

ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS BISHOPS' STATEMENT SUMMARY

A BETTER FUTURE: TOWARDS A CULTURE OF LIFE, CARE AND HOPE FOR ALL

"Voting for those who will govern our society is a moral act. Each vote cast, or not cast, potentially influences the values that will shape future law and policy" – see catholicbishops.ie for the bishops' media statement and for the pastoral reflection on the Assembly Elections.

"We appeal for a new and more constructive political culture, one based on a shared commitment to the common good and the priorities of citizens rather than on traditional constitutional issues" – see catholicbishops.ie for the bishops' media statement and for the pastoral reflection on the Assembly Elections.

"The social and moral teaching of the Church is clear, that it is never morally acceptable to support any policy that undermines the sacred inviolability of the right to life of an innocent person in any circumstances" – see catholicbishops.ie for the bishops' media statement and for the pastoral reflection on the Assembly Elections

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

GLENCLARE FRIENDSHIP GROUP Wednesday's 11.00am—3.00pm.

BOWLS: Every Monday & Wednesday 8-10pm

EC GYMNASTICS: Saturdays 5-8pm

DR JIVE: Wednesday's 8pm beginners welcome, no partner required

PILATES: Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday . Booking essential. Tel Gemma on 07738111281

BRAZIER SCHOOL OF DANCE: Tuesday 5-6pm

BOOK CLUB third Tuesday of the month

GLENNAVY WI: Meets 4th Tuesday of every month. Next meeting Tuesday 28 February at 7.30pm

TRADITIONAL MUSICIANS SINGERS AND STORYTELLERS last Sunday of each month 7-9pm. Contact Tricia 07821905672.

MONTHLY WHIST DRIVE last Friday of the Month at 8pm.

COFFEE MORNING TO LAUNCH THE ADULT AND CHILD GROUP will take place on Friday 3rd March from 10.00am—to 12noon. The adult and child group will also meet for the first time at 10.00am

SPRING CRAFTS FOR CHILDREN 11.00am—1pm Saturday 11 March. Crafts are suitable for pre-schoolers & primary school children

Bingo

in St Clare's Community Hall

Thursdays at 8.00pm sharp-9.30pm approx.



**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
26TH FEBRUARY 2017**

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
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Ash Wednesday

1st March 2017


Ashes will distributed during Mass at 9.30am in Mater Dei and at 7.30pm in St Joseph's.



*Turn away from sin
and be faithful to the gospel*

A day of obligatory fast and abstinence. We try to reduce the amount of food or drink or some other pleasure, in atonement for our sin, or/and in solidarity with those in the world who don't have any choice in the matter.

**Trocaire Boxes are now available from the church porches .
Parishioners are asked to take one .**

27 February		5 March		Mass Intentions	
	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James	Feumore	
Mon	9.30am	7.00pm Leonard Martin			
Tue		9.30am Henry Phillips Snr			
Wed	Ash Wednesday 7.30pm	Ash Wednesday 9.30am			
Thurs	9.30am Patrick MacCreanor (1st)				
Fri	9.30am Ellie McCann				
Sat	10.00am Jim Mulholland Month's Mind	7.00 pm Martin McKee			
Sun	9.30am William & Mary Pauline Eastwood 12.00 noon James Savage (1st)	10.30am 12.30pm Bernadette Nelson	9.00am James McGann	10.45am Mary O'Loughlin	

REQUIESCANT IN PACE



RECENTLY DECEASED: Michael Loney, Rita McCorry, Cathal Doherty (Kircubbin)

MONTH'S MIND: Eileen Gillen and Jim Mulholland

ANNIVERSARIES: Grace Meharg (1st), Leonard Martin (1st), Mary & John Earley, Rosaleen Green (1st), Kathleen Lavery, Patrick MacCreanor (1st), Rosemary Barber, Ignatius Jordan, Henry Phillips Snr, Mary Hughes, Andrew Maxwell, James, Elizabeth, Kathleen, Seamus and Dan McKavanagh, James Moore, Anne, Jack and Bill Collins, Hugh McCauley, Lizzie & Willie McGarry, Ellie McCann, Joe McPeake, Kathleen McNee, Noel McNee, George Brown, Natalie Greig, Bridie McCorry, Terry McLoman,

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:

Benny, Special Intention,

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING CRUMLIN /ALDERGROVE. Our next meeting is due on Monday 27 February in the portacabin after Mass.

PREPARE FOR THE PASCHAL MYSTERY BY ENTERING THE SACRED SPACE: The Sacred Space book for Lent will be on sale this weekend price £2.50

A sum of money has been found in St Joseph's Church. Please contact the Parish Office.

COLLECTION: 19/02/2017

Weekly Offering: £2,230
Sick and Retired Priests: £1,530
Thank you for your generosity

PARISH DRAW WEEK 43

Winner £100: Jacinta Brankin Feumore
Winner £50: Rosaleen Burns Glenavy
 Thank you for your continued support

THE 5 FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTIONS TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY: The **third** of the First Saturdays devotions will take place in St Joseph's Church on 4th March at 10.00am

COME AND SEE: BEGINNING THE LENTEN JOURNEY

Start Lent off well with a day of guided prayer in St Clare's Community Hall on Saturday 4th March, 2017 from 10.30am -3.30pm.

Accept an invitation to take some time out, to encounter God in his Word and to deepen your relationship with Him. This quiet day will comprise elements of guided scripture meditation, reflection and an opportunity to chat about where God can be found in your everyday life. The day will be led by the Down and Connor Prayer Guides.

Pope Francis reminds us that during Lent **"Christians are asked to return to God 'with all their hearts' (Joel 2: 12)...and to grow in friendship with the Lord...At the basis of everything is the Word of God which during this season we are invited to hear and ponder more deeply.... The Word is a gift. Other persons are a gift."** -Pope Francis, Message for Lent 2017

Come and share in God's gift

(A light lunch will be provided so, for catering purposes, please register your attendance with the Parish Office 028 94422278)

After Easter we will build on this day of encountering God personally by offering parishioners an opportunity for Spiritual Accompaniment. This is a process which involves meeting on a regular and individual basis with a trained Spiritual Companion to explore and reflect on your relationship with God, to grow in that relationship as well as a means to develop your prayer life. So watch this space!

PARISH LENTEN PROGRAMME

For all Christians this is a season for deep reflection and prayer to discern and review the ways we are living out our baptismal call to be 'missionary disciples' (Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel, 24)

Ash Wednesday, 1st March, marks the beginning of the Lenten Season. Lent is a time for reflecting, sharing and living the gospel so as to prepare ourselves to better receive the risen Christ into our hearts at Easter. To encourage parishioners in this preparation the Parish is offering a number of different events.

Our Lenten programme is as follows:

Ash Wednesday 1st March

Mass and the distribution of ashes at 9.30am Mater Dei Church and 7.30pm St Joseph's Church.

Praying the Scriptures in Lent: A Journey with Jesus

Every Thursday of Lent in St Joseph's Annex after the 9.30am Mass, beginning Thursday 2nd March through to Thursday 6th April.

This is a way of drawing closer to God in prayer through His Word by reading scriptures together slowly, reflecting deeply and savouring the words of our loving God.

Stations of the Cross

Every Tuesday and Thursday evenings during Lent, beginning on Thursday 2nd March, Mater Dei Church, Crumlin, at 7pm and Tuesday 7th March, St Joseph's Church, Glenavy, at 7pm

The Stations or Way of the Cross is a pilgrimage, a journey that follows Christ's path of suffering and death. Pope Francis encourages us to set out on a pilgrimage of conversion to become kinder, more generous and more merciful people. This year we will pray with the Stations of the Cross based on Pope Francis' encyclical on the care of the Earth, *Laudato Si*.

TWO BOOKS SACRED READING AND LET THE READER UNDERSTAND appear to have been borrowed from the bookstand in St Joseph's Church. It is good to see that they were seen to be interesting but could they be returned please because these books are for use in the church only.

ADORATION

Feamore Mon 11.00am—12noon
Mater Dei Wed 10.00am—12noon and 6.00pm—9.00pm
St Joseph's Thurs 7.00pm—10.00pm
St James Mon 5.00pm—8.00pm

If you are unable to attend please contact Sheila McLernon on 94 071858 (please note change in number)

100TH ANNIVERSARY TO FATIMA: Special Pilgrimage 22-29 June 2017. 7 days full board, en-suite, all inclusive. Spiritual Director Rev Fr John Hanna CSSR. For details contact Rita O'Neill 90623186

ADOPTION: Family Care Adoption Services is presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children. For a free information pack please contact us at: Telephone: 028 71 368592, 028 90 691133 Monday to Friday 9 – 1 p.m.
Email: anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org Website: www.familycaresociety.co.uk

MARRIED COUPLES: Gift yourselves a special weekend break together to boost and refresh your relationship by making a **Marriage Renewal Weekend**. The next Weekend will be at The Creggan Court Hotel, Athlone from 3rd to 5th March 2017. For more info and / or to book, visit www.marriageencounter.ie or call (087) 784 0408. Weekends are presented by **Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland**.

TOBAR MUIRE ASH WEDNESDAY DAY OF PRAYER. Survivors of human trafficking suffer unbelievable physical and psychological trauma from which it can take a long time to recover. We invite you to join us for a day of Prayer and Solidarity with those who are victims of human trafficking beginning with Mass and the distribution of ashes at 9.00am followed by a day of Adoration in the chapel. In the evening we will host a Prayer Service with Ashes beginning at 7.00pm during which we will remember those exploited through human trafficking, At 8.00pm we invite you to join us for a presentation on the plight of people who have been trafficked. Please feel welcome to come for either or both evening sessions. For further information: Contact Tobar Mhuire T: 02844830242 Email: secretary@tobarmhuirecrossgar.com

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES: Airport Transport and 7 nights B&B €279. Tel. 01 4434510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com

SPRED (Down & Connor) is an independent organisation that promotes the spiritual and catechetical development of those with learning disabilities within the Diocese of Down and Connor. SPRED is looking to recruit a Director who will be responsible for the recruitment, training and development of our volunteers and will be accountable for forming and maintaining a strong and comprehensive network of community and Diocesan relationships in pursuit of the Organisation's mission and goals. For more information on the position and how to apply, please contact the Secretary at spreddc@gmail.com . Closing date for applications 4.00pm on the Friday 3rd March 2017

TRAINING FOR INFORMAL CAREGIVERS- ALZHEIMER'S SOCIETY :Six week training course for people who care for friends, family or neighbours with dementia. Dr John McKelvey Community Centre, Kilmakevit Drive, Cullybackey, Tuesday 28th February between 7-9pm and runs for 6 weeks. Please contact Sarah McLaughlin 07860258728 to book a place