

FRESH CHRISTMAS TREES all Sizes available. Contact Eamon McCorry 07798891971 for details.

PARISH BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: A member of the Bethany group may be contacted on Tel 0774603279

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 26/11/20. **Winning Nos. 1-8-9-13. Jackpot £3,000** -No Winners. **3 Numbers:** Joseph O'Boyle Jnr. **Lucky Dips:** Scott Hope-Charles Gallagher-Clare Armstrong. **Next week's Jackpot £3,000. 2nd Jackpot £550.**

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND— CHRISTMAS APPEAL: This charity is making an appeal for financial assistance for the very small Christian communities in the Holy Land. The plight and poverty of these communities in Israel and Palestine is not in doubt. There are many demands made on your generosity by our own local charities trying to counter the local economic impact of Covid-19. At the same time every small donation which is affordable can make a difference. More information can be found at www.friendsoftheholylanld/christmas

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

CRUMLIN/ALDERGROVE CONFERENCE Emergency helpline **07754427088**. New volunteers urgently required.

ST JOSEPH GLENNAVY CONFERENCE continues its local charitable work during the Covid pandemic. Emergency helpline **07784955647**. Our usual red box for collections has not been available to those who support our work due to on-going restrictions. Anyone wishing to make a regular or one-off donation can do so directly to our bank account, Sort Code 98-04-60. Account Number 41966009. Your support is very much appreciated as we support those most vulnerable in these challenging times in your local community.

BINGO

Has been suspended until the New Year as St Clare's Hall is temporarily closed due to the Covid restrictions

PARISH OFFICE. Please note that the parish office is open daily Monday to Friday 10.00am to 3.00pm. During these two weeks of lock-down the parish office will be open at the usual times.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 29TH NOVEMBER 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.
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A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community

THE INVITATION

I like these words of the late Cardinal Hume: "There are times when I can visualize Our Lord at the break of day standing by my bed and saying: "Get up, follow me." Whether I am conscious of it or not, in effect that invitation, that loving but insistent command, is given to me every day. Each new morning is the opportunity to start again. Yesterday there may have been inadequacies and failures but today Christ renews his call: "Follow me. I have chosen you. I need you." Who can fail to respond to the thought that God needs our willing collaboration."

We are carers of creation and of his people. Take this seriously, it is our world. God has made himself so vulnerable and this gospel reading is just before the passion. An area or parish improves if enough people do something. We look at areas in a locality which are now clean of drugs, more prosperous and just. This has been the work of people co-creating the world with God. Making it a better place. Doing the world a world of good.

Gospel today says – Don't give up. God is always near! Live in hope and preparation. Stay awake to the season – the ways we can deepen and grow in our faith – maybe do a retreat, do something good for others with your time or finance, notice God in the events of the next few weeks, pray a bit every day, make time to be awakened to the centre of our world who is God, and to his central action in creating the world each day, sending Jesus Christ his Son.

A question for the first week of Advent:

How can I help someone today?

Lord, send me, use me, create me for your work in the world.

Donal Neary SJ

Gospel Reflections for Sundays of Year B



30TH NOVEMBER—6TH DECEMBER

Fr McBride will be celebrating Mass privately each day with the following Mass intentions

Mon	
Tues	
Wed	Elizabeth McCullagh (1st)
Thurs	
Fri	
Sat	Vivienne McCorry (Month's Mind)
Sun	



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

First Reading. Is 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8 We are the work of God the potter who creates us and cares for us like a loving father.

Second Reading. 1 Cor 1 1:3-9 We are enriched in so many ways because we are never without the gifts of God's Spirit.

Gospel .Mark 13:33-37 There is a warning in the Gospel to 'be on your guard'. It is not a threatening warning to scare us! It is given to us out of love. We live in uncertain times. The Covid-19 pandemic is stark reminder of the reality of the uncertain times that recently engulfed our fragile world and that affect us all now

RECENTLY DECEASED: Elizabeth Agnew, *Hartswood*

ANNIVERSARIES: William Brankin (1st), Paul Saunders (1st), Elizabeth McCullagh (1st), Laurence & Jack Loughan, Daniel & Ellen McCorry, James Doone, Paddy & Margaret Gillen, Roseleen McAlernon,

BAPTISM: We welcome to the People of God: Ollie Michael Carberry, Páidí Anthony Law.

SANCTUARY LAMP: James Doone, LD

PARISH OFFERINGS MADE BY DIRECT DEBIT /STANDING ORDERS: If you have received a letter regarding your direct debit/standing order, please complete and return the enclosed form to the parish office as soon as possible. It will help with the administration of your offering.

PARISH ENVELOPES can be received at either Sunday or weekday Masses and only during Mass times. Alternatively, if your circumstances permit, make a bank transfer to: **Parish of Glenavy and Killead. Sort Code 98 04 60. Account 10654677.**

MAKING YOUR OFFERING TO THE CHURCH

If you are able, you are encouraged to make a monthly offering to the Church by means of a Bank Transfer. To assist you, the necessary forms are available at the back of the Churches. Both forms need to be completed with one sent to your Bank and the other to the parish office.

If you have any queries please contact in confidence the parish secretary or Fr Mc Bride

SUSPENSION OF LITURGICAL SERVICES:

Following the re-introduction of government regulations in an effort to contain the Covid virus, the celebration of public Mass in the parish has been suspended until Friday 11 December when it will resume with the 9.30am Mass in St Joseph's Church. During this period of suspension both Mater Dei Church and St Joseph's Church will be open for private prayer between 10.30am and 4.30pm each day.

Weekend Mass will be live streamed on our parish facebook page, (*see the address at the front of the bulletin*) Saturday 5th December at 6.00pm. Fr Mc Bride will celebrate Mass privately each day during this period of suspension.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available again on Friday 11th December at 6.00pm in St Joseph's where the facilities accommodate the required social distancing and confidentiality.

If you require a priest in an emergency during this time please ring the usual numbers. See front of bulletin

Funerals and weddings will continue to be celebrated with a limit of 25 persons attending.

ADVENT WAITING IN JOYFUL HOPE: We invite you to join us as we prepare spiritually for Christ's coming with a Parish Mid day 30 minute reflection and prayer event by Zoom each Wednesday of Advent, starting on Wednesday 2nd December at 12pm. To join by zoom you need only a apple or android phone, Ipad or tablet, laptop or computer, we will send you a link to join our meeting. To book a place on our Parish Advent Prayer phone 028 9442 2278 or email the parish secretary glenavy@downandconnor.org to give your name, mobile number or email address.

APOSTOLIC WORK GROUP: Due to Covid-19 Regulations, the Apostolic Work Church Door Collection will now take place on Saturday and Sunday 19th and 20th December at all the Masses in the parish. Gift Aids envelopes will be available in both churches from 12th December.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL COLLECTION : The Annual SVDP Christmas Appeal will take place after all the Masses on Sunday 13th December. With your help they will try to meet all the requirements made to them for assistance at this time of year.

ST JOSEPH'S GRAVEYARD: Please be aware that dogs are not permitted within the graveyard at any time, with the exception of registered guide dogs. Notices to this effect have been posted at the entrances. The graveyard is a sacred place, blessed and consecrated.

COLLECTIONS 22/11/2020

WEEKLY OFFERING: £2,285

Thank you for your generosity

PARISH DRAW WEEK 15

Winner: £500:	Hugh Mulholland	Glenavy
Winner: £100:	Katherine McAlister	Crumlin
Winner: £50:	S&M Keating	Crumlin
Congratulations to our winners		

MARY'S MEALS — DOUBLE THE LOVE: At Mary's Meals we are inspired by the courageous 'yes' of Mary. Her total trust in God in the face of numerous challenges gave the world the most precious gift of all – Jesus. Throughout this year of many challenges Mary's Meals have continued to say yes, with the help of our generous supporters, to feeding children their daily meal in a place of education even when obstacles arose. Now we are delighted to share with you a new opportunity to say yes and provide hope to 43,000 children in Bong County, Liberia. From 2nd November until 31st January 2021, any donations made to the *Double The Love* campaign will be matched by the UK government, up to £2 million. Each little act of love will be doubled in order to the support families in Liberia and provide hope for a better future for their children. You can get involved by setting a place at our Big Family Christmas dinner table (<https://bigfamilychristmas.marysmeals.org.uk/big-family-christmas-table>.) You can also buy our Christmas gift cards on our website. More information on how to support us can be found at www.marysmeals.org.uk/doublethelove. Thank you and God Bless

CRUMLIN YOUTH FOR CHRIST: Crumlin Youth for Christ is a cross community Christian outreach to the young people of Crumlin. This is challenging work and requires great faith and commitment by the volunteers led by Dean Moore. We may not feel able to actively join them but we can help them with necessary resources. CYFC are looking for 20 people to commit to giving £20 a month for the next year. If you could help, please contact our parish representative to CYFC, Clive Duffield on 07967704592

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