

GLENNAVY SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL is holding its annual Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner on Saturday 8th December in Saint Clare's Community Hall at 1.00pm Anyone who would like to attend should contact either the Parish Office or a member of the local conference before Monday 3rd December. All are welcome

NEW PARISH ALTAR SERVER CLUB: Would your son or daughter like to join the Glenavy and Killead altar Server Club? Formal training will be provided within the pastoral Community of Glenavy, Lisburn and Aghagallon. Fun activities throughout the year. This is a great opportunity for your child to be involved in this ministry. This ministry is open to any child who has completed year 4 upwards. Please leave contact details with the Parish Office.

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

OPTICARE OPTICIANS CRUMLIN: Eye Tests, OCT Scanning, Home Eye Tests, Dry Eye Clinic, Glasses, Contact Lenses, Safety Glasses, Sunglasses, Sports Goggles. 02894423000 www.opticare.co.uk

ST JOSEPH'S GAC: Lotto results for 29 Nov Winning nos. **2-5-19-20 Jackpot** £3,700. No winners. **3 No:** Liz McErlean, Ciara McKinstry. **Lucky Dips:** Margaret McGrandles, John McGrandles, Michael Ayre. **Next week's Jackpot** £3,700. Second Jackpot £2000. Visit the dub's new website: www.glenavygac.com

HELP SAVE A LIFE: We are trying to fund raise to provide four defibrillators located at, St Joseph's, St James, Mater Dei and Feumore. Following Cardiac Arrest survival chances are significantly increased if a defibrillator is available. If you would like to donate or help please contact Joanne White 028 94453485

CHRISTMAS FAIR: BALLYMACRICKETT FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE are holding a Christmas Fair on Thursday 6th 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 for what we hope will be an enjoyable evening.

NARON HOUSE RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME AT ALDERGROVE requires someone who has a very caring and considerate approach to join their team to help care for our 12 extremely vulnerable residents. If you are interested call Mary on 028 94 452204. applicants must be 18+ years. Every Saturday 8am—5pm

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



**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
2ND DECEMBER 2018**

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

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

SATURDAY 8 December

Mass Times:

Friday vigil 7pm Mater Dei **Saturday** 10.00 St Joseph's




SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Few doctrines of the Catholic Church are as misunderstood as the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which Catholics celebrate every year on December 8. Many people, including many Catholics, think that the Immaculate Conception refers to the conception of Christ through the action of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. That event, though, is celebrated at the feast of the Annunciation of the Lord (March 25, nine months before Christmas). What is the Immaculate Conception?

Conceived Without Sin

The Immaculate Conception refers to the condition that the Blessed Virgin Mary was free from Original Sin from the very moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. We celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary—her birth—on September 8; nine months before that is December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

03 December—9 December		Mass Intentions		
	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James	Feumore
Mon	9.30am	7.00pm		
Tue		9.30am Kathleen McBride		
Wed		9.30am		
Thurs	9.30am			
Fri	9.30am Emmet McGarry Month's Mind	7.00pm vigil Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
Sat	10.00am Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	6.00pm vigil Tommy McAllister (1st)		
Sun	9.30am 12.00 noon Terence Kennedy (1st)	10.30am Gerardine Cummins 12.00pm	9.00am William McAteer	10.45am Kevin & Maureen Armstrong & Mary Gaffney

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

RECENTLY DECEASED: Eileen Hamill, Conor McGuinness, Mary Donnelly

MONTH'S MIND: Emmet McGarry

ANNIVERSARIES: Terence Kennedy (1st), Jim McGarrell, Ellen Moore, Annie McCann, Jack & Joan Kennedy, Donald & Rosetta Jordan, Hope, Marie and Jim Mulholland, Peter & James McKenny, Bobby Kearns, Mary & Michael McCorry, Kathleen McBride,



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 Intention (CMC), Donald & Rosetta Jordan, Mena McKenna, Adrian Burns, Ben & Maureen Small.

THE GLENNAVY BRANCH OF APOSTOLIC WORK will hold their Annual Christmas Sale on Sunday 9th Dec in St Clare's Hall after 9.30am and 12noon Masses. Tombola for both adults and children, cake stall, Christmas Ballot, Bric a Bric and festive gifts stall. All proceeds in aid of the Missions. Donations for sale will be gratefully received. Church door collection for the Missions will be held on Sunday 16 December after both Masses.

GLENNAVY AND KILLEAD BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: A member of the Bethany Group may be contacted on the following phone number 746032796

ST VINCENT DE PAUL Emergency Helpline Crumlin/Aldergrove 07754427088

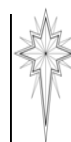
ANNUAL ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH COLLECTION will take place Sunday 9th Dec after all the Masses. The proceeds will assist St Vincent de Paul meet the increased demand at this time of year of their services.

2018 PARISH DRAW WEEK 31

Winner: £100: Ann McCourt, Glenavy
Winner: £50: Dr Hugh Gallagher, Glenavy

COLLECTIONS: 18 NOVEMBER:

Weekly Offering: £2,492
Thank you for your generosity



GRAND PARISH BAZAAR

This Sunday 2nd December

in St Clare's Community Hall

Doors open 2pm-6pm



Remaining Tickets for the Star Prize will be available at the Bazaar
'Nashville'

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*

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO HELP REDUCE PARISH DEBT

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 4th December** at the following times: **11.00 – 12.00 noon and 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!

BALLYMACRICKETT PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY UNIT OPEN EVENING: Monday 10th December 2018. Principal's talk at 7:00pm followed by a tour of the school. Everyone including parents/guardians of prospective Nursery and Primary 1 children for September 2019 are welcome to attend

CRUMLIN MENS SHED: There will be a meeting about the CMS in St John's Hall on Thursday 6 Dec 7.00pm-9.00pm. Everyone welcome.

GRAND TURKEY CHRISTMAS WHIST

St Clare's Community Hall on; Sunday 9th December at 7pm Scorecards £6 (refreshments provided) Ballot. All proceeds in aid of parish debt relief.

ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK 19TH – 25TH NOVEMBER 2018

Alcohol misuse has been identified as a significant public health and social issue in Northern Ireland over many years. A Coroner has described it as "the greatest healthcare problem facing Northern Ireland." The latest statistics suggest 12,000 people are admitted to hospital each year with alcohol related problems in N.I. with 170,000 people drinking hazardly and 47,000 drinking harmfully. Behind these statistics is the Untold Story of families and friends of problem drinkers living each day with uncertainty, deceit, financial insecurity, and in some cases violence or emotional and physical abuse.

Al-Anon Family Groups is there for families and friends of Problem Drinkers. Our Information Office in Belfast is opened Monday – Friday 10am – 1.00pm. Contact number 02890682368 and our helpline is operated from 6pm – 11pm 365 days per year.

Al-Anon Family Groups UK & Eire is launching a new campaign "The Untold Story" during Alcohol Awareness Week 19th – 25th November 2018 to encourage more people living with problem drinkers to find their local Al-Anon meetings which run weekly throughout Northern Ireland.

Contact us on 02890682368 for a list of your nearest meeting or National Helpline 02074030888 email for more information al-anon@btconnect.com or visit our website www.al-anonuk.org.uk Six illustrations depicting the real untold stories of al-anon members are available by logging on to www.al-anonuk.org.uk/theuntoldstory

TOBAR MHIURE RETREAT: LOSS AND BLESSINGS: November is a time when we remember loved ones who have died. This day of prayer; reflection and symbols, will be a chance to take time aside; to reflect upon the memory of those who have gone before us, and to give thanks for those who have touched our lives. You are welcome to bring a picture or memento of the person you are remembering. **Saturday 17th November 2018. 10.30am – 4.00pm Day led by: Brian McKee Cost: £30 (to include tea/coffee and light lunch)**

CHRISTMAS PILGRIMAGE GROUP TO THE HOLY LAND EX DUBLIN 19TH – 27TH DECEMBER 2018

Taking in Bethlehem, Jerusalem (Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Last Supper Room and Calvary), Mount Tabor, Cana, Nazareth, Jericho, River Jordan, Dead Sea and Sea of Galilee. Contact James Treacy 035361921470 or 00353860572216 payments can be made in instalments and it's perfectly safe to go otherwise you will get your money back.

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 marianrvi@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.

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.hagan@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>

'THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS', concert, Saturday 15th December, 7.30pm, Good Shepherd showcasing Marion Jordan accompanied by several performers including the Arco String Quartet, renowned local Tenor Greg Davidson and the Saint Michael's Parent and Children's choirs. Post concert, the recently opened parish centre will host a small craft fair and guests can avail of mulled wine and nibbles.

Tickets £15 are available from www.marionjordan.com and also available at venue.

The 'Spirit of Christmas' EP and Marion's debut album 'The Prayer' will be available to purchase on the night. Proceeds to St.Michael's PTA and PIPS charity.