

MINISTRY OF THE WORD: There is a need to recruit additional Ministers of the Word for service particularly in St Joseph's Church. This is an essential Ministry in the Church. Once you are accepted training will be given. Please contact Fr Mc Bride if you would be interested.

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE will be held in The Moravian Church, Lower Ballinderry, on Friday 6th March at 8.00pm. The Service has been prepared by the women of Zimbabwe and the theme is 'Rise! Take your Mat and Walk'. All welcome to attend.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED IN PARISH WORK e.g. visiting the elderly. If so why not join the legion of Mary. Tel Patricia 07751345760

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION OF REPARATION as requested by Our Lady of Fatima will take place in St Joseph's Church, Killough, Chapel Street, BT30 7QJ on **Saturday 7th March**. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8.30am; Sacrament of Reconciliation from 8.30 to 9.45am; Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 9.00am; Meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary at 9.30am, Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 10.00am.

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. Volunteers urgently required.

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

ST. JOSEPH'S GAC: lotto results for **20th Feb. 20** **Winning nos. 1-7-17-23. Jackpot £1050**— No Winners. **3 Numbers.** Fergal Clenaghan.. **Lucky Dips:** Megan McGarry – Joanne Cormican – David Honeyford. **Next week's Jackpot £1100.** Visit the club's new website and enter the lotto draw at www.glenavygac.com. You can also keep up to date with all club affairs here.

DIOCESAN MATT TALBOT PILGRIMAGE 2020: The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Venerable Matt Talbot takes place on Saturday 18 April 2020 with Concelebrated Mass taking place at 12.30 in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sean McDermott Street, Dublin. For further information and booking, please contact Mary Holden (Tel: 028 94423956)

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

YOGA WITH EIMEAR Monday 6.45pm—7.45pm. £5 drop-in or £25 for 6 weeks.

BOOK CLUB every third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm

FRIENDSHIP GROUP will every Wednesday 10.30am.

ST CLARE'S BOWLING CLUB Monday's 8.00pm New members welcome. Tel 94453972

PILATES Tuesday 7.30pm and 8.30pm 07738111281

ST CLARE'S PARENTS & TODDLER GROUP Friday's 10.00am—12noon.

MODERN JIVE Wednesdays

MONTHLY WHIST Last Friday of the month at 8.00pm in Ballymacrickett PS

TRADITIONAL MUSIC SESSION last Sunday of every month @ 7 pm

TABLE TENNIS every Monday 8pm. Beginners welcome.

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 LENT
1ST MARCH 2020

Very Rev Fr Colm McBride PP: St Joseph's Presbytery, 59 Chapel Road, Glenavy, BT29 4LY 94459560 (In emergencies Fr Declan Mulligan P.P. Aghagallon 92651214)

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

A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community

CO-CREATORS

Jesus is tempted to use creation just for himself.

This can happen with money, other people, the environment and religion. We are called to look after God's creation, not con-trol it.

To be co-workers with God is our call – to focus on people as well as plans, to feel the needs here and abroad.

One view of God is that he looks after the world for good or bad, and we are just the receivers. The other is that we are co-workers in developing the world and God's creation. Jesus was tempted to throw himself away from the world as he knew it, but he did not. He would live by the word of God, and God would care for him as for the parents in the first reading.

'A Christian who doesn't safeguard creation, who doesn't make it flourish, is a Christian who isn't concerned with God's work, that work born of God's love for us' (Pope Francis, 2015).

The temptation to Jesus was to take him off the path of his father. Like him, we are often tempted to use the creation of God just for our benefit. Our call is to be co-creators of the world with God.

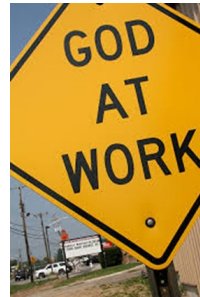
Imagine a garden where everything is beautiful. It is the 'creation' of a gardener. Then imagine that someone has ruined one corner of it

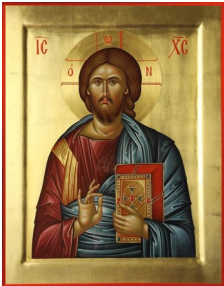
– notice the difference. Apply this to how we treat God's creation.

May we care for your creation, O Lord, with the love you have for creation and for us.

Donal Neary SJ:

Gospel Reflections for Sundays of Year A: Matthew



	2nd March	8th March	Mass Intentions
	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	
Mon	9.30am Pat MacCreanor		
Tue	9.30am Stations of the Cross	7.00pm Josie Kealey (Month's Mind)	
Wed		9.30am	
Thur	9.30am Holy Souls		
Fri	9.30am		
Sat	9.30am Followed by Confessions	6.00pm vigil Tony Flynn (Month's Mind)	
Sun	9.30am Brendan Cormican, Ambrose & Isaac Mulholland 12.00 noon James Dominic Clenaghan (1st) 6.00pm Evening Prayer of the Church	10.45am	

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

RECENTLY DECEASED: Thomas Burke, Peggy McCorry (nee Jordan) **MONTH'S MIND:** Josie Kealey
ANNIVERSARIES: Rev Brendan Mooney, Brian O'Neill, Alice Kennedy, William & Mary Pauline Eastwood, James Savage, Roy Connolly, Pat MacCreanor, George Brown, Charles O'Hara Snr, Bridget McCorry, Mary O'Loughlin, Bridie McGarry,

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

Holy Souls, Deceased Murphy Circle, Deceased McCleave Circle, Special Intention (Bridget McGarry)

PARISH RETREAT AT DRUMALIS: The Parish of Glenavy & Killead will hold it's annual retreat at Drumalis over the weekend of Saturday, 4th and Sunday, 5th April 2020. The theme for this year's retreat is 'The God Who Speaks', offering a time to reflect on God's word in our daily lives - how we live it and ways we can live His word more fully. Places can be booked through the Parish Office and for more information please call Clive Duffield on 07967704592

THE PARISH BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT invite all parishioners who have been bereaved at any time to Mater Dei Parochial House for a **5 week Bereavement Healing Programme** commencing at 7pm each Wednesday from **11 March to 8th April 2020**. This free Healing Programme is a very gentle set of 5 sessions during which we will look at the grieving process and the impact of loss and loneliness in our lives. Looking at coping strategies and self-care in a warm and confidential environment. Although the course will not heal the grief, it will give the tools to help on the journey through grief and loss. Places on the course can be booked through the Parish Office. For more information please call 07746032796. **Please note change of dates.**

COLLECTIONS 23/02/2020

WEEKLY OFFERING: £2,156

Thank you for your generosity

PARISH DRAW WEEK 42

Winner: £100: Kenny Kane Aghalee

Winner: £50: Eileen Connor Crumlin

Congratulations to our winners

Parish Lenten Programme—No Greater Love: Thousands sought Jesus during His life. Only a few journeyed with Him to Calvary. Will you walk step-by-step with Jesus from His Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane to his Seven Last Words on the Cross?

No Greater Love is a **5 week biblical pilgrimage through the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ** that reveals His amazing love for us. This faith development programme is delivered in prayer with short video presentations and small group discussions. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be handouts and Scripture references for you to study and pray with at home so as to deepen your experience of Christ's love in your life.

It begins on Thursday 5th March at 7pm in Mater Dei Parochial House, Crumlin, until Thursday 2nd April. We encourage you to come along, enrich your Lenten journey and be open to encountering the compassionate love of Christ. For further information or to register to join us over the 5 weeks please contact the Parish Office 028 94422278.

BELOVED DISCIPLES: This is a short **4 week faith** development programme for the over 60's in our parish. It's about spirituality in the Autumn of life and the issues which arise among seniors and how they can be enriched through our faith. The course will be held in **St Clare's Hall at 11.00am** on Friday mornings with each of the four sessions lasting about 1hour 15 minutes. It will involve watching parts of a DVD followed by talking and listening to each other. The programme will be facilitated by a member of the Diocesan Living Church Office. Please consider this opportunity. It is very enjoyable and non-threatening. Contact the Parish Office for more information and just come along to the first session on **Friday 6th March for 11.00am** or come earlier and have a cup of tea and a scone beforehand in the tea bar.

FIRST FRIDAY VISITS: Fr McBride will visit the Sick & Housebound this coming week in the Southern half of the Parish.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2020: Full board in hotel: 7 nights (7-14 July) for £725 or 5 nights (8-13 July) for £650. Full board for sick or infirm pilgrims with medical and nursing care in Accueil Notre Dame: 5 nights (8-13 July) for £550. Youth Team (5-14 July) £590. All flights from Belfast Int'l Airport. Application form now available from the Parish Office or for further information contact the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 9077 0162, email: Lourdes@downandconnor.org or visit www.downandconnor.org/Lourdes

PERPETUAL NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP.: A Perpetual Novena is celebrated at the 7.00pm Mass, Mater Dei Church each Tuesday evening.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET will be recited at 6.30pm on Wednesdays in Mater Dei Church

ROSARY FEUMORE: Holy Hour with rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed in Feumore Mass Centre each Sunday at 7pm. Rosary in **Mater Dei Crumlin** at 6.30pm on Tuesday. All welcome.

ROSARY AT THE GROTTTO, Glenavy, on the last Friday of each month at 7.00pm

DIOCESAN VOCATION WEEKEND: Have you ever considered the possibility that God is calling you to the priesthood? If so, 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 discern God's calling in your life. The retreat will take place in Drumalis Retreat Centre, from Friday 6th – Sunday 8th March 2020. 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.

DONATION: I wish to acknowledge the generous gift to the parish of £2,000 from a parishioner toward the relief of our parish debt. Fr Colm Mc Bride

THE GLENAVY BRANCH OF PPOSTOLIC WORK will meet on Tuesday 3rd March at 7.00pm

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL HAVE PROVIDED 'SUGGESTION BOXES' at the back of St. Joseph's and Mater Dei churches. Parishioners are invited to provide feedback and make suggestions for discussion at the Council's monthly meetings. In addition to the suggestion boxes the Parish Pastoral Council remains contactable through the Parish Office and the Facebook page or by speaking to one of the Council Members in person



ACCORD provides a counselling service for any couple who may be experiencing difficulties or challenges in their relationship. The Belfast Centre is situated in Twin Spires Centre, Northumberland Street, Belfast. Tel No-02890339944. Email-belfast@accordni.com

KILMORE AND KILLYLEAGH PARISH: Join us and follow in the footsteps of Padre Pio on this, our first Parish pilgrimage to San Giovanni Rotondo Italy. Return flights from Dublin, 4-nights from 13th September, accompanied by a Spiritual Director and includes a fully escorted religious programme. Tour package £595 per person. £200 deposit to be paid by 7th February 2020 to secure places For additional details visit the website www.kilmoreandkillyleagh.com or contact Joe Walsh tours Tel: 00353 1241 0800.

CLARE LODGE 16TH-18TH MARCH 2020 2 nights full board £90 per person sharing £110 single room occupancy. For further details please contact Clare Lodge 02843722849 or email clare.lodge@svpni.co.uk

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREATS are a beautiful healing opportunity for anyone struggling with the spiritual or emotional pain of an abortion. The weekend helps you to experience the love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness of God. It enables suffering souls to find peace and transform the pain of the past into a future full of hope. For information call Marian in complete confidence on 07814 748 744 or e mail marianrvni@yahoo.co.uk and check us out on Facebook.

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.ohagan@familycaresociety.org **Website:** www.familycaresociety.co.uk Thank You

SPECIAL BELFAST CHRISTMAS PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND €1,899 and 20th July for 8 nights €1,725 Taking in Bethlehem, Jerusalem Mount Tabor, Cana, Nazareth, Jericho, River Jordan, Dead Sea and Sea of Galilee. Contact James Treacy 00353860572216 or 0035361921470 or office 0035318783111 ex Dublin

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA 2020: 12th / 19th Aug'. 7 Nights Full Board, Hotel Avenida. Spiritual Director Fr. Martin Graham. Full Religious Program. with Optional Tours. £719 inclusive of Tax and Insurance. For Further details contact Joe Catney 90714001 or 07776425631

LENT AT TOBAR MHIURE. ASH WEDNESDAY. A conversation on forgiveness between Alan McBride and Jude Whyte, two people who been faced with the challenge of forgiving those who perpetrated awful deeds upon their loved ones. Session begins at 7.30pm. Voluntary donation towards Belfast Welcome Centre.

LENTEN SCRIPTURE COURSE WITH FR. OLIVER TREANOR. A four week series on the Wednesdays of Lent, in which Fr. Oliver Treanor invites us to see the meaning of the Cross in God's plan and as a way of achieving the fullness of life. Begins at 7.30pm and concludes at 9.00pm sharp. Voluntary Donation.

TAKE OFF YOUR SHOES – YOU ARE STANDING ON HOLY GROUND! A three week course, March 1st; March 8th; March 15th, to explore the beauty of Eucharistic Adoration and ways of developing best practice in our personal lives and in our parishes. **Led by:** Fr Tom Scanlon CP. **Time:** 3.00pm – 5.30pm each day. **Voluntary Donation.**

HSC Northern Ireland Foster Care: You are warmly invited to join us as we launch HSC Northern Ireland Foster Care on Tuesday 25 February 9.30am-11.30am at Girdwood Community HUB, BT14 6EG. Throughout Northern Ireland there has been an increase in the number of children coming into the care system and there is an increased demand for foster carers and foster families. This event will give an insight into different types of fostering and will provide accurate information about who can foster. Foster carers and fostering colleagues will be on hand to answer any questions. We will hear first-hand from Foster Carer of the Year 2019 and we will hear from a young person who has experienced foster care. We would be delighted if you could join us. Kindly RSVP by Friday 31st January to karen.carson@belfasttrust.hscni.net or phone 028 9504 0302 for catering purposes. *Kerrylee Weatherall* Co Director Corporate Parenting & Regional Emergency Social Work Service, Belfast HSC Trust