

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE: Living Youth are hosting weekly Lenten Challenges for young people aged 11-18 and their families. We will be exploring different themes throughout Lent and will have a host of engaging activities to get involved with. www.livingyouth.co.uk/lent-2021 for more information and to register.

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

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. JOSEPH'S GAC: Lotto results 4th. Feb. 21. Winning nos. 3 – 7 – 9 – 21 Jackpot £3000 — No Winners. 3 Numbers: David O'Neill – Margaret Brankin – Desmond McCann- Barbara McCann – Brian Rice - Kevin Hagan – Frank Brankin. Lucky Dips: Brendan Burns – Robert Heatley – Brian Magennis. Next week's Jackpot £3,000. 2nd Jackpot £1,050

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

CRUMLIN/ALDERGROVE CONFERENCE Emergency helpline **07754427088**.

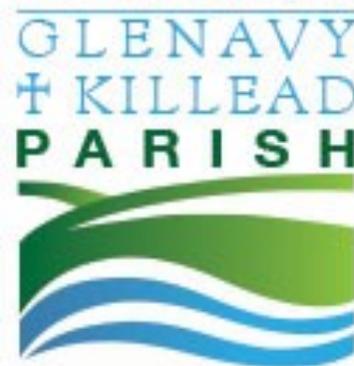
ST JOSEPH GLENAVY CONFERENCE continues its local charitable work during the Covid pandemic. Emergency helpline **07784955647**

ST PATRICKS ACADEMY ,LISBURN: A virtual tour, prospectus and information about our school are all available on the school website (www.stpatsni.co.uk) to give pupils and parents a glimpse of daily life in St. Patrick's Academy.

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 Lame is commended to you for your consideration The retreat centre is a wonderful facility in our Diocese.

PARISH OFFICE.

**Please note that the parish office will have limited opening hours for the next few weeks.
Monday—Friday 10.00am—12.00noon**



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 14 FEBRUARY 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)
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www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish
A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community

ASH WEDNESDAY

DRIVE-THRU DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

It is planned to distribute Ashes in the car park of Mater Dei Church on Wednesday morning 9.30am-10.00am and also between 6.00pm-6.30pm on Wednesday evening. To observe medical guidelines and keep everyone safe **Ashes can only be distributed to those persons in a car. Please do not attend on foot.** All persons in the car must wear a mask. When you arrive please follow the directions of the stewards. Exit and entrance will be through the main gate. Please drive carefully and slowly while in the car park.

GOSPEL NOTES

In the New Testament the healing ministry of Jesus does not focus so much on his ability to heal as on what the healings mean. This is particularly clear in today's incident. The leper who comes to Jesus is not only suffering because of his physical condition, he is also excluded from his community in the manner outlined in the first reading. This clearly adds to his sense of isolation and abandonment.

So when he begs for healing, Jesus is moved with compassion at the sight of his suffering. In healing him, however, he also insists that he take the steps required to be readmitted to the community. In this way, this miracle of Jesus touches not only the victim but also all those around him. Jesus is not only healing the leprosy, he is also challenging attitudes to it and this is made obvious when he reaches out and touches the leper.

REFLECTION

There are many examples from religious traditions around the world, including Christianity, which show that religion is often used as a means of excluding people or as a way of creating an elite or perfect group. However, it is clear both from what Jesus said and what he did that the kingdom of God is inclusive. He reached out to those who were deemed rejected by God and even went so far as to include himself among them when he went to the cross. Let us strive to recognise and overcome our own intolerance and to replace it with the compassion of Christ.

*Sean Goan
Let the Reader Understand*

15 FEBRUARY — 21 FEBRUARY MASS INTENTIONS CELEBRATED PRIVATELY

Monday 15th February	Mass intention John McShane
Tuesday 16th February	Anna Sofia Gallagher & St Bernadette
Wednesday-17th February-	ASH WEDNESDAY
Thursday-18th February-	Rita McCorry
Friday-19th February	PI
Saturday 20th February	James Donnelly & Harriett Donnelly
Sunday 14th February	Rosaleen Anderson, Marie (May) Lenaghan

FIRST READING: Lev 13:1-2, 44-46. The Book of Leviticus outlines a set of rules and instructions to guide people's awareness of God's abiding presence.

SECOND READING: Cor 10:31-11:1 Do everything for the glory of God. Never be offensive. Be helpful always.

GOSPEL: Mk 1:40-45 Jesus made close contact with lepers who were a despised group. Loneliness is a modern-day leprosy affecting every community.

RECENTLY DECEASED: John McKenna (*Ballyginniff Rd*), Rosaleen O'Hara (*formerly Loughview Rd*)

ANNIVERSARIES: Pat Clenaghan (1st), Joe McErlean (1st), Sarah Heatley, Mary C Doone, Patrick Hickland, Raymond Johnston, Anna Sofia Gallagher, Rita McCorry, James McGarrell,

MASS INTENTION: John McShane

SANCTUARY LAMP: Michael Loney, Special Intention LD,

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO THIS LENT? SOMETHING PRAYERFUL?

Aishling and Louise from the Living Church team will be facilitating our 5 week Lectio Divina programme written especially for Lent in Lockdown.



We have three options for you to join in;

Monday at 7pm beginning on Monday 15th Feb
Thursdays at 1:30pm beginning on Thursday 18th Feb
Thursdays at 7pm beginning on Thursday 18th Feb

To join simply send an e-mail to livingchurch@downandconnor.org we will send you the zoom link.

ASK YOUR MP TO SUPPORT AN AMENDMENT TO HELP STOP FORCED ABORTION IN XINJIANG, CHINA

As you have probably already heard, there is extensive evidence that many women in the Uyghur Muslim community in Xinjiang, China are being subjected to forced abortions. This has been highlighted by a number of MPs and Peers in Parliament including pro-life MP Fiona Bruce. You can read more about developments on this issue on Right To Life News [here](#).

Lord Alton is currently championing an amendment to the Trade Bill which would give British courts a role in determining whether a country is committing genocide. This would help with putting international pressure on the Chinese Communist Party to stop the practice of forcing abortions on the Uyghur Muslim community along with the wider human rights abuses that evidence shows is being perpetuated against this community.

The amendment passed in the Lords on Tuesday night by 359 votes to 188, and is likely to be voted on in the Commons next week.

In response to this, we are asking members of the public to contact their MPs, asking them to vote for the amendment. Members of the public can do this easily using a tool which has been set up on the [Genocide Response campaign website](#).

PANDEMIC LENT 2021

This Lent we may find ourselves unable to have some of the extra practices we normally do in Lent, such as attending extra Masses, or faith programs etc. (*Prayer and fasting, of course, continues during any pandemic.*)

So, this year in the parish we are offering something which can be done in the comfort of your own home using an Internet link while you repose on your sofa, in your kitchen, or in your bed. And the whole family can watch and take part too. It's a series of on-line talks on 'The Mass' which explains what is actually happening at Mass. The format takes the form of firstly, watching a short on-line presentation by one of the Churches great communicators, Bishop Robert Barron, as he takes us stage by stage through the Mass explaining, in his often humorous way, just why we do what we do and the reasons which lie behind it, revealing the sheer wonder of it. This is followed by an opportunity to listen or share your view on what you or others think about what you've heard and to ask any questions you may have. The discussion is not intense, often humorous and always down to earth. But if you just want to watch and listen, that's perfectly fine too. To take part you will need to have Zoom on your ipad, laptop or P.C/TV. Just register through the parish office: **Tel. 94422278** or email glenavy@downandconnor.org and we will send you out the link info.

There are five 1-hour sessions and you can attend as many or as few as you like.

This will possibly be the most useful thing you could do this Lent and in terms of your faith, perhaps the best thing you ever did. You will arrive at Easter guaranteed to know more about the Mass than your granny, parents, teachers or priest ever told you. The program begins on Friday 19 February at 7.30pm.... in your home!

Fr Colm Bride PP.

TROCAIRE BOXES:

The focus of Trócaire Lenten campaign this year are the peoples of South Sudan. The two images on the Trócaire Box are of two families from that area. Apart from trying to cope with Covid-19 the people are surviving great poverty and the consequences of a brutal war. It is a particularly grim situation in which our contributions can achieve a great deal. Please pick up a Trócaire Box from the back of Mater Dei and St Joseph's Churches

DIVINE MERCY

Greetings from Rev. Dr. Eunan McDonnell SDB, Deacon Don Devaney and the Divine Mercy conference committee. We wish you all the joy and peace of Christ in the year ahead. The virtual Divine Mercy Conference (2021) will take place on 19, 20, and 21 February. It will be broadcast through our website www.divinemercyconference.com free of charge. It will also be available on and you may listen in via your TV on Saorview 210 (audio only) and dial up listening service 01-4373277. The theme of this our 30th Conference is: *For Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory* (Mt. 6:13). The speakers over the weekend are: Sr. Briege McKenna, Healing Ministry, Conference Speaker and author. Fr. Hayden Williams, OFM Cap, Healing Ministry and preacher. Fr. Colomba Jordan C.F.R, Healing Ministry and Retreat Director. Fr. Brendan Walsh, SCA, Retreat Director, Healing Ministry and Conference speaker. Rev. Eunan McDonnell, SDB, Provincial of the Salesians in Ireland and Spiritual Director to the Conference Committee. Fr. Eamonn McCarthy, Director of Radio Maria. Christy May, Legion of Mary member who will share his testimony of conversion.

PARISH DRAW

Week 26

Winner £100 **Dr Hugh Gallagher, Glenavy**

Winner £50 **Danny Mulholland, Glenavy**

Congratulations to our winners .

Thank you to all members for your continued support

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