

Downpatrick Family of Parishes
Parishes of Saul & Ballee and Kilclief

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time, Sunday 23rd 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 23 rd February	9.30am			11am	12noon
Mon 24 th February	10am	7.30pm			
Tuesday 25 th February	10am				
Weds 26 th February	10am				
Thurs 27 th February					
Friday 28 th February	7pm			9.30am	
Saturday 1 st March	5pm	6.30pm			
Sunday 2 nd March	9.30am		12noon	11am	

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

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

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

Parish of Saul & Ballee

Recently Deceased Brigid Burns

Anniversary Masses

Saturday 22nd February – Bernadette Hynds
Sunday 23rd February – Anna & John Curran
Friday 28th February – Cormac Artt
Saturday 1st March – Canon Paddy Daly

Parish of Kilclief

Recently Deceased Moira Gilmore, Nicole Croke

Anniversary: Brendan Sharvin

Anniversary Masses

Saturday 22nd February – Frances Hynds, George & Elizabeth Branney, Gerry Braniff
Sunday 23rd February – Kathleen Bennett
Monday 24th February – Monica McGrattan, David Stringer
Saturday 1st March – Bobby Magee, Bill Fay, Michael Tumelty, Gertie Crangle
Monday 3rd March – Catherine O’Neill

Fr Brendan Smyth’s Months Mind Mass will be celebrated on Friday 7th March at 7.30pm in St Patrick’s Church, Downpatrick

	Saul & Ballee	Kilclief
Weekly Collection	£1,694.20	£845.93
Sick & Retired Priests	£934.60	£708.13

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). **The skip is strictly for the disposal of flowers and wreaths ONLY, not for unwanted furniture.** Thank you for your co-operation.

300 Club Monthly Fundraising Draw

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!

Pastoral Councils - There will be a formation day for all members of our Pastoral Councils in the Lecale District on Saturday 1st March in the Crypt at St Patrick’s Church, Downpatrick from 10.30am to 4pm. It is designed for current members, new members and anyone who may be interested in joining. Please give your name to Amanda to secure your place.

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.

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.

Musical Director - Downpatrick Parish are seeking to recruit a versatile and talented musician with experience in choral directing, who has the ability to inspire, train and rehearse choir members to a high standard. The successful candidate will be a proficient organist, with experience of directing and conducting a choir of young people in a church setting. Reporting to the Parish Priest, the terms are based on a permanent appointment requiring initially 4 hours per week, with the potential to increasing hours with the development of the role. Attendance will be for Saturday night Vigil Mass; other hours of attendance and work pattern to be agreed with the Parish Priest. Ability to work flexible hours is required from the post holder from time to time. Hourly rate and other relative terms are available within the application pack which is available at <http://www.downandconnor.org/job-vacancies> /or alternatively on the Community NI website. Application Packs are also available from Downpatrick Parish Office. **Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Tuesday 25 February 2025**

Give Blood, Save Lives – the next blood donation session will take place in Bright Community Centre on Friday 14th March from 12.30pm to 7pm. This is by appointment only – scan the QR Code on the poster, go to www.NIBTS.org or phone 08085 534653 to book your appointment.

Singer-songwriter Dana will sing Our Lady of Knock, and her new songs for St Patrick (Light The Fire) and St Brigid at a special evening in The Saint Patrick Centre, Downpatrick, on Friday 14th March at 7.30pm. Dana will also share stories of her life and faith journey, and perform the songs which brought her around the world including her Eurovision hit, *All Kinds of Everything*. Tickets are £20 and can be obtained from Eventbrite. More information from The Saint Patrick Centre 02844 619000.

Down & Connor Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025: Celebrating the Jubilee Year and our 40th Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage: 9th/10th July – 15th/16th July. 5 & 7 night options available. Please visit www.downandconnor.org/lourdes for more information or call the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 9077 0162 or email lourdes@downandconnor.org
Youth Team (9-16th July): applications now open (see website for details)

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Fatima – flying from Belfast International Airport. 7 Nights F/B Avenida Hotel 30th July/6th August. Spiritual Director Fr Martin Graham Adm. Convenient flight times. £885pps. For further details contact Joe Catney 07776425631. Also 28th May/4th June.

Hearts on Fire Conference – Bishop McGuickian has offered 7 places to our Family of Parishes to attend the Down & Connor conference on Parish renewal, Hearts on Fire, at the Hilton Hotel, Belfast on 25th and 26th June. Hearts on Fire will be a special gathering that seeks to explore key themes central to the renewal of the Church and will build on the theme of Jesus, Hope of the World. The programme features a variety of speakers who have deep expertise and a heart for this mission as well as a series of workshops to inspire and empower attendees in their journey of faith. Early booking rate of £75 for 2-day tickets if booked before 28th March – after 28th March the cost increases to £90 for a 2-day ticket and £45 for a 1-day ticket. For further information please contact the Parish office.

"Hope" – A Retreat for Those Discerning the Priesthood

Are you considering the call to the priesthood? Join us for a Vocation to the Priesthood Retreat from 7th – 9th March at Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne. This year's theme, "Priests as Men of Hope," invites us to reflect on the joy and strength that come from trusting in God's plan. To book a place or for more information, contact the Vocations Director: Fr Conor McGrath at c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org.

Let us all continue to pray for vocations in our diocese:

Prayer for Vocations
Heavenly Father,
You are the source of all hope and the giver of every good gift.
Raise up men with hearts open to your call,
ready to serve your Church as priests,
bringing hope, healing, and the light of Christ to the world.
Give them courage to say "yes" to your will,
and bless our diocese with holy and faithful shepherds.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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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