

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 13 Dec. Winning nos. **3-8-10-19. Jackpot** £3,800. No winners. **3 Nos Winners:** Emma Connolly, Michael McAlister, Brian Ferris, Sean McCambridge, Marieanne Forrester. **Lucky Dips;** Dan Moore, Mary Patton, Brian McCorry. **Next week's Jackpot** £3,850. Second Jackpot £2000. Visit the club's new website: **www.glenavygac.com**

ST. JOSEPH'S GAC GLENNAVY will be holding their annual charity quiz in aid of Marie Curie Cancer Care in the Fiddler's Inn, Crumlin on Friday 28th December at 8pm. All welcome, please support this very worthy cause.

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

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.

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

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



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
16TH 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

BRINGS OUT OUR BEST

This mid-point of Advent alerts us to issues of justice and equality. The prophet John has been asked as a sort of trick by people who exploited others with tax bills, and soldiers who often used their brute force on others, how they should repent. His words were tough but quite ordinary – don't overcharge, share your surplus with the needy and don't exploit people. It's another, but more figurative way, of stating the basic demands of 'Love one another'.

Christmas can bring out the best in us to care for the needy. We are surrounded by charities looking for aid. We know that Jesus hears the cries of the poor, and he joins every carol singing group trying to help.


Christmas also asks us to consider our honesty and integrity, for we know that many are poor, at home and abroad, because of the greed of others. Christmas is a reminder and a challenge that all can live with the dignity we have come to regard as human rights – education, safety, shelter, food, water, employment, freedom. The Christ child who was born poor represents all the poor of the world, especially children. As he was born ordinary, he represents that God meets, greets and helps us in the ordinary aspects of life.

The one who is to come is the one who will live and love according to these truths of human dignity and equality.

*Come, Lord Jesus, child of the earth, child of God.
Come into our world of joy and sorrow. Stay with us always,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

Donal Neary SJ
Gospel Reflections



17 December—23 December		Mass Intentions	
	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James Feumore
Mon	9.30am Clare Walsh	7.00pm	
Tue		9.30am Patrick McLoman	
Wed		9.30am Norah Rodgers	
Thurs	9.30am		
Fri	9.30am Mary Riordan		
Sat	10.00am Cathal Clenaghan	6.00pm vigil Heloise & James Mulholland	
Sun	9.30am 12.00 noon Hugh Faloon	10.30am Thomas Boyle 12.00pm Ena White	

REQUIESCANT IN PACE



RECENTLY DECEASED: Joseph Dunican

MONTH'S MIND: Veronica Thompson

ANNIVERSARIES: Trea Grant, Sr Miriam Therese O'Brien, Nan McLoman, Doris Mulholland, James Doone, Mary Doone, Patrick McLoman, Norah Rodgers, Mary Riordan, Cathal Clenaghan, Clare Walsh, Joe Ayre, James Turner

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:

Patricia Armstrong, Special Intention (SC), Special Intention (HF), Special Intention (EC, JL, GL, MR)

'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 DRAW: The next £1000 draw will take place in St Joseph's Presbytery on Monday 17th December directly after 9.30am Mass. All welcome.

2018 PARISH DRAW WEEK 33

Winner: £100: Bridget McGarry, Crumlin
Winner: £50: Ethel O'Neill, Glenavy

COLLECTIONS: 9ND DECEMBER:
Weekly Offering: £2,718
Thank you for your generosity

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.

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER: The next meeting for Eucharistic Ministers (Crumlin/Aldergrove) will take place after Mass on Monday 17 December.

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.

Church Door Collection for the Missions will be held on Sunday 16th December after both Masses in Glenavy

CRUMLIN YOUTH FOR CHRIST. Copies of the latest newsletter are available in Mater Dei entrance porch. The 'Pop-Up' Drop-In currently meets on Thursday nights from 8pm to 9:30pm in St John's Hall, Crumlin. All young people are invited to come along and enjoy the fun with like minded Christians. Check it out now at: www.crumlinyfc.org

ST GENEVIEVE'S HIGH SCHOOL Open Night Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 7pm

ST MARY'S CHRISTIAN BROTHERS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL: **Open Night** on Thursday 17th January 2019 at 7.30pm.

ST DOMINIC'S OPEN DAY Saturday 12th January, 9.30—11am. P6 & P7 pupils are welcome.

RATHMORE GRAMMAR SCHOOL: **Open Day** Saturday 19 January 2019 9.30 am to 1.00 pm .

2019 Diocesan Directory is now available from each of the churches. Price £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

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.