

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

**Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday 27th 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 27 th Sept	9.30am			11am	12noon
Monday 28 th Sept	10am	7.30pm			
Tuesday 29 th Sept	10am				
Weds 30 th Sept	10am				
Thursday 1 st October					
Friday 2 nd October	7pm			9.30am	
Saturday 3 rd October	5pm	6.30pm			
Sunday 4 th October	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
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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.

Sick and housebound Parishioners will be visited this week

The Medical Missionaries of Mary have been invited to visit us in Down and Connor this year and will be with us in Saul and Ballee and Kilclief this weekend. 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.

October issue of My Day by Day is now available from the Parish office

Recently Deceased: Brian Reid (England formerly Dunsford)
Maureen Higgins (Loughinisland)
Margaret Breen

Anniversary: Jimmy Curran

Parish of Saul & Ballee

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

Anniversary Masses

Saturday 26th September – John Gordon, Terence Quayle,
Thomas (Tommy) Bibby, Maurice King, Hugh Hanvey
Wednesday 30th September – Eileen McMullan
Friday 2nd October – Michael McGreevy
Saturday 3rd October – Pat McCormick
Sunday 4th October – Eileen McMullan (9.30am) Anita Cunningham, Cissie Hudson
(12noon)
Saturday 10th October – Denis Hamill, Isobella & James Carpenter, Nicola Burns

Parish of Kilclief

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

Anniversary Masses

Saturday 26th September – Audrey Rice, Pat Magee, Anna Braniff
Sunday 27th September – Michael Carlin, Diarmuid Riordan
Sunday 4th October – Darren Beattie
Sunday 11th October – Paddy Beattie

	Saul & Ballee	Kilclief
Weekly Collection	£1,538.85	£1,163.03
Autumn Offering	£813.06	£772.90

Hymns - St Patrick's, Saul

Entrance: Longing for light – 439
Communion: Lay your hands – 413

Offertory: The Last Supper
Recessional: Go the Mass is ended - 303.

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.

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.



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.

Catholic Mothers Ireland - are holding our Ulster Retreat Day on Saturday, 3rd Oct, from 10am–6pm at Benburb Priory. Further details:

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Laudato Si' Closing Mass for the Season of Creation" will be held in St Peter's Cathedral on Sunday October 4th at 11am , Chancellor Eugene O' Hagan will be celebrating the Mass.

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

PATHWAYS ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The Pathways Adult Faith Development programme for 2026-2027 begins on Saturday, 10th October at Drumalis, Larne. The programme takes place one Saturday a month from 10am – 4pm between October and June and is offered in-house at Drumalis. All are welcome. Past participants may also be interested in the new programme on offer for this coming year. It is also possible to attend for individual days only. To find out more about the programme and the themes for each day, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9am – 5pm) – 028 28276455/28272196 or email drumalis@btconnect.com Information is also available on the Drumalis website: <http://www.drumalis.org>

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

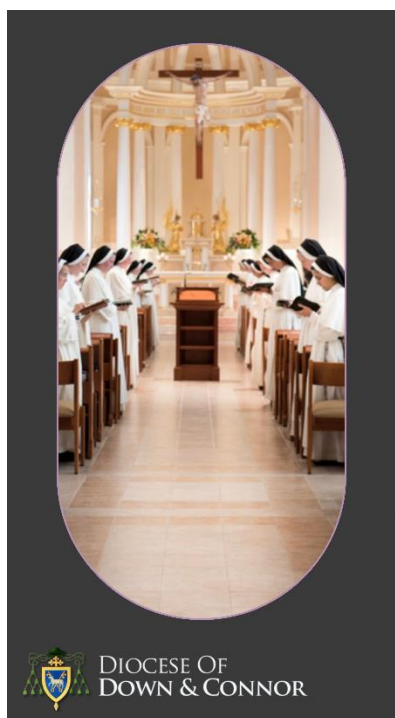
Confirmation on Thursday 27th May at 11am

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



DIocese OF
DOWN & CONNOR

WOMEN'S DISCERNMENT NIGHT

Are you a young woman discerning God's call? Join us for an evening of prayer, reflection, and fellowship with the Nashville Dominican Sisters as we explore God's call in our lives. Whether you're just beginning to ask the question or have been discerning for some time, all women throughout the Diocese aged 18-40 are welcome. Stay afterwards for refreshments and the chance to continue the conversation in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Our guest speaker is Sr Mary Sheila Maksim OP, Vocations Director for the Diocese of Limerick.

THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER 7PM

ST COLMCILLE'S CHURCH, BALLYHACKAMORE

RSVP TO DAVID: D.GOODWIN@DOWNANDCONNOR.ORG

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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