

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 11th. Feb. 21. Winning nos. 2-37-18-20 Jackpot £3000-No Winners. 3 Numbers: Eamon Burns Lucky dips Alison Brankin-Patrick McAlister-Charles Gallagher. Next Week's Jackpot £3,000. 2nd Jackpot £1,100.

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

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 Larne 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**



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 21 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)

Parish Office at St Joseph's Glenavy:

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WHAT MY LENT DOES FOR OTHERS

Every Lent is a new beginning; sometimes beginnings are welcomed, other times half and half! We welcome Lent as a time to make our faith fresh, but we know from other Lenten times that it's hard to keep going, and it's for a long time! We might ask ourselves what Lent is really for.

The focus of Lent is not on what we give up but on what we are given. We focus our minds on the self-giving love of Jesus which we will celebrate in Holy Week. We allow ourselves believe in this love. Often, it's difficult to believe in the tender love of God. This conquers all else in the world; it is given in the mercy and compassion of God.

Lent pours the grace of forgiveness into our world, needed individually and as a people. We need to know that God is bigger than any of our sins, wars, violence and hatred. God wants his kingdom to come now. Lent is our time of saying 'yes' to a partnership with God in saving the world from the effects of evil and sin.

Maybe we can ask what our Lent does for others than just what we are doing for Lent. It is a time of renewal, then it shows in love, forgiveness and care of others in our lives

*Pray a bit every day,
read a bit of the gospel every day,
do something good for another every day –
this is the way to share in the saving love of God.
Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free,
you are the Saviour of the world.*

*Donal Neary SJ
Gospel Reflections*



22ND FEBRUARY — 28TH FEBRUARY MASS INTENTIONS CELEBRATED PRIVATELY

Monday 22nd February	Margaret O'Boyle
Tuesday 23rd February	PP
Wednesday-24th February-	PP
Thursday –25th February-	PP
Friday—26th February	Peter Moore
Saturday 27th February	Mary & John Earley
Sunday 28th February	PP, Alice Kennedy

FIRST READING: Gen 9:8-15. Noah's Ark battling the flood is a fascinating story. It prefigures the Church and Baptism. The rainbow was a hopeful symbol during the Covid-19 crisis across the world.

SECOND READING: Pet 3:18-22. God is on our side at all times through a faithful covenant of love with us.

GOSPEL: Mk 1:12-15 The Spirit accompanied Jesus in the wilderness. We are led by the same Spirit.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Peter Moore

ANNIVERSARIES: Marie (May) Lenaghan (1st), James Donnelly, Harriet Donnelly, Rosaleen McLaughlin, , Thomas McGarrell Jnr, Mary Cleary, Betty Mulholland, Eddie Heatley, Mary, Patrick, Maria, Sean, Lily Flanagan, Margaret O'Boyle, Bridie McGarry,

SANCTUARY LAMP: Special Intention,

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.

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](#).

A grateful parishioner wishes to express her appreciation to Fr Colm, Fr John, Eucharistic Ministers and Volunteers who by administering the ashes on Ash Wednesday brought some kind of normality to the season.

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 Church's 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

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.

PARISH DRAW

Week 27

Winner £100 **George Grant, Glenavy**
Winner £50 **Bernadette & Aidan O'Neill, Aldergrove**

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