Downpatrick Family of Parishes
Parishes of Saul & Ballee and Kilclief

Thirty Third Sunday
Sunday 15th November 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 15th November	9.30am		12noon	11am	
Monday 16th November	10am	7.30pm			
Tues 17th November	10am				
Weds 18th November	10am				
Thurs 19th November					
Friday 20th November	7pm			9.30am	
Sat 21st November	5pm	6.30pm			
Sunday 22nd November	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

Over the winter months, 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.

In addition to the Masses offered during the month of November for our deceased relatives and friends, special Masses will be celebrated for all Parishioners who have died in the past year from 1st November 2025 to 31st October 2026 (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.

Stella Maris, Strangford – Monday 16th November at 7.30pm

Parish of Saul & Ballee

Months Mind Masses: Olive Casement on Sunday 15th November at 9.30am
Nora Sharvin on Saturday 21st November at 5pm

Anniversary Masses
Saturday 14th November – Joe Hynds
Monday 16th November – Tom & Elizabeth Savage
Saturday 21st November – Mary & Brian Hayes, Shay Hayes
Sunday 22nd November – Brian & Mena Lennon (12noon)
Wednesday 25th November – Seamus Shiels
Friday 27th November – Frank Mullan, Bobby & Teresa Feenan, Moira Quail
Saturday 28th November – Brian Connolly
Sunday 29th November – Gerard Newton, John McMullan

Parish of Kilclief

Anniversaries: Sarah Savage, Agnes Sharvin

Anniversary Masses
Saturday 14th November – Mary & Johnny Steenson, Danny Sharvin, Joe & Marie Magee
Sunday 15th November – Maureen Gilmore, Sheila Magee, Cissie Magee
Sunday 22nd November – Oliver Sloan
Monday 23rd November – Teresa McMorrow
Sunday 29th November – Thomas & Martha Fitzsimons

	Saul & Ballee	Kilclief
Weekly Collection	£1,894.10	£832.37

A second collection will be taken up this weekend for Bishops Commissions – This collection helps defray the contributions from the Diocese for the work of the various National Episcopal Commissions. To help it fulfil its aims more effectively, the Irish Catholic Bishops Conference has established various commissions, agencies, councils, and other bodies which focus on specific tasks and areas of responsibility within the mission of the Church. These are grouped into five departments as follows: Dept of Catholic Education and Formation, Dept of Pastoral Care, Dept of Planning, Communications and Resources, Dept of Social Issues and International Affairs and the Dept of Worship, Pastoral Renewal and Faith Development. The Diocese is obligated to pay an amount levied by the Bishop's Conference each year and this annual collection helps cover part of the levy.

Hymns - St Patrick's, Saul
Entrance: Amazing Grace – 131 Offertory: Gifts of Bread and Wine - 273
Communion: You shall cross the barren desert – 757 Recessional: Freely Freely - 286

Hymns – St Malachy's, Kilclief
Entrance: Sing to the mountains – 373 v1 Offertory: Eat this bread - 110
Communion: O the love of my Lord – 323 v1, 2 & 3
Recessional: Go, the Mass is ended – 142 v2

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.

New design Christmas Mass Bouquets
are now available to purchase from the Parish office
priced at £2 each

Society of St Vincent de Paul

Stella Maris St Vincent de Paul annual Christmas Lunch

If you are of pension age and live in the Parish of Strangford and Kilclief, you are invited to the St Vincent de Paul annual Christmas lunch scheduled for Tuesday 8th December in the Cuan at 3pm.

Numbers are limited so if you wish to attend please register your interest as soon as possible or at least by Monday 30th November.

To book your place please ring Mary on 07709869448. If you have any dietary requirements please give details when booking. Book now to avoid disappointment as once the number limit is reached, bookings will close!

GIVE BLOOD Save Lives

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

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.

Parish of Saul & Ballee Mini Christmas Fair

Saturday 12th December (after 5pm Mass) &
Sunday 13th December (after 9.30am Mass)
in the meeting rooms, Parochial house, Saul.

Cake stall, Tombola, Handmade Christmas Craft items, Handmade Wreaths. There will be a small raffle which will be drawn at the end of the fair on Sunday 13th December.
All proceeds from the fair and raffle will go towards heating our Churches over the winter months.

Everyone welcome!!

Please note this is cash only – unfortunately there are no facilities for card payment.
We need donations of small value, new/unused items for our tombola.
We will also need donations of cakes/buns/traybakes/biscuits etc to sell on our cake stall.

Fountain Foodbank Annual Christmas Appeal

Once again this Christmas, Fountain Foodbank is asking for your support and generosity for those in need in our community.

On each of the coming four weekends of Advent you are asked to please consider bringing an item or items of ***NON-PERISHABLE*** food for use in food parcels to be distributed before Christmas to those in need in our parish and wider local community.

Items of non-perishable food that are sought include tins of beans, soup, tuna, fruit, spaghetti, ham, corned beef, meals/pies, peas, carrots, sweetcorn and cooking sauces.
In addition, boxes of cereal, teabags, coffee as well as packets of biscuits, pasta and rice are very welcome. Toiletries and cleaning products are also sought by the Foodbank.
All donations, no matter how small, make a difference to those in food poverty.

Throughout Advent a large, marked donation box will be available in Strangford and Kilclief churches. Donations from Saul & Ballee can be left in the Church or the Parish office (during office hours). Thank you in advance for your support and generosity!

Kilclief Ben Dearg AGM will be held in the clubrooms on Wednesday 25th November 2026 at 7pm. Everyone welcome.

Legion of Mary - Our Lady of Good Counsel Presidium Downpatrick are celebrating their annual mass for deceased legionnaires on Monday 23rd November at 7.30 pm in St Patrick's Church, Downpatrick. All active and auxiliary members are invited to attend.
Also the Fatima Statue is available to anyone who would like to have it in their home for a few weeks. Contact Geraldine at 07845422723 and we can deliver it.

Week of Witness for Persecuted Christians - One in ten Christians, 220 million people, live in countries where they are persecuted for their faith. The charity Aid to the Church in Need, which works to support them, is organising a Week of Witness from November 15-22 to highlight their plight with a special appeal for parishioners to pray for the suffering Church on 'Red Wednesday' November 18. More information is available at www.acnireland.org

Annual Mass for Deceased Diocesan Clergy & Religious on Tuesday 24th of November at 7.30pm in St Peter's {Cathedral}, Belfast. In particular we remember and offer Mass for those who have died in this past year.

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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