

Downpatrick Family of Parishes
Parishes of Saul & Ballee and Kilclief

Twenty Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday 20th 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 20 th Sept	9.30am		12noon	11am	
Monday 21 st Sept	10am	7.30pm			
Tuesday 22 nd Sept	10am				
Weds 23 rd Sept	10am				
Thursday 24 th Sept					
Friday 25 th Sept	7pm			9.30am	
Saturday 26 th Sept	5pm	6.30pm			
Sunday 27 th Sept	9.30am			11am	12noon

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 19th September -Dermot Vint, Fiona Turley, Roisin Kelly, Thomas Fegan,
David Fegan

Sunday 20th September – Patrick Grant (12noon)

Saturday 26th September – John Gordon, Terence Quayle,
Thomas (Tommy) Bibby, Maurice King, Hugh Hanvey

Wednesday 30th September – Eileen McMullan

Parish of Kilclief

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

Anniversary Masses

Saturday 19th September – Anna & William Shields

Saturday 26th September – Audrey Rice, Pat Magee

Sunday 27th September – Michael Carlin

	Saul & Ballee	Kilclief
Weekly Collection	£1,400.00	£921.30

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

We invite you all to join us for refreshments after 6.30pm Mass on Saturday 26th September in Inverbrena Hall, Strangford to celebrate Fr Aidan's Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood.



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.

Kilclief Residents Association has installed a Memorial Seat in the Community Garden as a facility for residents to add the names of deceased family members. It's a quiet spot where one can sit and remember their loved ones. For details on how to add names please contact Maurice Denvir on 07846605729.



St Malachy's PS, Kilclief next Little Learners session is on Monday 21st September 10am to 11.30am in the School hall. Everyone welcome.

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

Our Lady's Rosary Festival will take place from 12th to 18th October 2026. Join us for a week of events to honour Our Blessed Lady, ending with the annual Belfast Rosary Procession. The procession will leave St Malachy's Church, Belfast City Centre, at 2.30pm on Sunday 18th October, and finish at St Peter's Cathedral. A full list of events can be found on the poster at the back of the Church and online at belfastrosaryfestival.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>

Sacramental Dates in our Parish Schools

St Malachy's PS, Kilclief

First Confession on Tuesday 2nd March time to be confirmed

First Holy Communion on Saturday 8th May at 10.30am

Confirmation on Thursday 27th May at 11am

St Joseph's PS, Strangford

First Confession on Tuesday 9th March at 7pm

First Holy Communion on Saturday 22nd May at 11am

Confirmation on Thursday 27th May at 11am

St Patrick's PS, Saul

First Confession on Wednesday 10th March time to be confirmed

First Holy Communion on Saturday 15th May at 11am

Confirmation on Friday 26th February at 11am

Children waiting virtual fostering information events

This September HSC NI Foster Care are hosting two child specific virtual information events which will feature 6 children from across Northern Ireland who urgently need safe and nurturing foster homes.

EVENT 1 - Tuesday 22nd September from 7.30pm - 9.00pm. Find out about:

- ◆ Emily* (6) & Ethan* (3) siblings (South Eastern area) <https://adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net/could-you-foster-emily-6-and-ethan-3-siblings/>
- ◆ Megan* (4) (Northern area) <https://adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net/could-you-foster-megan-4/>
- ◆ Ben* (14) (Southern area) <https://adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net/could-you-foster-ben-14/>

EVENT 2 - Thursday 24th September from 7.30pm - 9.00pm. Find out about:

- ◆ Josh* (2) (Belfast area) <https://adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net/could-you-foster-josh-2/>
- ◆ Emma* (5) (Western area) <https://adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net/could-you-foster-emma-5/>

Read all profiles: ↓

<https://adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net/our-community/childrenwaiting/>

At these events, you'll be able to hear directly from people who know the children personally and learn about their individual personalities, interests and needs.

To register for either event, please provide your contact details (including postcode) and which child/children you are interested in hearing about please phone 0800 0720 137 or email: hello@adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net

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

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