

**LIVING YOUTH— WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES VOLUNTEERING:** Living Youth is leading a Youth Group from the Diocese of Down & Connor to Dublin this coming summer to volunteer at the World Meeting of Families Congress and to attend the Papal Mass. The trip will be from 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018 and will be for those aged 16 – 25. The trip will cost £100 per person. We expect places to fill quickly so to register your interest please email Living Youth @ [info@livingyouthni.org](mailto:info@livingyouthni.org) with your name, contact number, parish and d.o.b or contact us directly on 02890 232 432.

**ST JOSEPH'S GAC LOTTO RESULTS: 14 Dec 4-6-10-18.** Jackpot £2,750 No winner. 3 No. Winners: Dave

**GRAND TURKEY CHRISTMAS WHIST:** A big thank you to everyone who supported the Parish Whist. A total of £640 was raised.

Burnett. . Lucky Dip Winners: Gilliam McCabe, P Hayes, Kathleen Galloway. Next Week's Jackpot £2,800.

**ST JAMES GAC LOTTO RESULTS:** 10-14-27-28. £15: Aoife Taggart, £10: J McDonald. Next's Week's Jackpot £2,500.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** Emergency Helpline Crumlin/Aldergrove 07754427088.

**BALLYMACRICKETT P.S. COOKBOOK** is now on sale in the School Office.

**KILTMANJARO WATER PROJECT ANNUAL FUNDRAISING** 27 December in the Ballymac 8 til late. Entrance price £7 including light bite. Amazing ballot Prizes to be had. .

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

**FUNERAL HOSPITALITY:** Please note St Clare's Hall has it's own team who cater for After Funeral Receptions. They provide a friendly and caring service. To book the hall please phone 0751 777 9334.

**ST CLARE'S BOWLING CLUB** meets on Mondays and Wednesdays 8-10pm in the Hall. Come join and enjoy.

**SANTA'S GROTTTO** @St Clare's Hall Sun 10 Dec, 2pm-6pm, 17-Dec, 2pm-6pm & Sat 23-Dec 1pm -6pm; Santa meet & gift, bouncy slide/castle, arts and crafts, tumbling elves and more. Adults £5 Children £13. Book via 07748158752 (after 5pm Mon-Fri or 8-8 weekends)

**DR JIVE:** Class is closed for Christmas and will resume on Wednesday 3rd January

## Bingo

in St Clare's Community Hall

Thursdays at 8.00pm sharp-9.30pm approx.

Jackpot £1,000 in 51 Numbers

Line£15 House £25

Scoop £25 Line House £50

Game 9 if Jackpot not won, House £50

Keep in mind a Special Christmas Session

Thursday 21 December



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 17TH DECEMBER 2017

**Very Rev Fr Colm McBride PP:** St Joseph's Presbytery, 59 Chapel Road, Glenavy, 94459560  
Mater Dei Presbytery, Glenavy Road, Crumlin, 94452941

**Priest in Residence: Rev John Burns**  
**Parish Office at St Joseph's Glenavy:**

Monday - Friday 10am - 3pm.

Office Closed 1.00 - 2.00pm

**Secretary:** Máire Rafferty Tel: 028 94422278

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## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Since the transfer of Bishop Donal McKeown to Derry and the retirements of Bishop Patrick Walsh and Bishop Anthony Farquhar consideration has been given to the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation within our Diocese.

It is now proposed that each year the bishops, on a rotational basis, will celebrate Confirmation in some of the parishes of each Pastoral Community and the Vicars Forane/Pastoral Community Leaders or their Deputies will celebrate the Sacrament in the other parishes.


It is hoped that this plan will allow the bishops(s) to celebrate Confirmation in each of the parishes hosting Confirmation at least once every three years.

The date for Confirmation will be 30 April 2018 @ 11a.m and 4pm

## 2018 WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

Ireland, has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next World Meeting of Families from 21-26 August 2018, guided by the theme "The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World". Held every three years, this major international event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church. Pope Francis has asked that preparation for this event should provide families with opportunities to reflect and celebrate all that 'family' means and its importance for our well being. More information about this event is available online at [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)

In the parish over the next few months it is planned to have various 'moments' along with a programme entitled 'Amoris' in which we can reflect and celebrate different aspects of family life. Notices about these will be posted in the Bulletin and on the parish Facebook page. More information is also available at [www.amoris.ie](http://www.amoris.ie)

11 December –17 December		Mass Intentions	
	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am Gerard Cormican	7.00pm Jack O'Brien (Month's Mind) Margaret O'Brien (Month's Mind) P	
Tue		9.30am Patrick McLoman	
Wed		9.30am	
Thurs	9.30am Cathal Clenaghan		
Friday	9.30am Mary Riordan		
Saturday	10.00am Rosaleen McGarry	6.00pm Patrick & Bridget McConnon	
Sunday	9.30am DTIM 12.00 noon Hugh Faloan	10.30am DTIM 12.00 noon Patrick J McBride	

### REQUIESCANT IN PACE

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Patricia McKeever **MONTH'S MIND:** Jack O'Brien and Margaret O'Brien  
**ANNIVERSARIES:** Ena White, Trea Grant, Thomas Boyle, Heloise & James Mulholland, Simon & Kathleen Clarke, James McNee, Patrick McLoman, Cathal Clenaghan, Mary Riordan, Rosaleen McGarry, Joe Ayre, Charles Patrick McCorry and Mary McCorry, Margaret Sweeney, Kathleen Wilkinson, Betty Armstrong (Scotland), William Peter Patterson, John Joseph Patterson, Gerard Cormican



**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: **Patrick & Bridget McConnon, Patricia Armstrong, EC, JL, GL, MR, Henry Prior Family**

**SAFE CHURCH:** A number of parishioners and Fr Mc Bride recently completed a training programme provided by ONUS N.I. enabling the parish to be registered as a 'Safe Church'. This campaign, developed by Women's Aid, seeks to raise awareness of domestic violence or abuse. The Parish commits itself to be a Safe Place where victims will find support and information about support organisations. This information will be available in the porches of Mater Dei and St Joseph's Churches and also through the Parish Office.

**SCREEN AND PROJECTOR AT MATER DEI.** A data projector and screen has been installed in St Joseph's Church to help the congregation join in the singing at Mass and other occasions. This has been possible thanks to the generosity of a parishioner who sponsored the installation entirely. It is desirable that a similar facility be installed in Mater Dei Church for the same purposes. The cost of this facility in Mater Dei will be approximately £4000. If any parishioner or a number of parishioners would be willing to sponsor this facility please speak to Fr Mc Bride. *Sincere thanks to the three parishioners, who have each donated £500 to this project.*

**THE ANNUAL COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE** will be held in St Aidan's COI in Glenavy today Sunday 17 Dec at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be available in the Church Hall.

### CHRISTMAS PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Glenavy and Killead Wednesday 20 Dec 7.00pm Mater Dei Church Crumlin

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:** There is always a need for new Ministers of the Eucharist in our parish. At the moment the need appears to be greatest in the Feumore and Glenavy area and for service at the Masses in St Joseph's. If you would like to be considered as a Minister of the Eucharist please contact Fr Colm or leave your details with the Parish Office. Training will be given.

**GLENAVY APOSTOLIC CHURCH DOOR COLLECTION** work will take place today, Sunday 17 December after both the Masses in Glenavy.



**LITURGY OF THE WORD TEAM:** "the Church is calling us to have and to promote an authentic liturgical life, so that there may be harmony between what the liturgy celebrates, and what we live in our daily existence." *The liturgy, he said, "is the privileged place to hear the voice of the Lord, who guides us on the path of righteousness and Christian perfection." Pope Francis*  
 We are seeking parishioners to consider becoming a member of a Liturgy of the Word Team to provide this liturgy during the week in our parish. We are initially looking for parishioners for a Saturday morning. Is God calling you to be a Prayer leader to lead or a lector to read the Word of God in the Liturgy. To find out more information come to our next meeting on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec at 7.30 in St Josephs Annex, please email [glenavy@downandconnor.org](mailto:glenavy@downandconnor.org).

**PARISH PRAYER FRIENDS** It is our desire to join with you in prayer and to present your needs to our loving God. We want you to know you are not alone. We are praying with you and for you. No request is too insignificant or too big for God to handle. Nothing is impossible for God. Send your prayer request to the Parish Prayer Friends by text to 07753664162 or email [glenavy@downandconnor.org](mailto:glenavy@downandconnor.org).

**PARISH PRAYER FRIENDS** Please pray for people with difficulties, depression and suicidal feelings.

**CANDLELIT CHRISTMAS HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION:** Please join us for a Candlelit Christmas Holy Hour of Adoration in St Joseph's Glenavy on Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December at 7pm with Breige Doone providing the music. It promises to be a peaceful night in the lead up to Christmas. Everyone welcome with mince pies and tea after."

**TROCAIRE:** Christmas Gifts cards are available in the porches and back of Church.

**PARISH DRAW:** The next £1000 draw will take place in St Joseph's Presbytery on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December directly after 9.30am Mass. All welcome.

**2018 DIOCESAN DIRECTORY** now available. Cost £4

### CHRISTMAS EVE: 24 DECEMBER

St Joseph's 7.00pm  
 Mater Dei: 7.00pm  
 St Joseph's 10.00pm

### CHRISTMAS DAY: 25 DECEMBER

St James 8.30am  
 St Joseph's 9.30am&12noon  
 Feumore 10.45am  
 Mater Dei 10.30am &12noon

**COLLECTION: 10/12/2017**  
**Weekly Offering: £2,535**  
**Thank you for your generosity**

**PARISH DRAW WEEK 33**  
**WINNER £100** Catherine Shepherd Glenavy  
**Winner £50:** John Moran, Glenavy  
 Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all our members for your continued support

**RACHELS VINEYARD RETREATS** are a beautiful healing opportunity for anyone struggling with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. The retreat weekend is a very specific process designed to help you experience the love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness of God. It allows you to surface and release repressed feelings of anger, shame, guilt and grief. It enables suffering souls to find a voice and transform the pain of the past into love and hope. Each weekend is held in a confidential setting. Our next weekend will be held in June. To find out more information contact Marian on 07814 748 744 or e mail [marianrvni@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:marianrvni@yahoo.co.uk) or call Sheila on 0790 286 9646. You can also look up [www.rachelsvineyardni.org](http://www.rachelsvineyardni.org). All queries are treated in strictest confidence.

**OVERSEAS VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED!** Volunteer IT/HR Admins, Montessori/Primary/Secondary Teachers, Physios, Accountants, Social Workers...all required for funded placements on Missions in Africa, SE Asia and the Caribbean. No previous overseas exp required, no upper age limit! Contact Viatores Christi +353-1-8689986 or email [apply@viatoreschristi.com](mailto:apply@viatoreschristi.com) for more info.

Trinity College warmly invites you to our Open Evenings on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018. There will be an address by the Principal at 7pm. The Opening Evening will be a great opportunity to come and experience life in Trinity and see all we have to offer. P7 boy and girls will have the chance to win many prizes including mini ipads. Please come along and be part of our exciting evenings.

**DRUMALIS, LARNE – COMMENCING SATURDAY, 25 NOVEMBER**

**"The Gospel of Mark for Today"**, a short course led by Sr Pamela Thimmes osc will take place at Drumalis over four Saturdays (25 Nov 2017, 27 Jan 2018, 24 Feb 2018 & 21 April 2018 from 10 am – 4 pm). The cost of the course is £160 and includes refreshments and lunch on each day as well as facilitation fees. For further information or to book a place, please contact 028 28276455/28272196 during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm). Details are also available on the Drumalis website - <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

**ADOPTION: Family Care Adoption Services** is presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children. For free information pack please contact us at: **Telephone:** 028 71 368592 or 028 90 691133. Monday to Friday 9 – 5 p.m. **Email:** [anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org](mailto:anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org) **Website:** [www.familycaresociety.co.uk](http://www.familycaresociety.co.uk)  
Thank You

**ACTION ON HEARING LOSS:** Have you been considering volunteering? Waiting for the right role or a personal connection to a volunteering vacancy? This is for you..... Do you or someone you know have a hearing loss and or tinnitus? Currently there are 300,000 people in Northern Ireland with a hearing loss, 1 in 6 people and this number is estimated to increase to 1 in 5 by 2024.

Action on Hearing Loss aims to offer local support to everyone with hearing loss throughout Northern Ireland, we are reaching out to local people interested in a volunteering role, supporting their local community.

Can you spare 2 hours per month? If you can, we would love to hear from you.

2 hours per month could support an isolated older person with a much needed befriender, your local community with a hearing aid support session, your local hospital with an information stand or raise vital funds through a fundraising event.

There are roles to suit everyone, full training will be provided and expenses will be paid.

Should you require further information on Action on Hearing Loss support in your area or to receive a volunteer application pack please contact Laura Murphy or Norma Kelly on telephone: 02890 239619, e-mail: [volunteering.ireland@hearingloss.org.uk](mailto:volunteering.ireland@hearingloss.org.uk) or visit the website at <http://bit.ly/2snvblF>