

Downpatrick Family of Parishes
Parishes of Saul & Ballee and Kilclief

Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time
Sunday 25th October 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 25 th October	9.30am			11am	12noon
Monday 26 th October	10am	7.30pm			
Tuesday 27 th October	10am				
Weds 28 th October	10am				
Thurs 29 th October					
Friday 30 th October	7pm			9.30am	
Saturday 31 st October	5pm	6.30pm			
Sunday 1 st November	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

Over the winter months, from and including Tuesday 27th October, Eucharistic Adoration will be held in St Patrick's Church Saul from 10.00am to 3.30pm. There will also be evening Adoration each Tuesday from 7.00pm to 8.00pm to facilitate those who are working. Eucharistic Adoration is an opportunity for everyone to respond to Jesus words to his disciples "Could you not watch with Me one hour".

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.

Medical Missionaries of Mary – The total amount collected across both Parishes amount to £3,438.43. "I would like to sincerely thank you and your parish community for the warm welcome and generous support during our recent collection weekend. We are very grateful for the opportunity to visit and share more about our work." Brona Reilly, MMM

November Dead Lists are available in the churches. These can be returned through the collection plates or the letterbox at the Parochial house.

November issue of My Day by Day is now available for collection

Recently Deceased: Mary Carr, Olive Casement, Nora Sharvin

Parish of Saul & Ballee

Anniversary Masses

Sunday 1st November – John McCann (9.30am), Bernadette Grant (12noon)
Monday 26th October – David & Kathleen Wiles, Pauline Wiles, Hugh McCorry Snr
Tuesday 27th October – Kathleen & John Berry
Sunday 1st November – John McCann (9.30am), Bernadette Grant (12noon)

Parish of Kilclief

Anniversary Masses

Sunday 25th October – John Fay
Monday 26th October – Josephine, Johnny & Liam Polly
Saturday 31st October – Anna & Bernie Teggart, Jack & Elizabeth Strain, James O'Neill

	Saul & Ballee	Kilclief
Weekly Collection	£1,844.70	£895.78
World Mission Collection	£1,119.40	£789.67

Hymns - St Patrick's, Saul

Entrance: All things bright and beautiful - 125
Offertory: In bread we bring you Lord - 362
Communion: The Lord's my shepherd Recessional: Give me joy in my heart - 274

Hymns – St Malachy's, Kilclief

Entrance: Seek ye first – 362 v1 Offertory: All that I am – 19 v1
Communion: As the deer pants – 40 v1, 2 & 3
Recessional: Go, the Mass is ended – 142 v1

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.



Annual Mass for the deceased members of Kilclief Ben Dearg GAC will be held in the Clubrooms on Wednesday 11th November 2026 at 7.30pm.

Kilclief Cemetery

Many of you will be aware of the problem we have with rock, which is a lot more extensive than we first hoped.

We will dig out 2 rows of graves each year and fill them with soil so that the digging will be so much easier when they are required.

We spent £4,000 during the summer and as a result the Finance Committee agreed with me that to recoup this money being spent we are keeping the price of graves for Parishioners (those who live within the Parish boundaries or those who live outside the Parish boundaries that contribute via weekly envelope or standing order) at £300 but increasing the price for those living outside the Parish to £1,000 in line with many of our neighbouring Parishes.

Thank you for your continued support.

Fr Aidan

In addition to the Masses offered during the month on November for our deceased relatives and friends, special Masses will be celebrated for all Parishioners who have died in the past year (those residing in our Parish at the time of death, or those interred in our Parish cemeteries). A candle will be lit for each person by a family representative. An additional candle will be lit for family and friends from outside our Parish who have died. Please contact the Parish office to ensure your loved ones name is included on the intentions list for these Masses.

Dates and times of these Masses will be available next week.

Pause for Hope – bringing together in prayer those who have cancer, have had cancer, their loved ones, and those who are for them. Come together for an afternoon of prayer, reflection and support on Sunday 25th October at 3.30pm in Clonard Monastery



Give Blood, Save Lives - Blood Donation Session in The Great Hall, Downshire Hospital, Downpatrick on Tuesday 17th November from 12.30 to 19.30. Scan the QR code on the posters in the Churches or go to www.NIBTS.org to book your place



St Vincent de Paul Saul Conference meeting on Monday 26th October at 7pm in the Parochial house.

Day Pilgrimage to Knock on Monday 2nd November for feast of All Souls, leaving St Agnes at 7.30am. Price £30 (includes tea and scone). Contact Pat 07946917354 or Harriet 07812098991.

November Short-Term Pledge

The month of November offers a special opportunity to make a small sacrifice in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We invite parishioners and friends to consider taking a Short-Term Pledge throughout November. Pioneer Offering - *"I promise, in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to abstain from all intoxicating substances until the end of November."* Please consider joining with others in prayer, sacrifice and support for those affected by addiction.

PIPS Charity is a regional Northern Ireland charity dedicated to suicide prevention, supporting mental health and emotional wellbeing. We provide a range of free support services, such as crisis intervention, counselling, and befriending, to individuals and families affected by suicidal thoughts, emotional distress, mental health difficulties, and bereavement.

We would particularly like to bring your attention to our **Weekend Crisis Hopeline**, a regional overnight telephone service available Friday and Sunday nights, to anyone across NI experiencing emotional distress, suicidal thoughts, or a mental health crisis.

The operational hours for the Weekend Crisis Hopeline are as follows.

Friday: 9pm - 10am Saturday Sunday: 9pm - 9am Monday

028 9080 5850 | Freephone 0800 088 6042

We know that crisis doesn't wait for working hours. The Weekend Crisis Hopeline provides a confidential, non-judgemental space to talk with a trained crisis practitioner when someone is in distress, needs support or simply wants someone to talk to during a difficult time outside of usual working hours. There is no referral process for the Hopeline, and individuals can contact us directly whenever they feel in need of support.

If someone is in immediate danger or there is an emergency, call **999** immediately or attend your nearest Accident & Emergency (A&E) Department.

Downpatrick Parish are seeking to recruit a Parish Support Officer for 16hrs per week (Mon-Thurs 10am-2pm) Further details can be found on www.downandconnor.org select "job vacancies". Closing date for completed applications is 12noon on Tuesday 27th October 2026.

“One of the greatest gifts
the Holy Spirit can bestow on us
is to give us peace in time of struggle,
calm in the midst of trouble,
so that in time of desolation we are armed
with so virile a courage that nature,
the devil, and even God Himself,
who seems to be against us,
cannot withstand.”
St Claude de la Columbiere

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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