

**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.

**ST. JOSEPH'S GAC:** Lotto results for 3 Jan 2019 Winning nos. **8-16-19-22 Jackpot** £3,950. No winners. **3 No:** None. **Lucky Dips;** Fr McBride, Michael Devlin Jnr, Sarah O'Neill. **Next week's Jackpot** £4,000. Second Jackpot £2000. Visit the club's new website: [www.glenavygac.com](http://www.glenavygac.com)

**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](http://www.opticare.co.uk)

**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

**NARON HOUSE RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME AT ALDERGROVE** requires someone with a positive attitude 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

**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



### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD 6TH JANUARY 2019

**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](mailto:glenavy@downandconnor.org)

Parish Website: [glenavyandkilleadparish.com](http://glenavyandkilleadparish.com)

[www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish](https://www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish)

#### *Introduction to the Celebration*

Today we recall the strange and exotic visitors who went to greet the infant Jesus. They remind us that in a myriad of ways the Christ beckons all of us to gather with him and offer thanks to the Father.

#### *Gospel Reflection*

For many Christians, the Feast of the Epiphany (which is also known as Little Christmas in Ireland) marks the end of the Christmas season. Yet the Epiphany is at the heart of the Christmas message. The word 'epiphany' means 'manifestation' or 'showing'. Fundamentally, the Christian vocation is to show Jesus and his glory to the world. The Epiphany acknowledges that Jesus Christ, the newborn baby, is the Saviour of all people.


During the Christmas season, we reflect on what it means to believe that the Word became flesh and lived among us. God has chosen to live among us, his people, in the person of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, who saves us from the justly deserved consequences of our sins. This is why we celebrate Christmas. All other activities associated with Christmas — for example, the exchange of gifts, the holidays from school and work, the visits to family and friends — are secondary. The real wonder of Christmas is not just that God became human in and through his Son, Jesus Christ, but that Christ, through his Church, continues to be present in our world.

#### *God's Word, Son and Revelation*

Christmas and the Epiphany challenge us to renew our appreciation of the commitment God has made to us by becoming human. In the person and life of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, God has demonstrated beyond all doubt how much he loves us and shares his life with us. God shares his life with us especially through the Church and the sacraments. In the person and life of Jesus Christ, God has embraced human nature completely and he has become one with it. This is the mystery of Christmas and it remains true for all time and for all God's people everywhere.

The Feast of the Epiphany invites us to consider once again the real meaning of Christmas and to respond accordingly. The wise men, in presenting Jesus with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, acknowledged him as Saviour of all people. The feast invites us to ask: what gift can we present to Jesus that acknowledges him as our Saviour?

Surely the most appropriate gift is striving to live a life that imitates his teaching and example. Therefore, the Epiphany is an ideal time to reflect on the practice of our Christian faith so that, during the coming year, we will 'show' the world the glory of the Saviour who has redeemed us from sin and who gives us life through his Church and the celebration of the sacraments.

07 January—13 January		Mass Intentions		
	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James	Feumore
Mon	9.30am	7.00am Grace Boyd Mass Intention		
Tue		9.30am Cecilia & James Doone		
Wed		9.30am May & Pat McKeown		
Thurs	9.30am			
Fri	9.30am Gerald Cormican			
Sat	10.00am	6.00pm vigil Annie & Jimmy McGuckian		
Sun	9.30am Imelda McGarry 12.00 noon Donald Cormican	10.30am 12.00pm Joseph Dunican (Month's Mind)	9.00am Mary Marley	10.45am Joseph Kane

**ST MARTHA'S ALTAR SOCIETY** urgently require new members to help clean St Joseph's and Mater Dei Churches. If you can help in this ministry please leave your contact details with the Parish Office

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

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

**ST. PATRICK'S ACADEMY OPEN NIGHT** – Thursday 10 January 2019. 7.30pm – Principal's Address: . Ballinderry Road, Lisburn, BT28 1TD. Tel: 02892 664877. Email: [info@stpats.lisburn.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@stpats.lisburn.ni.sch.uk) Website: [www.stpatsni.co.uk](http://www.stpatsni.co.uk)

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

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

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

**BLESSED TRINITY COLLEGE** Open Evenings on Tuesday 22nd January and Wednesday 23rd January. From 6.00pm-6.45pm,

**2019 Diocesan Directory is now available from each of the churches and the Parish Office. Price £4**

**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

#### **WE OBSERVED HIS STAR AT HIS RISING**

The Wise Men were probably astronomers and philosophers, but most importantly they were 'seekers', looking to the skies for something that would bring them closer to God. They would have been familiar with the prophecy about a new King, who would be a very powerful leader, and they may have been watching the skies for years, waiting for the right astronomical sign which would foretell His birth. Many astronomers have since tracked the skies from that period, to try to identify what 'star' the Wise Men could have seen. Some have identified Jupiter, not a star, which in 6BC was following that correct trajectory across the sky over many months. One must admire the faithful and determined journey that these Wise Men set out on, a journey which involved many risks. The Wise Men represent all peoples of all cultures and faiths who make such journeys in search of God.

We often look for signs in our lives, especially when we are looking for answers. Let us have the courage to move out of our comfort zones in search of Jesus, just as the Wise men did. They had no idea of what awaited them, but the Gospel speaks of their delight and joy when they arrived to that place.

'We often make do with looking at the ground...I wonder if we still know how to look up at the sky? Do we know how to dream, to long for God, to expect the newness he brings, or do we let ourselves be swept along by life, like dry branches before the wind?'  
Pope Francis

#### **REQUIESCANT IN PACE**



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Ronald Pierre-Davis

**MONTH'S MIND:** Joseph Dunican

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Julia McKavanagh, Dan McGarry, Molly McCambridge, Samuel Nelson, Deborah Hoey, Vinnie McAreavey, Arthur Lavery, Magdalene Kelly, Betty McQuillan, Gerald Cormican, Jean, Daniel & John Johnston, Samuel Nelson, Michael Lavery, Cecilia & James Doone, May & Pat McKeown, John Edwards Snr & John Edwards Jnr, Sara Toner,

**MASS INTENTION:** Grace Boyd.

**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 (HF), Special Intention (G, F, J), James Cooley, Margaret Hendron.**

**A CHURCH UNITY SERVICE** will take place in St Peter's Cathedral on Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 7 pm

**YOUCAT FOR KIDS:** The Catechism of the Catholic Church for Children was the fastest selling religious book in Ireland in 2018. It is also very popular with adults. Available from the Parish Office £10.

#### **COLLECTIONS**

**30 DECEMBER: Weekly Offering: £2,726**

**Christmas Offering: £7,000**

**Thank you for your generosity**

#### **PARISH DRAW WEEK 36**

**Winner:** £100: Maura McCorry, Ballinderry Upp

**Winner:** £50: Martin McCartney, Glenavy

## **ALCOHOL AWARENESS WEEK 19<sup>TH</sup> – 25<sup>TH</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:al-anon@btconnect.com) or visit our website [www.al-anonuk.org.uk](http://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](http://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 19<sup>TH</sup> – 27<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:marianrvi@yahoo.co.uk) or call Sheila on 0790 286 9646. You can also look up [www.rachelsvineyardni.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:anne.hagan@familycaresociety.org) **Website:** [www.familycaresociety.co.uk](http://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](mailto: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](http://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.