

**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](http://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 18h. Feb. 21. Winning nos. 4 –10 –13 – 20 Jackpot £3000. No Winners. 3 Numbers: Claire Brazier-Elaine Duffy. Lucky dips Ethel O'Neill - Becky O'Neill – Ciara Campbell. Jackpot £3000. 2nd Jackpot £1100

### 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](http://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**



## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 28 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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### *GOSPEL NOTES: MARK 9:2-10*

The gospel for the Second Sunday of Lent each year is the account of the transfiguration of Jesus. In Mark we have just passed the half way point and Jesus has revealed to the disciples that he is the Messiah but he wishes them to come to understand this not in terms of glory and esteem but in being faithful to God's will and so he has mentioned to them for the first time that he will have to endure his passion in Jerusalem. Peter is appalled at the idea but Jesus does not shrink from telling him that those who want to follow must take up their cross. This is the background to today's gospel. Peter, James and John who were present at the raising of the daughter of Jairus (chapter 6) are now invited up the mountain where they behold him quite literally in a whole new light. At this key moment of revelation of who he really is they are invited to '*listen to him*'. However, as the story continues we learn that they are poor listeners and they fail to take on board his message of the self-emptying love of the kingdom. The next time these three are invited to come aside with him is at the foot of a mountain, the Mount of Olives, in the Garden of Gethsemane, and there too Jesus is revealed to them, not in glory but in suffering and, because they have not listened, they will run away.

### *GOSPEL REFLECTION MARK 9:2-9*

Lent is a time for letting go and these readings make the point very well. If we are to come to know God and the meaning of real love, then we must learn to let go of our certainties and insisting on having things our own way. Abraham and Jesus both learned to entrust everything into the hands of God the Father, even when this appeared to lead to the end of everything they had hoped for. God in Jesus would have us understand that he is with us in every moment of our lives and each moment, whether at the top of the mountain or in Gethsemane, is sacred. If we are to understand this, we must develop the art of doing what the Father has asked us and that is the art of listening, really listening to his Son.

*Sean Goan*

*Let the Reader Understand*



## 1ST MARCH —7TH MARCH MASS INTENTIONS CELEBRATED PRIVATELY

<b>Monday 1st March</b>	<b>John &amp; Molly Brankin</b>
<b>Tuesday 2nd March</b>	<b>PP</b>
<b>Wednesday-3rd March-</b>	<b>Pat McCreanor</b>
<b>Thursday –4th March</b>	<b>PP</b>
<b>Friday 5th March</b>	<b>PP</b>
<b>Saturday 6th March</b>	<b>Ita Hyland</b>
<b>Sunday 7th March</b>	<b>PP</b>

**FIRST READING:** Gen 22:1-2, 9-12, 15-18. Every star in the sky, every grain of sand and every individual like reflects the faithful love of God's care, call and caress that enfolds our lives.

**SECOND READING:** Rom 8:31-34. God is on our side and never refuses anything he can give

**GOSPEL:** Mk 9:2-10 The phrase 'under a cloud' indicates trouble. Computers have an iCloud system to store files. A voice from the cloud in today's gospel calls us to LISTEN..

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Esther O'Neill

**MONTH'S MIND:** Michael Donaghy

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Mary & John Earley, Alice Kennedy, Kevin Magerr, Rosemary Barber, Mary Ellen McCaughey, Elizabeth, James, Kathleen, Dan, Seamus McKavanagh, James Moore, Eileen McCann, Elizabeth Murphy, Colette & Gerald Douglas, Bridie McCorry,

**BAPTISMS:** We welcome into the Family of God those recently baptised: Adam Kevin Murray, Oisín Seosamh Corner, Donnacha Bobby O'Donnell, Naoise Mary McNally, Eoin James Rea

**SANCTUARY LAMP:** Special Intention, Kevin Magerr,

**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.

### **PARISH WEBCAM:**

The parish has been live streaming a Sunday Mass over this past year unto our Parish Facebook page. This has only been possible through the generous assistance each weekend of Shane Murphy.

The Pastoral Council have recommended that a permanent webcam be installed, initially in St Joseph's. This will cost several thousand pounds. With minimal parish income at present, donations from parishioners would be welcome towards the cost of this facility.

### **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

## 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](mailto: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 continues on Friday 5th March at 7.30pm

**Fr Colm Bride PP.**

## DIOCESAN VOCATION WEEKEND

Have you ever considered the possibility that God is calling you to the priesthood? If so, take this opportunity to gather online with other men who are discerning their vocation. This virtual retreat will create the time and space to help you discern God's calling in your life.

The retreat will take place from the evening of Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2021. If you wish to register your interest in joining this retreat or would like further information contact: Fr. Kevin McGuckien - Tel: 02890614567 or email: [vocations@downandconnor.org](mailto:vocations@downandconnor.org)

## PARISH DRAW

### Week 28

Winner £100 **Joseph O'Boyle Glenavy**

Winner £50 **Sarah O'Neill, 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](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