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**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 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.

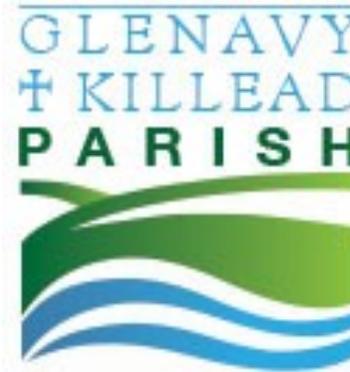
**ST. JOSEPH'S GAC:** Lotto results 17<sup>th</sup>. Dec. 20. **Winning Nos. 3 – 10– 23 – 25. Jackpot £3000** -- No Winners. **3 Numbers:** Giles McCorry – Seamus Smith – Tom Brown. **Lucky Dips: Mary Devlin – Trevor Nulty – Geraldine Brown.** **Next week's Jackpot £3000.** 2nd Jackpot £700

### **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 will be closed from Christmas Eve until Wednesday 30th December



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
20TH 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

**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](http://www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish)

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### **CHRISTMAS EVE MASS**

**Christmas Eve Mass will be Live streamed on the parish Facebook page at 6.00pm. [www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish](http://www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish)**

### **KEEP AWAKE**

The situation into which Jesus was born was one of huge stigma with dangerous consequences. God's physical birth into this world was condemned socially; Jesus was marginalised from the moment of his conception. Imagine God choosing to be involved so intimately in this world and in such a 'shocking' way. Even the town of Galilee is problematic for this news as Galileans were considered by the religious leaders of the time to be second class Jews'. God stands with the marginalised. God is present in the most hidden places at times.

On the first Sunday of Advent we were invited to 'Keep Awake'. As we approach the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, what have you noticed this advent? What has our waiting been like? How have you prepared? Where have you seen God being born around you? In the most unexpected places? In the most marginalised? Is your heart more open to receive a new birth of God again?



'Quiet me within, clothe my body in peacefulness, that your Word once again may take flesh—this time, within me—as once it did in holy Mary; long Advent days ago

*Edward Hayes, Prayers for a Planetary Pilgrim*

Jane Mellett

**Fr Colm and Fr John wish all parishioners a very Holy, Happy, Peaceful and Safe Christmas**

21 DECEMBER — 27 DECEMBER MASS INTENTIONS				
	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James	Feumore
MON	9.30am Dearbhla Harbinson			
TUE		7.00pm		
WED	NO MASS			
THURS	NO MASS	6.00 pm		
<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>				
FRI	9.30am	10.45am	9.00am	10.45am
SAT	10.00	6.00pm		
SUN	9.30am To be confirmed	11.45am To be confirmed		

**ALL SEATS FOR CHRISTMAS DAY ARE NOW FULLY BOOKED.  
THERE CAN BE NO ADMITTANCE UNLESS YOU HAVE A BOOKING.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**First Reading. 2 Sam 7:1-5. 8-12.14-16;** Here is another invitation to listen to God's message and respond to it.

**Second Reading. 2 Rm 16:25-27** A secret mystery is revealed to us that will change us forever.

**Gospel .Lk 1:26-28** Mary hears the angel say: *Rejoice, do not be afraid. Listen, you have won God's favour.*

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Seamus O'Neill, *Glenavy* and Samuel Connolly *Crumlin*, Michael cnavan, *Crumlin*, Charles Wilkinson (formerly *Glenavy*), Colm Scullion.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** James Turner, Kathleen May, Henry Hamilton, Mary Riordan, Donald & Rosetta Jordan, Dearbhla Harbinson, Joe Ayre, Annie Lavery, Rory Campbell, Pat Madill, Mary McGarry, Kathleen Wilkinson, Margaret Sweeney,

**SANCTUARY LAMP:** PA, ML, MB, John & Rosaleen Caldwell.

**COLLECTIONS 13/12/2020**

**WEEKLY OFFERING: £3,441**

**MONTHLY OFFERING: £750**

**Thank you for your generosity**

**PARISH DRAW WEEK 17**

**Winner: £100:** Anne McAuley Aldergrove  
**Winner: £50:** Mark Breen Upp Ballinderry

**Congratulations to our winners**

**PARISH PRIEST**

Fr Mc Bride has contracted the Co-vid virus and is in isolation which will be completed by Christmas Eve. **The Public Health Authority Contract Tracing Service have been in touch and are following up any possible contacts.**

The normal daily Mass schedule has been suspended. Fr Burns will celebrate Mass as usual on Tuesday evening at 7.00pm in Mater Dei.

In event of a death or an emergency please Tel.94459560

The schedule of Masses for Christmas will be as previously arranged.

**Christmas Masses**

**Christmas Eve: Live streamed Mass on the parish Facebook page at 6.00pm**

**Christmas Day: 9.00am St James**

**9.30am St Joseph's**

**10.45am Mater Dei**

**10.45am Feumore Mass Centre.**

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**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**



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**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.

**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](http://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](http://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](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.ohagan@familycaresociety.org](mailto:anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org) **Website:** [www.familycaresociety.co.uk](http://www.familycaresociety.co.uk) Thank You