

GRAND TURKEY CHRISTMAS WHIST in St Clare's Community Hall on; Sunday 10th December at 7pm
Scorecards £6 (refreshments provided) Ballot All proceeds in aid of parish debt relief

ST JOSEPH'S GAC LOTTO RESULTS: 30 Nov .13-14-19-17. Jackpot £2,650 No winner. 3 No. Winners: None. Lucky Dip: Clare Armstrong, Ronan O'Neill, Terry Cormican.. Next Week's Jackpot £2,700.

CHRISTMAS FAIR: BALLYMACRICKETT PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY UNIT are holding a Christmas Fair on Thursday 7th December in the school from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. A variety of craft items can be bought and sold e.g. jewellery, decorations, cards, candles etc. If you would like to book a stall at the fair, please leave your name, contact number and type of stall with the school office. The cost per stall is £20. Booking will be on a first come first served basis. Telephone 028 94422708. All parishioners are welcome to join us... and Santa... for what we hope will be an enjoyable evening.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL IS HOLDING ITS ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS DINNER on Saturday 9th December in Saint Clare's Community Hall. Anyone who would like to attend should contact either the Parish Office or a member of the local conference before Monday 4th December. All are welcome.

OPEN NIGHT AT NAISCOIL GHILEANN DARACH on Thursday 7th Dec at 7pm. Afternoon session now running for 3 afternoons per week for those children who turn 3 this academic year. Contact us on 02894452823.

OPEN DAY/EVENING – ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL, CRUMLIN: Everyone including parents/guardians of prospective Nursery or P1 children is invited to our Open Day/Evening on Tuesday 5th December at the following times: **10.00 – 11.30 am** **6.00 – 7.30 pm.** You will be able to tour the school, meet the staff and children and find out about all the extras we have on offer. Current parents and parishioners are welcome. Looking forward to seeing you then!

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 Margaret on 0751 777 9334.

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

'IS THAT TOO HOT?': Friday 8th Dec at 7.30 for Wine & Cheese then the play starts 8.30pm. Costs £10 per ticket & should be great craic. It is written & performed by the author of 'I'll tell me ma' & a friend

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)

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



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 3RD DECEMBER 2017

Very Rev Fr Colm McBride PP: St Joseph's Presbytery, 59 Chapel Road, Glenavy, 94459560
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

Parish Website: glenavyandkilleadparish.com

 www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Friday 8 December

Mass Times:

Thursday vigil 7pm Mater Dei **Friday 9.30am St Joseph's**



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OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY


The Immaculate Conception, according to the teaching of the Catholic Church, was the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. Mary was conceived naturally but God kept her soul *immaculate*, i.e. free from original sin. The official confirmation of the dogma was defined in 1854 by Pope Pius IX, although the belief that Mary was sinless and conceived free from sin is very old.

The Feast of Immaculate Conception is celebrated in Catholic Church on December 8. Immaculate Conception is sometimes confused with the conception of Jesus Christ in Mary's womb, while it refers to Mary herself.

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

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

4 December –10 December		Mass Intentions	
	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am Kathleen McBride	7.00pm	
Tue		9.30am	
Wed		9.30am	
Thurs	9.30am	7.00pm vigil	
Friday	9.30am Special Intention		
Saturday	10.00am	6.00pm	
Sunday	9.30am 12.00 noon Dermot Hoy (Month's Mind)	10.30am Gerardine Cummins 12.00 noon Ita Donnelly (Month's Mind)	9.00am William McAteer

REQUIESCENT IN PACE

RECENTLY DECEASED: James Doone, Terence Kennedy, Patricia (Pat) McWatters

MONTH'S MIND: Tommy Magill, Matthew Bradley

ANNIVERSARIES: Jack & Joan Kennedy, Kevin & Maureen Armstrong, Mary Gaffney, Henry Daly, Marie, Jim and Hope Mulholland, Deborah Hoey, Patrick Hickland (Snr), Dolores Mulholland, Kathleen McBride, Grace Kelly



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: **ES, AFP, E&C, Kathleen McGann**

A SEMINAR ON THE ABORTION THREAT TO NORTHERN IRELAND will be held at Antrim Civic Centre on Wednesday 6 December 2017 (7.30pm -9pm). Admission is free. Come along to find out what you can do to help save the lives of unborn children. Contact SPUC (NI) on 90778018 or [email bel-fast@spuc.org.uk](mailto:bel-fast@spuc.org.uk) for more information.

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.



PARISH BAZAAR

This Sunday 3rd December
in St Clare's Community Hall
Doors open 2pm-6pm



Remaining Tickets for the Star Prize will be available at the Bazaar
'Viva Las Vegas'

Magnificent Prizes on the Rickety Wheel
including TV's, Record Players, Radios Sports Attire, Bikes,
Go-karts, Ride on Tractors and latest Toys,
Electrical Appliances and much more



Santa will be making a visit, Christmas Stalls, Tombola,
The Bazaar Committee would like thank all who donated
to and prepared for the bazaar



Tea Coffee & Mince Pies



*Come Along, Meet Friends & Neighbours,
Enjoy the Craic
Everyone Welcome*



"LITURGY IS THE PUBLIC PRAYER OF THE CHURCH. It is through the liturgy and the sacraments that the faithful by their full, active and conscious participation, encounter the living God and return to the world to fulfil their baptismal call to discipleship."

We would like to form a Liturgy Forum to enhance, encourage, inspire and strengthen the faith life of parishioners and their experience of God's church in liturgical celebrations. If you are interested in joining the Liturgy Forum please email glenavy@downandconnor.org

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

COLLECTION: 27/11/2017
Weekly Offering: £3,022
Thank you for your generosity

PARISH DRAW WEEK 31
WINNER £100 Anne Moore Upp Ballinderry
Winner £50: Kiera McGoran Glenavy
Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all our members for your continued support

A SPECIAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE is being organised by St Paul's Disability Care Group and will be held on Friday 24 November 2017 in St Paul's Church, Falls Road, Belfast at 7.30 pm followed by refreshments immediately afterwards in the Fr O'Kane Centre. This Mass will remember all those with a disability or special needs who have died. If you would like a friend or family member remembered in this Mass, please contact Bernadette on 028 90285374, Frances on 0771 8914692, Mary on 028 94423956 or email stpaulsdisabilitycaregroup@hotmail.com

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 or call Sheila on 0790 286 9646. You can also look up 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 for more info.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT WEEKEND: 17th – 19th November 2017 (Friday evening – Sunday afternoon). **DOMINICAN CONTEMPLATIVE NUNS** welcome single young women (20-40) to our retreat house and offer the opportunity to experience our life of Prayer: - *Liturgy - Eucharistic Adoration – Talks – Sisters' testimonies – Lectio Divina – Question time – Food and Fellowship*

Those who cannot come for full weekend are welcome to join us on Saturday (18th) 9.30 am – 7.00 pm

(Early booking advisable as places are limited)

Venue: Siena Monastery, The Twenties, Drogheda, Co Louth

Contact: Sr Breda OP – siena3@eircom.net or Tel: 041-9838524; www.dominicannuns.ie <http://dominicannunsireland.blogspot.com>

BEGINNER ONLINE IRISH LESSONS: Want to learn Irish but don't have the time to go to classes? Why not learn online from the comfort of your own home or out and about? For more info contact Mrs Larkin on 07488268208 or email fountoflearning@gmail.com

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 **Website:** 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 or visit the website at <http://bit.ly/2snvblF>