

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 10th. Dec. 20. **Winning nos. 10-11-15-21. Jackpot £3000**-No Winners. **3 Numbers:** George Walsh. **Lucky Dips:** Mary Brazier – T. Bazi-lausras – Chloe Hutton. **Next week's Jackpot £3000. 2nd Jackpot £650.**

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING Friday 18th December 10.00am. Covid restrictions apply

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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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

CRUMLIN/ALDERGROVE CONFERENCE Emergency helpline **07754427088**. . Crumlin/Aldergrove SVP conference continues to help the needy and vulnerable in our local community during the Covid-19 pandemic and those needs have very sadly been heightened by the pandemic. As a community-based charity, we rely solely on charitable donations, but owing to restrictions the community has been unable to make donations via the red box collections. We would appreciate any and all donations and which can be made via the Crumlin/Aldergrove SVP conference bank account. Account number 41965035, sort code 980460. Your ongoing support is very greatly appreciated during what continues to be a very troubling time for the needy in our community". 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.

PARISH OFFICE. Please note that the parish office is open daily Monday to Friday 10.00am to 3.00pm.

PARISH DRAW WEEK 17

Winner: £100: Denise Crossey Glenavy

Winner: £50: Brian Falloon Glenavy

Congratulations to our winners



**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
GAUDETE SUNDAY
13TH DECEMBER 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

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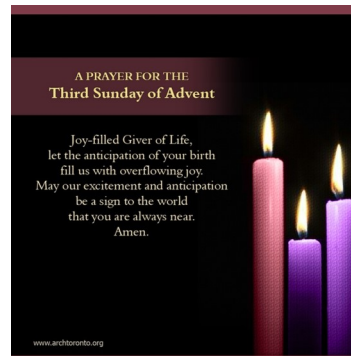
From now until after Christmas we leave Mark's gospel, but nonetheless for today the focus remains on John the Baptist. As in Mark, John's gospel has no story of the birth of Jesus but right from the outset it emphasises the divine origin of Jesus, the light of the world, the Word made flesh. The role of the Baptist is to bear witness to who Jesus really is and that is what we see in the text for today. John always directs the focus away from himself and points to the one who is coming, and once again the quotation from Is 40 is heard. The level of expectation is high, as can be seen from the questions being put to John but his only interest.

Reflection

In the gospel John the Baptist describes Jesus as 'standing among you, unknown to you'. In John's time this was because Jesus had not yet begun his ministry, but in our own day these words have a particular relevance. We live by faith in Jesus the crucified and risen Lord present in our world. In preparing for Christmas we want to renew our awareness of that presence and to help others be aware of it. In Advent we, like John, are called to be witnesses to the light he brings. In small but important ways we can bring light into the lives of those around us. Simple acts of kindness, sharing our time, talents or resources with those in need, is the only way Christ's light will shine for many people this Christmas. In our time, through the gift of the Spirit, the Word becomes flesh in us.

Sean Goan

Let the reader understand The Sunday Readings for Year



	14 DECEMBER	20TH NOVEMBER	MASS INTENTIONS
	ST JOSEPH'S	MATER DEI	
Mon	9.30am Joe Dunican, Larry Dunican		
Tue		7.00pm Sr Miriam Therese O'Brien Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena Mass	
Wed		9.30am Lily Fleeton Adoration 10-12noon & 6-8pm	
Thur	9.30am Clare Walsh Adoration 7-9pm		
Fri	9.30am Phelim McGarry Month's Mind 6.00pm Confessions		
Sat		6.00pm vigil James Turner	
Sun	9.30am 12.00 noon Henry Hamilton	10.45am Kathleen May	



SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading. Is 61:1-2, 10-11; Good news, freedom, joy and healing are offered to us by Isaiah. Great, free gifts for Christmas!

Second Reading. 1 Thess 5:16-24 Pray constantly. Give thanks. Think before you do anything. God will not fail us.

Gospel Jn 1:6-8, 19-28 Who is it that stands among us, unknown to us who leads us to the ways of God?

RECENTLY DECEASED: Kathleen Brankin *Shore Road*, Mary Perpetua Henry, *Glenavy*, Marie Adair *Crumlin*.

MONTH'S MIND: Phelim McGarry

ANNIVERSARIES: William Brankin (1st), John McAreavey (1st), Thomas Burke (1st), John & Patricia Rooney (1st), Vinnie McAreavey, Gerardine Cummins, Thomas Boyle, Lily Fleeton, Molly McPeake, Jodie Lee, Nan McLornan, Sr Miriam O'Brien, Joe Dunican, Larry Dunican, Clare Walsh

SANCTUARY LAMP: Special Intention, Colleen Bar.

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

CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS MASS

Christmas 2020 will be a very different Christmas for everyone. Families and parishes across the diocese will not be able to celebrate in the normal way. The season of Christmas is a season of celebration, but this year it is essential that we celebrate safely.

Normally at Christmas time large numbers of people wish to attend Mass. This year, however due to the Covid-19 pandemic, our Churches simply cannot accommodate such crowds if we are to ensure the health and safety of all and conform to Public Health Agency guidance and NI executive legislation.

It is our intention to have Christmas Masses that are open to parishioners, but only for as many as the church can legally accommodate.

In order to avoid the real possibility of increased transmission of the virus this Christmas it is important to remember:

1. The obligation to attend Mass in person this Christmas has been suspended.
2. Christmas Mass will be broadcast live at 6.00pm on Christmas Eve from Mater Dei Church using the parish facebook: [facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish](https://www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish)
3. Check Diocese of Down and Connor for times of Masses on webcams from other parishes.

You could choose to attend Mass on one day over the Christmas season up to the Solemnity of the Epiphany, January 6th.

To attend any of the Christmas Masses you will need to book a seat(s) through the parish office 9442278.

The times of Masses are as follows.

Christmas Eve.

No public Mass.

6.00pm. A live streamed Mass will be available on the parish facebook page.

Christmas Day

9.00am St James Church

9.30am St Joseph's Church

10.45am Mater Dei Church

10.45am Feumore Mass Centre

Please do not come to the church unless you have a seat(s) booked through the parish office. Tel. 9442278.

Parishioners are reminded that face coverings (masks) are mandatory while entering, moving around and while leaving the Church. They are strongly encouraged while seated.

In this extra-ordinary year, let us all celebrate Christmas safely.

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FREE CHRISTMAS CAROLS: St Agnes' Choral society have recorded two Christmas concerts from St. Peter's cathedral which will be aired in December for free online with any donations in aid of the Renal Unit at Belfast City Hospital. **The Magic of Christmas** (popular Christmas hits such as Winter's Tale, White Christmas, Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas and poetry from through the years), Sunday 13th December at 7.30pm. **The Christmas Story** (through music, songs, liturgical readings and poetry). Sunday 20th December at 7.30pm. These concerts will be available via our YouTube and Facebook channels for free. Please spread the word as we hope to bring Christmas joy and festivities into households in the parish and beyond this Christmas. **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/stagneschoralsociety>

Youtube: <http://tiny.cc/Stagneschristmas> Donations can be made to the renal unit by visiting: gf.me/u/y7xc2a

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 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