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GH TYRES: 40a Glenavy Road, Crumlin. Punctures repairs, Wheel Balancing, Wheel Alignment, Batteries, General service and repairs Tel:94423113. We have moved to the top of the yard.

ST. JOSEPH'S GAC LOTTO RESULTS: 8 Dec 2016 **8-18-19-23**. No winner. 3Nos Winner: P Hayes, L Mal-lon. Lucky Dips: James Doone, Monica Heatley, Dermot Hanna. Next week's Jackpot £2,300.

ST JOSEPH'S G.A.C. GLENAVY are holding their Annual Christmas Charity Quiz on Wednesday 28 December at 8.30pm in the Fiddlers Inn, Crumlin. Proceeds are in aid of Crohn's and Colitis UK (local NI Group). All welcome to support this good cause.

ST. JAMES GAC LOTTO RESULTS: 4 Dec 2016, **2-3-15-20**. No winner. £15: Paddy O'Neill, £10: Lugs. Next week's Jackpot: £1,400.

BALLYMACRICKETT PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY UNIT: Open Evening: Monday 12th December 2016. Principal's talk at 7:00pm followed by a tour of the school. Everyone including parents/guardians of prospective Nursery and Primary 1 children are welcome to attend. (Application forms for admission to Ballymacrickett Primary School and Nursery Unit for September 2017 are now available in the school.)

EXPERIENCED KEY STAGE 2 TEACHERS AVAILABLE for Literacy and Numeracy support and Transfer Test preparation. For more information or to book a place please call: 07594706878

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GLENAVY AND KILLEAD BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: A member of the Bethany Group may be contacted on the following phone number 07746032796.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL Emergency Helpline Crumlin/Aldergrove 02894423759.
New members needed, for further details please contact the helpline number.

To book St Clare's Community Hall please PHONE: 075 1777 9334.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE: 80'S DISCO 27 DEC

CALLING ALL TRADITIONAL MUSICIANS, singers and storytellers to come along to a get together in St Clare's Hall on the last Sunday of each month from . Next session Sunday 18th December 3-6pm. Entry £3 includes refreshments. Contact Tricia 07821905672

GLENCLARE FRIENDSHIP GROUP meets every Wednesday in St Clare's Community Hall 10.30—3.00pm .

Parish Bingo

in St Clare's Community Hall

Thursdays at 8.00pm sharp-9.30pm approx.

Jackpot £1,000 in 53 Numbers

Line£15 House £25

Scoop £25 Line House £50

Game 9 if Jackpot not won, House £50



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 11 DECEMBER 2016

Very Rev Fr Colm McBride PP: St Joseph's Presbytery, 59 Chapel Road, Glenavy, 94459560
Rev Chris McGuinness, CC Mater Dei Presbytery, Glenavy Road, Crumlin, 94452941
Parish Office at St Joseph's Glenavy:
Monday - Friday 10am - 3pm.
Office Closed 1.00 - 2.00pm
Secretary: Máire Rafferty Tel: 028 94422278
Email: glenavy@downandconnor.org

John the Baptist was a man of passionate commitment to what he believed in. He strongly believed in the coming of the Christ. This man of faith was being tested in that Jesus was a different type of Christ or Messiah from what he expected. He often won-dered who the Messiah would be.

John was a man with a lot of conviction and truth. He preached what he believed. He practised what he taught.

But he seemed to miss the point sometimes. He seemed to miss that Jesus would be found, not in preaching only but in help-ing others. John preached repentance for sin; Jesus preached the coming of the kingdom.

The blind would see, and the lame would walk – these were to be signs of the coming of the 'One to come'.

Pope Francis says: 'There is no prayer in which Jesus does not inspire us to do something/ Our faith in Jesus is seen in strong action. The poor are helped at our pre-Christmas collections. We might ask not what we might get for Christmas, but how our Christmas might help others. We might ask that Christmas will be happy for others because of us – happy in body, with enough food for every family, hap-py in mind that we know the truth of God's coming into the world, and happy in forgiveness, as that is one of God's biggest gifts.


What is the good news of Jesus for you just now?

Lord, let me believe that your life is good news and share this good news with all I meet in word and action.

Donal Neary SJ

Gospel Reflections for Sundays of Year A: Matthew

THE S.V.D.P. ANNUAL COLLECTION will be taken today Sunday 11 December to help the society meet extra demands for assistance at Christmas. Gift Aid envelopes will be available in the porch of Mater Dei.

12 December—18 December			Mass Intentions	
	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James	Feumore
Mon	9.30am	7.00pm		
Tue		9.30am		
Wed		9.30am Baby Jodie Lee		
Thurs	9.30am			
Fri	9.30am			
Sat	10.00am	7.00 pm Stephen Brown		
Sun	9.30am 12.00 noon Hugh Faloon	10.30am Heloise & James Mulholland 12.30pm Ena White	9.00am	10.45am

REQUIESCANT IN PACE



RECENTLY DECEASED: Mary Murray (nee McGarrell)

MONTH'S MIND: Sarah Martin

ANNIVERSARIES: William McAteer, Henry Daly, Gerardine Cummins, Sr Miriam Therese O'Brien (Colette), Molly McPeake, Rosemary Henry, Cissie Brazier, Baby Jodie Lee, Nan McLoman, James & Mary Doone, John Joseph Patterson and Peter Patterson

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS: A Sanctuary Lamp burns for a week in each of our four churches. If you would like to dedicate a lamp for a loved one or a special intention please contact the Parish Office. There is a suggested offering of £5. This week's dedications: **Sarah & Jim McGarry and McGarry Family, McMaster Family.**

SICK: Fr Chris will attend his sick and housebound Monday –Friday this week.

CAROL SERVICE ST AIDAN'S CHURCH Sunday 18 December at 6.30pm. The Rev John Rutter extends a warm invitation to parishioners to join in this Annual Service. Refreshments afterwards in the Parish Hall.

GRAND TURKEY PARISH WHIST in St Clare's Community Hall Sunday 11 December at 7pm. Last chance to win a Turkey! In aid of Parish funds/St Clare's Community Hall. Score cards (including a light supper) £5.

All welcome including beginners



Parish Bazaar:

The Parish Bazaar held last Sunday afternoon raised the sum of **£10,747**. On behalf of our parish community I wish to acknowledge and thank the extra-ordinary generosity of the many individuals and businesses in the Crumlin and Glenavy area and beyond who donated prizes or provided materials to make the Bazaar such a success.

Thank you to everyone, who, from every end of the parish came along on the day and gave their support. All of the proceeds will be used to reduce the parish debt.

This is a outstanding achievement by everyone involved. Thanks to the team of volunteers on the Bazaar Committee and those who assisted on the day. May God bless you all.

Fr Mc Bride P.P.

CHRISTMAS PENITENTIAL SERVICES.

The dates for the Parish Penitential Services within our Pastoral Community Area are:

Glenavy and Killead	Sunday 18 Dec 7.00pm	Mater Dei Church Crumlin
Lisburn (Blaris)	Sunday 11 Dec 3.00pm	St Patrick's Church Lisburn
Aghagallon	Saturday 17 Dec 11am—2pm	St Patrick's Church Aghagallon

STORMONT ROSARY VIGIL FOR LIFE- Please join us in a beautiful candlelight Rosary Vigil for the protection of Ireland's unborn babies at **Parliament Buildings, Stormont** (Main Gates) Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast at **7.30pm** this **Monday 12th December**, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadeloupe. For more information contact Rosary Crusade for Ireland on [028 9027 8484](tel:02890278484) or info@preciouslife.com

ST JOSEPH'S CLEANING GROUP: we want to give St Joseph's Church a Big Clean for Christmas, so if you could come on Friday 16th December between 6—6.30pm to help it would be great. Please bring your mop and Hoover. Many hands make light work.

SAINT PIO (PADRE PIO) 2017 CALENDARS will be available at the Back of Mater Dei and Glenavy Church Porch. Priced at 2 Each.

WELCOME MINISTRY: Fr Colm and the Parish Pastoral Council are most grateful to all who have volunteered to become Greeters at the weekend Masses as part of our Welcome Ministry. To prepare parishioners for this important ministry, a training evening will be held on Monday 12 December at 7.30pm in the Portacabin behind Mater Dei Church. Jim Deeds from Living Church will conduct the training, which will last for about one hour, followed by light refreshments.

All parishioners are most welcome to attend, even if you have not yet put your name forward to become a greeter at Mass.

COLLECTION: 04/12/2016

Weekly Offering: £2,701

Thank you for your generosity

NEW PARISH DRAW 32ND WEEK

Congratulations

£100 Vincent Foster

£50 Bernadette Nelson

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