

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Bookings are now open for the 2018 Pilgrimage. Seven nights (10-17 July) £725pps. Five nights (11-16 July) £650pps. Five nights for pilgrims requiring nursing/ personal car staying in Accueil Notre Dame (11-16 July) £550. Youth Team 8-17 July) £590. Forms available from the Parish Office or contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office (028) 90646040 or email lourdes@downandconnor.org

NURSES FOR LOURDES 2018: We are currently seeking nurses (on the NMC live register - working in any area) to join the volunteer staff of the Diocesan Pilgrimage (11-16th July 2018). For more information please email us at lourdes@downandconnor.org or telephone the Pilgrimage Office (028) 90646040. The subsidised fare for nurses is £520. Thank you.

ALDERGROVE/CRUMLIN APOSTOLIC SOCIETY are holding their meeting on Monday 5th February @8pm

GLENNAVY APOSTOLIC WORKERS: There will be a meeting of Glenavy Apostolic Workers on Tuesday 6 Feb at 7.30pm

ST JOSEPH'S GAC LOTTO RESULTS: Thurs 25th. Jan. 18. Jackpot £3000: Winning no: 9-24-27-28: Jackpot: No winner: 3 No. Winners: No Winners. Lucky Dips: Chris Fee. Diane Walsh. G. Lindores. Next week's Jackpot. £3,000. Second Jackpot £550

ST JOSEPH'S GAC, GLENNAVY: Do you want to get moving and active this New Year, but feel you have no safe and well-lit area to go for a walk during the dark winter months? Well, St. Joseph's GAC has the answer! We're coming on board with the Operation Transformation and the GAA for 'Ireland Lights Up' 2018. Every Monday from the 22nd January – 26th February 2018 our club will be open and lit up for you, your family and friends to come and walk from 7pm to 9pm. **Registration details will be taken each night and all are welcome to come along. Hope to see you there!**

ST JOSEPH'S GLENNAVY GAC: Ladies registration for Football, Camogie and Gaelic4mothers: Come along to our Ladies Registration Morning on Sunday 11th February from 10.15am to 12.00 in Ballymacrickett Primary School and sign up for our Ladies Football and Camogie teams of all ages. All new, current and past players very welcome! There will also be the opportunity to sign up to our family membership and for the 'Gaelic4Mothers and Others' programme which will begin in March

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.

Bingo

No bingo Thursday 8 February

Due to renovation of hall floor



FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 4 FEBRUARY 2017

Very Rev Fr Colm McBride PP: St Joseph's Presbytery, 59 Chapel Road, Glenavy, BT29 4LA 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

Email: glenavy@downandconnor.org

Parish Website: glenavyandkilleadparish.com

www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish

Darkness and Light

The first reading is tough to hear and we admire Job. We talk of 'the patience of Job'. Job is the example and the hero of depression. He just had it bad. All had gone wrong and he felt no good, no hope, no meaning. His family collapsed, his wealth disappeared and he cursed the day he was born. He went through all of the depressions people have, but somehow kept that glimmer of light alive. He never totally lost God, and God never lost him.

Depression is a huge illness. Many suffer; many are affected. Treatment can be of help, and the listening times of friends as well as therapy is healing.


A great priest wrote, 'At the worst of the burn out I couldn't say Mass, never mind preach. Dry, empty, without light or life. Thanks again for the card you sent. It means a lot to me now. Funny, in the worst of my anxiety, nothing, no compliment, and no reassurance... meant anything to me.'

There are many helps on the human level. There is the help also of faith and prayer at times. And the help of someone who, listens, sympathises, doesn't judge nor give easy cures. Love from God never ends even though it may not appear near just now. This is the Jesus of the gospel – bringing the grace of healing, of freeing from any evil, of constant love.

*Imagine a time of darkness in life; picture it in its colour,
and imagine the bright light of Jesus penetrate that darkness.
Ask for help and give thanks for help. Give light, Good Lord,
to all who live in the valley of darkness and the shadow of doubt.*



Donal Neary SJ *Gospel Reflections*

5 February 2018 –12 February 2018		Mass Intentions	
	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30a.m Helen Killen	7.00pm Harriet Donnelly	
Tue		9.30am Henry & Margaret McGarry	
Wed		9.30am	
Thurs	9.30am		
Friday	9.30am Geraldine Bell (1st)		
Saturday	10.00am Bridget Brannigan (1st)	6.00pm Geraldine McGowan Margaret Hughes	
Sunday	9.30am DTIM 12.00 noon Mary Mulholland Month's Mind	10.30am DTIM 12.00 noon Bridie & Jim O'Neill (1st)	

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

RECENTLY DECEASED: Dermot Falloon **MONTH'S MIND:** Sally McGuinness
ANNIVERSARIES: Geraldine Bell (1st), Bridget Brannigan (1st), Harriet Donnelly, Donald Cornican, Celine Crossen, Gerry Haughey (Lurgan), Molly Stafford, Paul & John Magee, Ellen Hann, Helen Killen, Henry & Margaret McGarry, Thomas McCullough, Maureen Morgan, John Clenaghan, Sean Hackett, Harry Brazier, Margaret (Peggy) Moore, Barry Kerr, Brian Kerr, George & Lily Fleeton, Martin Fleeton, Patrick & Kate McCorry, Hannah White, Rev Fr Patrick White, John Clenaghan.



SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS: A Sanctuary Lamp burns for a week in each of our three 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:

Patricia Armstrong, Ellen Hann, Molly Stafford and Special Intention.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Following the changes to the Priest personnel within the parish, the Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated in future on the first and last Sundays of each month at 1.00pm in St Joseph's Church. Families are asked to be seated by 12.50pm. The preparation for Baptism takes place on the last Thursday of each month in the Annex of St Joseph's commencing at 7.30pm. Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements

LITURGY GROUP MEETING: The next Liturgy Group Meeting will take place on Tuesday 6 February at 7pm in St Joseph's Presbytery.

COLLECTION: 28/01/2018
Weekly Offering: £2,632

Thank you for your generosity

PARISH DRAW WEEK 40
WINNER £100 Ethel O'Neill Glenavy
Winner £50: Paddy Magee Feumore

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all our members for your continued support

PARISH POST PERSONS.

A big thank you to all who have volunteered to be a Post Person. It means that most of the parish is covered. The Northern end of the parish has a few gaps. Namely Largy Road, Ballynadrentagh Road, Diamond Road, the area beyond Nutts Corner and Radox Road.

With the exception of Bramblewood we also need persons for the- estates/developments on the other side of the railway bridge in Crumlin. If you would be willing to help please give you details to Aidan on 07712662800 or the Parish Office.

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.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD: There is an urgent need to recruit additional Ministers of the Word for service in St Joseph's Church. This is a most important lay Ministry for which training will be given. If you feel you could fulfil this role please leave your details in the Parish Office or speak to Fr Mc Bride as soon as possible.

ROSARY IN FEUMORE : The Rosary will be said each Sunday evening at 7pm in Feumore Mass Centre commencing Sunday 18 February. **Adoration** continues in Feumore from 11.00am to 12noon weekly each Monday.

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 gle-navy@downandconnor.org.

PARISH PRAYER FRIENDS: Please pray for blessings for our Parish Mission: Grant that our coming Parish Mission will be a time of grace for all. A time of growth for our young. A time of refreshment for our old, a time of renewal for our families, a time of healing for the broken, a time of joy for the sorrowing. A time of challenge for the complacent, a time of grace for the sinner, a time of strength for the holy, a time of welcome and homecoming for those who have been away. Grant most loving Father that the Mission may bring down your richest blessings on all. We ask this through the intercession of Mary our Mother and in the name of Jesus Christ who is Lord of all Amen.

DIOCESAN VOCATION WEEKEND: Is God calling you from your family to serve His family? Have you ever asked Jesus what he wants from you? Perhaps He wants you to serve as a priest in His Church. Take this opportunity to gather with other men who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood. This retreat will create the time and space to help you reflect on what vocation Jesus is calling you to. The retreat will take place in Drumalis Retreat Centre, from Friday 16th – Sunday 18th February 2018. If you wish to attend this retreat or would like further information contact: Fr. Kevin McGuckien, 23 Hannahstown Hill, Belfast, BT17 0LT (02890614567) Email:k.mcguickien@downandconnor.org

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.

Trinity College warmly invites you to our Open Evenings on Wednesday 10th January and Thursday 11th 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 **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>