

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.

GLENNAVY RESIDENT seeking plot of land to build family home. Approximately 0.5acre in the area of St. Joseph's Church . Contact 07809423821.

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**



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 7TH MARCH 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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GOSPEL NOTES:

For the next three Sundays the gospel will be taken from John and will set before us the way in which the fourth evangelist understands the mystery of the cross and resurrection. Of all the evangelists, John relies most heavily on symbolism to communicate the meaning of Easter and what it reveals to us about God and the story for today is no exception. On the face of it what Jesus in cleansing the temple was a rejection of corrupt practices in the temple that distracted from true worship of God. But there is more at stake in his dramatic gesture and this becomes apparent as Jesus responds to the authorities who oppose him. The real issue here is the true worship of God and that will come about through the death and resurrection of Jesus, for as the Word made flesh he is the true temple or dwelling place of God and in him we will come to abide in God's love, which is what true worship is all about.

REFLECTION

With the passage of time and the familiarity of the cross or crucifix as a religious symbol it may be that we have lost the sense of what Paul and John are saying. We almost seem comfortable with the idea of a crucified Lord. Perhaps the scandal it contains would be clearer to us if we used the symbol of a gallows or an electric chair. Ever since Good Friday our faith is not in God the miracle-worker but in the God who chose to be known through weakness and vulnerability. The love of the new and everlasting covenant is to be experienced not in the glorious parting of the Red Sea but in the love and forgiveness offered by Jesus on the cross.

The true temple of God is no longer to be found in some holy and far away place but is within, as Jesus has made us all temples of the Holy Spirit and in the process challenges us to know God not through mere ritual observance but 'in Spirit and in truth' (Jn 4:23-24).

*Sean Goan
Let the Reader Understand*



8TH MARCH – 14TH MARCH MASS INTENTIONS CELEBRATED PRIVATELY

Monday 1st March
Tuesday 2nd March
Wednesday-3rd March-
Thursday –4th March
Friday 5th March
Saturday 6th March
Sunday 7th March

PP
PP
Brendan Cormican
Robert Barton
PP
Dominick Clenaghan
Michael Hearty (1st), Brian & Nancy Murphy



FIRST READING: Ex 20:1-17. The Ten Commandments are a radical foundation of principles for a world that hopes to live by faith. They outline how we relate both to God and to our neighbour.

SECOND READING: Cor 1:22-25. This three line reading inverts and subverts our notions of the mysterious ways of God.

GOSPEL: Jn 2:13-25. The Gospel reminds us that a living faith is much more than EM Forester's damning phrase 'poor chatty, little Christianity.'

RECENTLY DECEASED: Stephen Brown, *Lakeview* and Angela Winters, *Weavers Meadow*

ANNIVERSARIES: Ita Hyland, Fr Brendan Mooney, Mary Bridget Brazier, Brendan Cormican, Robert Barton, Jim Doherty, Jim McGann, Mary O'Loughlin

BAPTISMS: We welcome into the Family of God those recently Baptised: Sofina Greta Vance

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.

PARISH WEBCAM:

The parish has been live streaming a Sunday Mass over this past year onto 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.

FIRST CONFESSION: Please pray for the girls and boys of Ballymacrickett Primary School, their parents and teachers who will make their First Confession on Friday 12th March in St Joseph's Church

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 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 12th March at 7.30pm

Fr Colm Bride PP.

COLLECTIONS 28/02/2021

WEEKLY OFFERING: £613

DONATION TOWARDS WEBCAM INSTALLATION £300
Thank you for your generosity

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 19th – Saturday 20th 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

PARISH DRAW

Week 29

Winner £100 **Patricia Cormican Glenavy**

Winner £50 **Francis Jordan Dundrod**

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