meaningful.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Fr Aidan

Parish of Saul & Ballee – 300 Club – September Draw Winners

1st Prize – Peter Brennan

2nd Prize – Kathy Hayes

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1st Prize – Mary Kearney

2nd Prize – Nuala Hynds

3rd Prize – Mary Clarke

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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."

Beginning Experience – Beginning Experience is a peer ministry to the bereaved, separated and divorced, based within the Family Ministry of the Diocese of Down and Connor. We are offering a support programme over three Saturdays from September through to November and would be most grateful if you could include the following information in your Church Bulletin at your earliest convenience. The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on three Saturdays (26th September 24th October and 21st November) Booking essential. To find out more contact Marie 07896119669 or email belfastbe@yahoo.com

Community Safety & Wellbeing Event organised by the Policing & Community Safety Partnership in Down Leisure Centre, Downpatrick on Wednesday 16th September 2026 from 10am to 12pm. This free event will bring together a wide range of local services to support health, safety, and wellbeing in our community. Attendees can benefit from free advice and health checks, Scams information session at 11:00am, information on local services and community safety. Free refreshments and an opportunity to connect with others

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.



Kilclief Ben Dearg GAC – If anyone is interested in going to the Kilclief Ben Dearg 125 Dinner Dance in Millbrook Hotel, Ballynahinch on Saturday 24th October 2026 please contact the Club Secretary, Karol Shields, on 07841661203 to book a ticket.

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>

Very Rev Fr Aidan Brankin, Parish Priest 02844 612525 (Saul) or 02844 260101 (Strangford)

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