

HEALING SERVICE. Fri 31st March at 10.00am in Annex of St Joseph's Church, Chapel Road. Everyone welcome.

GH TYRES AND AUTO SERVICES: 40a Glenavy Road, Crumlin. Punctures repairs, Wheel Balancing, Wheel Alignment, Batteries, General service and repairs Tel:94423113.

ST. JOSEPH'S GAC LOTTO RESULTS: 16 March : 13-18-22-23. No Winner. 3 No's Winner: Margaret Brankin. Lucky Dip: Doreen Lavery, Sean Ruddy and Denise O'Boyle. Next Week's Jackpot £850.

ST. JOSEPH'S GAC LOTTO RESULTS: 23 March: 1-7-12-17 No Winner. £ No's Winner: Hugh Brankin, Claire Armstrong. Lucky Dip: Kathy Armstrong, Sharon Hope, SAtrah O'Neill

ST. JAMES GAC LOTTO RESULTS: . 19 March 2-16-19-24. No Winner. £15. Mick McCann , £10: Joe Matthews. Next week's Jackpot £700.

KILLULTAGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY will meet next on Thursday 30 March in Crumlin Community Centre at 8pm. The speaker this month Denis & Jill Wilson. The Topic: The Road to Mandalay. New members welcome.

GRAND PARISH WHIST in St Clare's Community Hall Friday 31 March at 8pm. **Top prize £50.** In aid of Parish funds. Score cards (including a light supper) £5. **All welcome** including beginners

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

'FRIDAY MORNING' CUP OF TEA/COFFEE IN ST. CLARE'S COMMUNITY HALL after 9.30 Mass. All welcome. Please use the patio door to the right. Proceeds in aid of the hall .

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 0773811281

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.

COUNTRY CABARET DANCE WITH TONY KERR AND FRIENDS, (Crawford Bell & Joe Moore). A night of Country Classics, Friday 7th April. Doors open 6.30pm—show time 8.00pm. Tickets £10. Door £12. All profits to Freeman Heart & Lung Transplant Association.

Bingo

in St Clare's Community Hall

Thursdays at 8.00pm sharp-9.30pm approx.

Jackpot £1,000 in 45 Numbers

Line£15 House £25

Scoop £25 Line House £50

Game 9 if Jackpot not won, House £50

Congratulations to Bingo Jackpot Winner Mrs Sarah Duffy.

Next week's Jackpot £1,000 in 45 Numbers



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 26TH MARCH 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.
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THE EYE OF FAITH

Some saw a blind man being cured and walked on amazed. Others saw the same cures and found faith. We can see things – everyday things – with different eyes. A sick woman may be seen with the eye of compassion for illness, hope for a cure/ profit from a profession. The Christian tries to see the world with the eye of faith.

Faith grows in many ways – by opening ourselves to our human desire for God, by mulling over the good things of life/ by experiencing the good within ourselves/ by looking over times of faith in the past and by allowing the goodness of others to bring us to new and stronger faith. This is the call of the gospel today – to open our eyes to the Lord who is at work in many ways.

We learn to see and love with the eye of faith by looking at the look of Jesus towards us. It is often a big jump to believe in what we cannot see. Even the blind man today was reminded by Jesus "You are looking at the Son of Man/ he is speaking to you." Jesus looks at each of us with faith in our goodness and with love.

Maybe we can walk around in this atmosphere of faith, "seeing" God in a flower, in a parent holding a child's hand, in a person pushing a wheelchair with courage/ and notice that in many ways God is near and the presence of Jesus is at hand.


Let this verse echo in your mind from the hymn: Amazing Grace

*I once was lost and now am found,
was blind and now I see.*

Lord, let me see you in the simple things of my life.

*Donal Neary SJ:
Gospel Reflections for Sundays of Year A*



27 March		2nd April		Mass Intentions	
	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James	Feumore	
Mon	9.30am Sheila Murtagh (1st)	7.00pm John Kelly			
Tue	7.00pm Stations of the Cross	9.30am Holy Souls			
Wed	7.00pm Dolores Armstrong	9.30am Holy Souls			
Thurs	9.30am 4.00pm Confirmation	11.00am Confirmation 7.00pm Stations of the Cross			
Fri	9.30am				
Sat	10.00am Kevin Nelson	7.00 pm Kathleen & James Brankin			
Sun	9.30am Vincent McKavanagh 12.00 noon Jimmy Heatley & Elizabeth Heatley	10.30am Moore & Reilly Families 12.30pm Michael Loney Month's Mind	9.00am	10.45am	

REQUIESCANT IN PACE



MONTH'S MIND: .Michael Loney

ANNIVERSARIES: Lily Toland (1st), Annie Devereux (1st), Sheila Murtagh (1st), Patrick McMenamin, Deceased members of the Connolly Family, Jimmy Magee, Christopher McCloskey, James Doone Snr, John Doone, Joseph Doone, John Heatley, Jimmy Magee, Brendan Hamill, John Kelly, Gerard Brazier, Margaret McGarry, Elizabeth Jane Skelton, Dolores Armstrong, Simon Donnelly, Francis Mulholland, Andrew Murphy, John Murphy, Dolores Armstrong, James Eddie Brankin, Jimmy McBrinn, Vincent Bell, Kevin Nelson

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:

Special Intentions (S&E), Paul Murphy, Church Unity, Holy Souls

FIRST CONFESSION: Congratulations to the boys and girls of Primary 3 in Ballymacrickett Primary School who made their First Confession on Friday past at 11.00am in St Joseph's Church. Thank you to the teachers and classroom assistants for all their work in preparing the children. The girls and boys of St Joseph's Primary School will make their First Confession on Friday 7 April at 11.00am in Mater Dei Church.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: The girls and boys of Primary 7 in our parish primary schools will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on this Thursday 30 March. Bishop Anthony Farquhar (*retired*) will be the celebrant.

The children from St Joseph's P.S will celebrate the Sacrament at 11.00am in Mater Dei Church. The children from Ballymacrickett will celebrate the Sacrament at 4.00pm. in St Joseph's Church. Please pray for the children and their families at this very important stage of their faith journey.

THE 5 FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTIONS TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY: The **fourth** of the First Saturdays devotions will take place in St Joseph's Church on 1st April at 10.00am

PARISH LENTEN PROGRAMME

Our Lenten programme is as follows: please note timetable on opposite page

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Tuesday in St Joseph's Church, Glenavy, at 7pm and every Thursday in Mater Dei Church, Crumlin, at 7pm during Lent.

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*.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MASS at 7.00pm in 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.

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.

CONFESSIONS: **St Joseph's Church Saturday 10.30am—11.00am**
Mater Dei Saturday 6.30pm—6.50pm

THE GLENNAVY BRANCH OF APOSTOLIC WORK will hold their Annual Spring Sale on Sunday 23rd April in St Clare's Hall 9.30am—1.00pm. Usual stalls—Tombola, White Elephant, Cakes, Ballot etc. Donations gratefully received. Tea & Coffee available. Come along and support the Missions.

PARISH RETREAT DAY. The Parish Pastoral Council is organising a Parish Retreat Day on Sunday, 17 September 2017 at Drumalis, Larne. The theme will be 'The Joy of Rest - Rediscovering the Sacred Rhythm of Sabbath Rest'. The cost is £50 per person which includes refreshments, lunch and light supper. This can be paid in full or by monthly instalments to the Parish Office. Please contact Clive Duffield on 07967704592 for more information

PARISH PROPERTY AT FEUMORE: An outline planning application has been submitted on behalf of the parish for the old St Francis Primary School site and another small piece of land which the parish owns in the Feumore area. This is in preparation for disposal of these properties in an effort to further reduce our parish debt.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES: Pope Francis has personally chosen Dublin to be the host for the World Meeting of Families from 21-26 August 2018. Planning for this great national and international celebration of faith is well underway. Hosting this important event requires an enormous amount of planning and funding. In this regard a second national collection will be held on the weekend of 8 and 9 April 2017. Your support for this collection would be greatly appreciated.

COLLECTION: 19/03/2017

Weekly Offering: £2,745

Needy Parishes: £1,545

Thank you for your generosity

PARISH DRAW WEEK 47

Winner £100: Jackie Moore Glenavy

Winner £50: James Clenaghan Ballinderry

Thank you for your continued support

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

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR Thursday 30th March 2017 7.30pm. Church of the Nativity. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet Mass 8pm

GLENVY 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

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

FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION GIFTS are now available in our new convent shop. We also carry a range of rosaries, prayer cards, and Catholic books. Adoration Convent, 63 Falls Road, Belfast. Open Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm (except 1-2pm).

BLESSING OF THE PIPE ORGAN AND CONCERT WITH THE PALESTRINA BOYS CHOIR. Friday, 7th April at 7:30pm in Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Newcastle. Come and join us as we prepare to enter Holy Week with an exquisite repertoire of music sung for us by the highly acclaimed Palestrina Boys Choir of the Pro-Cathedral Dublin led by their conductor, Blánaid Murphy. This concert is in support of the Pipe Organ Fund. No cover charge or tickets necessary, a retiring collection will be taken up. Please note the date for your diary.