

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 not a public park. It is private property, 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 will have limited opening hours for the next few weeks.
Monday—Friday 10.00am—12.00noon**



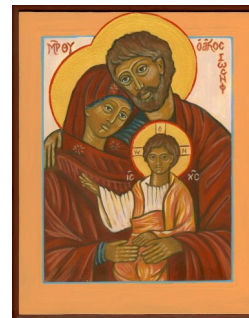
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 10 JANUARY 2021

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 - 12.00.
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A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community

Come to the Water

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus, the moment when God reveals who Jesus is. Our readings are rich with water imagery. Water is a powerful symbol throughout the Scriptures, from the story of creation and the crossing of the Red Sea, to the wedding feast at Cana and Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well. It is a symbol of life and newness, an opportunity for God to reach out to us, be present with us and teach us something, as well as an opportunity for cleansing and a fresh start.

Our gospel today tells of Jesus being baptised by John in the river Jordan. This immersion in water marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry. By approaching John for baptism, along with all the others, Jesus is identifying with the people and allowing himself to be counted among sinners. It is a sign that he is submitting to God's will. At this crucial moment, as soon as he emerges from the Jordan, Jesus sees the heavens open and the voice of God confirming him as 'Beloved Son'. It is a moment of divine approval confirming Jesus identity and launching him on his new mission.



The Baptism of Jesus is a reminder of our own identity and mission. We are beloved daughters and sons of God, sisters and brothers of Jesus, members of God's family. In today's first reading we are invited: 'Come to the water all who are thirsty'. We are called to recognise who Jesus is, and who we are and our mission to live as children of God.

11 JANUARY — 17 JANUARY MASS INTENTIONS CELEBRATED PRIVATELY			
	ST JOSEPH'S	MATER DEI	
MON	9.30am Baby Rosie Mc Mahon		
TUE		7.00pm Elizabeth Agnew Months Mind	
WED		9.30am Kathryn & Kenneth Middleton	
THURS	9.30am		
FRI	9.30am Special Intention		
SAT		6.00pm Joseph & Winnifred Dean	
SUN	9.30am Rose Cormican 1st Anniv Gerard Mulholland		

Recently Deceased: Molly Doherty *Feumore*

Months Mind: Elizabeth Agnew, Seamus O Neill,

ANNIVERSARIES: Isa Lavery, Mary O Hara, Eileen Doone, Nora Mc Cann, Colette Douglas, Margaret Ayre, James Brankin, Jane Brown, Neill Fitzpatrick, Michael Lavery, Mary Mc Cready

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

Preparation for Baptism: If you are seeking to have your child Baptised please contact the parish office. Parents are requested to complete a short preparation programme which during the pandemic is completed via Zoom. Currently baptisms are celebrated on a Friday afternoon or a Saturday morning. As only one family at a time can be accommodated there is a waiting list All baptisms take place in St Joseph's Church.

BIBLE ALIVE: Bible Alive is a monthly magazine which provides a great way to get to know the Scriptures from the daily and Sunday Liturgies. There are reflections for each day. Anyone who is interested in learning more about the readings at Mass will find this most encouraging and informative. Copies are £3.00 each and available at the back of the Churches

Amazon. You may be aware that when you purchase goods from Amazon, the company gives you the opportunity to select a charity to which Amazon will donate a portion of the value of your purchase.. **Drumalis Retreat Centre** in Larne is commended to you for your consideration.

The retreat centre is a wonderful facility in our Diocese.

Co-vid Restrictions. Public celebration of Mass has been suspended until 6 February. However, the Churches remain open each day for private prayer. Please be aware that during this period of lockdown there are limits to the number of people able to attend those Church Liturgies which are permitted. Weddings and funerals are limited to 25 persons. Baptisms are limited to 10 persons. Please remember that the wearing of masks when entering, while in the Church and when leaving the Church is mandatory.

PARISH DRAW

Week 21

Winner £100 **Oliver Michael Magee** Upper Ballinderry

Winner £50 **Eileen Connors** Aldergrove Congratulations to our winners

. Thank you to all members for your continued support

Parish Collections w/e 2nd/3rd January

Weekly Offering £1355. **Monthly Offering** £390

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