

GLENNAVY 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 07754427088

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 6 Dec. Winning nos. **4-10-14-23. Jackpot** £3,750. No winners. **3 Nos Winners:** Joe Patton, Sean Trowlen. **Lucky Dips;** Fergal Clenaghan, Renee Falloon, Robbie Connolly. **Next week's Jackpot** £3,800. Second Jackpot £2000. Visit the club'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

OPEN NIGHT ST MARY'S CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL: Transfer Pupils and their Parents are invited to attend our Open Night on Thursday 17th January 2019 at 7.30pm. All enquiries to the Principal Tel: 028 90 294000 (www.stmaryscbgs.com)

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

FUNERAL HOSPITALITY: Please note St Clare's Hall has its own team who cater for After Funeral Receptions. They provide a friendly and caring service.

COFFEE MORNING every Friday 10.00am—11.00am

ST CLARE'S BOWLING CLUB meets at 8pm each Monday & Wednesday.

BOOK CLUB every third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm

PILATES Tuesday 7.30pm and 8.30pm 07738111281

BIG AND SMALL COMPANY FOR ALL (PARENTS & TODDLER GROUP) Friday's 10.00am—12noon.

MODERN JIVE Wednesdays **WHIST:** Last Friday of the Month

TRADITIONAL MUSIC SESSION last Sunday of every month @ 7 pm



Christmas 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 13th December



**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9TH 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

GOSPEL


Luke begins his account of the ministry of Jesus by putting it in its historical context. He tells us about who was in charge in the worlds of politics and religion and then introduces us to some-one who was something of a threat to them both. John the Baptist is presented as inviting the people to repent, to turn again to God and to show their desire to do this by being baptised – a symbolic washing. In so doing John is seen as fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah in which there is a call to remove every obstacle that might stand in the way of God showing his salvation to his people. This gospel reminds us of one of the key themes of Advent: repentance.

Reflection

Repentance and its associated colour purple remind many people of the season of Lent rather than Advent but it is not difficult to see why it is so central to our preparation for the coming of Jesus. Without it, the season of Christmas can simply slide into an excuse for over-indulgence, an opportunity to party in an effort to get over the darkness of winter. These readings show the true meaning of repentance, for they speak about leaving aside anything that might blind us to what God wants for us, and opening ourselves to something new and wonderful and beyond our wildest dreams: God coining in the person of his Son.

*Sean Goan
Let the reader understand*



10 December—16 December		Mass Intentions		
	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James	Feumore
Mon	9.30am	7.00pm		
Tue		9.30am Kathleen McBride		
Wed		9.30am Special Intention		
Thurs	9.30am Sr Miriam Therese O'Brien			
Fri	9.30am Baby Jodie Lee			
Sat	10.00am	6.00pm vigil Veronica Thompson (Month's Mind)		
Sun	9.30am DTIM 12.00 noon Trea Grant	10.30am DTIM 12.00pm		

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

RECENTLY DECEASED: Amanda McGriskin and Patricia Gallagher

ANNIVERSARIES: Terence Kennedy (1st), Tommy McAllister (1st), William McAteer, Gerardine Cummins, Kevin & Maureen Armstrong, Mary Gaffney, William Peter Patterson, John Joseph Patterson, Patrick Hickland, Sr Miriam Therese O'Brien, Baby Jodie Lee, Rosemary Henry, John McAreavey, Molly Kyle, Johnny McAreavey, Desi O'Hare, Molly McPeake, Cissie Brazier, Annie Heatley, Annie Largan, Lily Fleeton, Clare Walsh, Mary Murray,



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:

Brendan and Caitriona, Special Intention (SD),

'Do not let the downtrodden retreat in confusion, give the poor and needy cause to praise your name.' Psalms 74:21. Millions of people have had to flee conflict in South Sudan and Yemen. In one area alone in northern Uganda 33,000 mainly women and children from South Sudan have taken refuge. They have witnessed and experienced the worst kind of violence and have arrived traumatised and broken. Trocaire's Christmas Appeal will help these people and many others rebuild their lives. Visit www.trocaire.org to find out more.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The next meeting of the of the parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will take place on Wednesday 12 December at 7pm in St Joseph's Parochial House. Any parishioners wishing to contact the PPC may do so via the Parish Office.

2018 PARISH DRAW WEEK 32
Winner: £100: Margaret Brankin, Ballinderry Upp
Winner: £50: Bernadette Anderson, Crumlin

COLLECTIONS: 2ND DECEMBER:
Weekly Offering: £2,936
Monthly offering: 2,390
Thank you for your generosity

Parish Bazaar:

The Parish Bazaar held last Sunday afternoon raised the sum of **£11,500** On behalf of our parish community I wish to acknowledge and thank the extra-ordinary generosity of the many individuals and businesses in the Crumlin and Glenavy area and beyond who donated prizes or provided materials to make the Bazaar such a success.

A special thank you to Crumlin Travel and British Airways for their wonderful and generous gift.

The winner of the trip to Nashville was Mrs Eileen Quinn, of Glenavy

Thank you to everyone, who, from every end of the parish came along on the day and gave their support. All of the proceeds will be used to reduce our parish debt.

This is a outstanding achievement by everyone involved. Thanks to the team of volunteers on the Bazaar Committee and those who assisted on the day. May God bless you all.

Fr Colm Mc Bride P.P.

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.

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

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

A Penitential Service will be held in Mater Dei Church on Thursday 20 December at 7.00pm. A number of visiting priests will be available. Please take this opportunity to make final spiritual preparation for Christmas.

DO THIS IN MEMORY: The next meeting in this First Eucharist programme will take place next Sunday 16 December at the 9.30am. and 10.30am Masses.

THE ROSARY is prayed in Feumore Mass Centre each Sunday at 7pm. All welcome

ST AIDAN'S CHURCH OF IRELAND ANNUAL COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE: A warm invitation is extended to the parishioners of Glenavy and Killead to the Annual Community Carol service in St Aidan's Church, Glenavy at 6.30pm on Sunday 23rd December.

THE GLENAVY 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 16th December after both Masses in Glenavy

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

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.