

Downpatrick Family of Parishes
Parishes of Saul & Ballee and Kilclief

Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Sunday 9th February 2025

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 9 th February	9.30am			11am	12noon
Mon 10 th February	10am	7.30pm			
Tuesday 11 th February	10am				
Weds 12 th February	10am				
Thurs 13 th February					
Friday 14 th February	7pm			9.30am	
Sat 15 th February	5pm	6.30pm			
Sunday 16 th February	9.30am		12noon	11am	

Masses are available to view online at www.saulandballeeparish.com and www.churchmedia.tv

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 in St Patrick's Church, Saul each Tuesday from 10am, Holy Hour from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. Adoration resumes from 7pm to 8pm

Please Note – Change to Parish office hours

The Parish office in Saul will be open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9.30am to 12noon. The office will be closed each Wednesday until further notice.

The Parish office hours in Strangford remain the same – Monday 1pm to 3pm.

Recently Deceased

Very Rev Canon Noel Conway PE
Very Rev Fr Brendan Smyth PP

Parish of Saul & Ballee

Months Mind Mass Eileen Connor on Sunday 16th February at 12noon in St Joseph's

Anniversary Masses

Saturday 8th February – Maeve Black

Sunday 9th February – Maura McKervey (9.30am), Thomas Hamill (12noon)

Tuesday 11th February – Chris Lavery

Friday 14th February – Eileen & Hugh McGrath

Saturday 15th February – Claire & Micáel McGrady

Friday 21st February – Patrick, Catherine & Pat McGreevy

Saturday 22nd February – Bernadette Hynds

Parish of Kilclief

Months Mind Masses

Jim & Bridget Seed on Friday 14th February at 9.30am in St Malachy's

Gerard Kearney on Sunday 16th February at 11am in St Malachy's

Anniversary Masses

Saturday 8th February – James & Mary Hynds, Alan Dorrington Snr, Alan Dorrington Jnr

Sunday 9th February – Madeline Beattie

Friday 14th February – Rosena & Claire Seed

Monday 17th February – Alfie Gilmore, Philomena Gilmore

Saturday 22nd February – Frances Hynds, George & Elizabeth Branney, Gerry Braniff

Sunday 23rd February – Kathleen Bennett

Monthly Stipends and 3rd Sunday Collections

Thank you so much for your generosity to the Parish collections, for the warmth of your welcome, your encouragement, advice and support.

I was asked by a couple of Parishioners about how the monthly stipend now works. All Parish Priests are on a fixed salary and have been for many years now. My monthly salary is £1,562 (50% payable from Saul and 50% payable from Kilclief) and the monthly stipend collection goes towards paying that.

The 3 Special collections at Christmas, Easter and October (Autumn) goes towards making up that total in Parishes.

Now that there is only the one Priest covering both Parishes the excess goes to the central fund to make up that figure in the poorer Parishes.

I hope this answers any questions you may have and clarify where your contributions actually goes.

The details of the 3rd Sunday collections will be put in the bulletin the previous week so that you know exactly where your contributions are going.

Please, never be afraid to ask me about anything in the Parish.

Fr Aidan

Hymns for February - Saul

Colours of Day	202
In bread we bring you Lord	362
I watch the sunrise	378
How great thou art	529

300 Club – Winners of the final draw for 2024/2025

1st Prize £500 – Peter Ramsey
2nd Prize £250 – Ronnie McQuoid
3rd Prize £100 – Rory McMullan
Congratulations and thank you for your support.

The 300 Club draw raised a total of £12,598.06

The draw will continue for a further 12 months with the first draw for 2025/2026 taking place on Monday 7th April 2025 and on the first Monday of each month thereafter.

Membership remains at £60 for the year – payable by BACS, cash, cheque, card (in person at the Parish office) or via standing order.

If you wish to remain in the draw please contact your promotor or if you wish to join the draw please contact Amanda at the Parish office. The draw is open to everyone!

Our Lady of Knock Novena each Monday evening in Stella Maris, Strangford at 7.10pm

St Malachy's Cemetery, Kilclief – can all old holly wreaths and dead floral arrangements please be removed from the graves prior to the start of the cutting season (end of February). Thank you for your co-operation.

Pilgrimage to Slemish

The Family of Parishes have organised a Pilgrimage to Slemish on 14th June 2025, leaving St. Patrick's Church Car Park at 9.30am and returning for approx 5.00pm

Those who are comfortable and able to climb Slemish are invited to do so, however, those with Motability issues or who are not comfortable with the climb, are welcome to join us for the day. The cost for the bus is £5 per person payable via the Parish Office to secure your seat. Please bring a packed lunch and wear suitable clothing/footwear.

Booking is strictly through Downpatrick Parish Office Tel 02844612084 Monday - Thursday 9.15am - 2pm.

Cost is payable on booking.

Inverbrena Draw – February winners

1st Prize – Paricia Fitzsimons

2nd Prize – Nuala Hynds

3rd Prize – Sinead McCartan

Pilgrims of Hope – Saturday 29th March is the first of three days in our Diocese called “24 hours for the Lord”. The focus will be on confession and reconciliation. The sessions will take place in Downpatrick, further details to follow.

Annual Divine Mercy Conference takes place in the RDS, Dublin over the weekend of 21st, 22nd and 23rd February. It is our third conference to be held at the RDS since COVID so we would really appreciate the support of dioceses and parishes across Ireland to ensure it is well attended.

The theme of this year’s conference is **‘Repent...so a time of refreshing may come’** (Acts 3:19-22). By choosing this theme, we hope that the content and outcome of the conference will encourage the people of Ireland in coming to repentance on the journey back to God in these challenging times.

We ask all parishes to encourage people to attend the conference in February.

go bear fruit.
sharing CHRIST
A SEVEN-WEEK MISSION

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK WITH CONFIDENCE TO OTHERS ABOUT YOUR FAITH?

DOES THE IDEA OF DOING THAT INTIMIDATE YOU A LITTLE?

sharing CHRIST

a seven-week mission that will train parishioners in our **Community of Parishes** to share Jesus Christ with others and invite them to be part of the Church.

The mission will run on six Tuesday nights in Lent (starting 4 March) with a retreat day on Sat 12 April.

Venue - Parochial House Downpatrick
Time: 7.15 pm
To register or for further information call Mary on 028 4461 2084

See your parish bulletin and social media platforms for further details

Responding in Lent **Called to be Pilgrims of Hope**

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

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