

**PARISH BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT:** A member of the Bethany group may be contacted on Tel 07746032796

**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 GAC:** Lotto Results Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>. Sept. 2021. Winning Numbers: 3.-5-25-27 The Jackpot stands at £3,000. 3 Numbers winners. Fergal Clenaghan. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Jackpot £2,650. Lucky Dip winners: Stephen McAvoy-Sharon Hope-Ursula Mallon. Next week's Jackpot £3,000. 2<sup>ND</sup>. Jackpot £2,650

**ST CLARE'S HALL: Messy Babies Art Class** 0 - 2 years - 10am, 10th October/ **Room on the Broom Art Class** 3 - 6 years, 12noon, 10th October/**Hallowe'en Watercolours Art Cass** 6+ - 2.30pm, 10th October/All children's classes £5 per child. **Hallowe'en Wine & Paint Evening** - 7.30pm, Saturday 16th October £10 per person. Contact Claire to book any of the classes on 07887405964

**RUN-ANON:** Join Run-anon 12 week Couch 2 5k Programme Mon 8-9pm and Tues 7-8pm. Starts 23rd September in Crumlin leisure Centre. Already run? Join our improver group. £15 to train once a week for 4 week's. £25 to train twice a week for four weeks. Everyone welcome. Contact Aidan 07954142045

**COFFEE MORNING** in St Clare's Hall every Friday @10.00am (Face Masks Mandatory)

#### **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 Bingo**

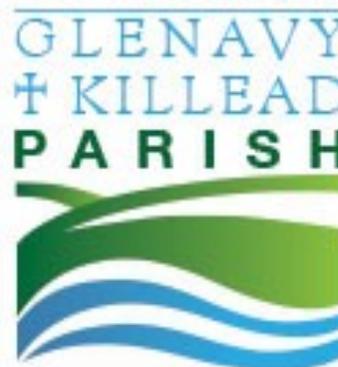
**in St Clare's Community Hall  
every Thursday**

at **8.00pm** sharp-9.30pm approx.

Jackpot £1,000 in **52** Numbers

All social distancing measures in place.

Please remember to wear your mask.



## **THE TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 3RD OCTOBER 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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**A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community**

#### **GOSPEL**

The gospels agree that Jesus, unlike his contemporaries in the Pharisee movement, takes a very strong line on divorce. He argues from God's plan in Genesis (see first reading) that the original intention for marriage was that it should be a covenant of love willed by God and that it should not be set aside by any human agency. This answer no doubt shocked his disciples who would have, like their contemporaries, taken divorce for granted.

However, when questioned, Jesus drives the point home forcefully by speaking of adultery and divorce in the same breath and then also of women divorcing. This was not allowed among the Jews but did occur among the Gentiles. So Jesus is calling for a radical rethink on the nature of married love, one that rejects the dominant view based on a husband's power over his wife and instead emphasises the relationship of equals intended by God. This challenging teaching is followed by another exhortation on the appropriate way to receive the kingdom. It is worth remembering that it is not so long since Jesus advised his disciples that anyone who welcomes a child welcomes him. Now we find them preventing the children from coming to him and not surprisingly he is angry with them. This is not just because of the incident but because of their repeated failure to really listen to what he is telling them.

#### **REFLECTION**

The message from the Bible in relation to the sexes is that this relationship is not built on superiority but on complementarity. It is a message that with the passage of time and the rise of patriarchal societies has become blurred. Genesis insists that both are equally made in the image and likeness of God (Gen 1:26-27) and share fully in the destiny which is theirs as children of God. Unfortunately, Jesus does not offer specific pastoral advice for people who find themselves in broken marriages but we do know that we are always called to be compassionate as our heavenly Father is compassionate.

*Sean Goan  
Let the reader understand*



4th October		10th October	Mass Intentions
	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	
Mon	9.30am		
Tue		7.00pm Special Intentions	
Wed		9.30am	
Thurs	9.30am In Honour of Our Lady of the Rosary		
Fri	9.30am		
Sat		6.00pm vigil Luarena Rice (1st)	
Sun	9.30am John Grant (1st) 12.00 noon Baby Beth Duddy & her little cousin	10.45am P.P.	

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Raymond McAleese

**MONTH'S MIND:** Gerard Belshaw

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Sammy Heatley, Frank Madden,

**SANCTUARY LAMP:** Special Intention, Sammy & Eileen Heatley.

**QUB CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY:** The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University has reopened for the new academic year. We are a vibrant community of faith and friendship at the heart of campus where students feel welcome, listened-to, valued and supported. For more on our liturgy schedule, events, facilities and amazing Café, visit qubcatholic.org We can't wait to welcome you!

**ROSARY ON THE COAST FOR FAITH AND LIFE:** Sunday 10th October at 2.30pm at the St Joseph's Grotto. Join with other all over Ireland. Be mindful of Covid regulations.

**WEDDINGS:** Congratulations to **Danielle O'Neill** (*Old Forge*) and **Joseph Shephard** (*Lisburn Road*) and **Nicola McNally** (*Brankins Island Road*) and **Kieran Burns** (*Feumore Road*) who last week were married in Christ

**PARISH DRAW 2021/22:  
Week 22**

Winner: £100 Catherine McPeake *Landgarve*  
Winner: £50 Clive Duffield *Hartwood*

Congratulations to our winners .  
Thank you to all members for your continued support

**COLLECTIONS 27/09/2021**

**WEEKLY OFFERING: £1,305**

**Thank you for your generosity**

**Message of the Irish Catholic Bishops for the Day for Life - 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct. 2021**



The fragility of life and the reality of death have been brought into sharp focus during the Covid-19 pandemic. In Ireland alone, more than 8,000 people have died with Covid-19. Each of these lives is precious and every life matters. With a most amazing spirit of solidarity, the energies of our society - in hospitals, test centres, vaccination clinics, schools, churches, supermarkets and in so many other places - have been directed towards protecting those who were most vulnerable to disease. We have begun to see the fruits of those efforts.

While all of this was going on, the Oireachtas was being asked to discuss legislation to provide for assisted suicide. That particular piece of legislation, thank God, has been rejected by the Oireachtas Committee for Justice on the grounds that it was deeply flawed. The surprising and disappointing thing is that the Oireachtas Committee did not reject the principle of Assisted Suicide and has proposed that Assisted Suicide be discussed further by a special committee, which would report within a specified timeframe.

Compassion is often presented as a justification for assisted suicide, but having compassion means "suffering with" someone. Assisted suicide reflects a failure of compassion on the part of society. It is a failure to respond to the challenge of caring for people who are terminally ill, or who have disabilities or dementia, as they approach the end of their lives. Those who assist with a suicide, whatever their motives, co-operate with the self-destruction of another person. It is one thing when life is allowed to take its natural course, with appropriate management of pain and stress, but is not artificially prolonged by burdensome treatment. It is something else entirely, when one person actively and deliberately participates in ending the life of another.

One feature of the legalisation of Assisted Suicide in other jurisdictions is that, once it becomes lawful, it is then presented and perceived as something good to do. Instead of being surrounded by love and care, people who are already vulnerable and dependent on others due to their illness, are made to feel that assisted suicide would be "the decent thing to do".

Assisted suicide presumes that there will be somebody with the required skills who is prepared to "assist" in bringing about the death of another person. Wherever assisted suicide is legalised, healthcare professionals are assumed to be the "suitably qualified persons" because they are already licensed to use drugs. It is important to be clear that healthcare professionals are given privileged access to the human body and to drugs for the express purpose of healing and alleviating pain. Any suggestion that they should be expected to assist and, under certain circumstances, actually perform the act that ends the life of another person, is seriously damaging to the ethos and the credibility of the healthcare professions.

Jesus gave us the image of the good Samaritan as the model for our compassion and our solidarity with those who find themselves vulnerable and who fear being abandoned in their final illness. The Good Samaritan is one who "crosses over", who "binds up wounds" and who, most important of all "stays with" the person for as long as is required.

There is much that we can do to foster a culture of life. We can begin by overcoming our fear of talking honestly about death and dying. Dying is as natural and universal as living and breathing yet our society can make it difficult for people to talk about it. As Christians, of course, our faith in the Resurrection of Jesus will stand to us. For some, if not for all, the support of prayer, and the opportunity to share faith can be of great help.

The Hospice Care Movement fosters a culture of living well until the end. By doing normal things with people who are terminally ill, we can contribute to fostering their sense of being "normal", which can often be undermined by the "routine of illness". The experience of presence, companionship and even the acceptance of limitation and dependency, when we take time to appreciate them, can greatly enrich the later stages of life.

The attitude of Jesus towards the sick and towards those who are in any way marginalised, has much to teach us about the value of time spent caring for one another. Many of us, at times, are called to be carers in our own circle of family and friends. Others may find it possible to care for the carers. The bonds of friendship and solidarity that are developed and strengthened in caring relationships, extend beyond the carer and the one who is cared for to the whole of society.

For more material on this theme, please see [www.councilforlife.ie/Day4Life](http://www.councilforlife.ie/Day4Life)

**"ALL MY CHILDREN: GENESIS AND EXODUS. WHO SAID FAMILY WAS EASY?"** with Sr Pam Thimmes OSC. An eight part Zoom series exploring the theme of family in the Books of Genesis and Exodus. The course will take place from 7:00 pm – 9:15 pm on 9 Sept, 30 Sept, 14 Oct, 28 Oct, 11 Nov, 25 Nov, 13 Jan and 27 Jan.

For further information, please contact 028 28276455/28272196 during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm) or **email [drumalis@btconnect.com](mailto:drumalis@btconnect.com)** Details are also available on the Drumalis website -**<http://www.drumalis.co.uk>**

**PATHWAYS – ADULT FAITH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME:** *Two-year, part-time course, now enrolling*

*for 2021-2023 intake.* Have you ever thought about exploring your faith... or wished that you could broaden your understanding of your faith? Would you like to explore, discuss and reflect upon issues and questions of faith, the Church, and how to link faith to life? If the answer is "yes", then Pathways may be for you. The course runs one Saturday per month (10 am – 4:30 pm) from October to June, either in-house at Drumalis, Lame or online via Zoom.

**CERTIFICATE IN CHRISTIAN THOUGHT:** *Two-year, part-time course commencing late September 2021.*

The Certificate in Christian Thought aims to offer a space where adults can explore, reflect upon, discuss and study faith and how it relates to life in today's world, both at a personal and community level. It is possible to do the course for validation by St Mary's University College or for personal development only. The course is offered either in-house at Drumalis, Lame or online via Zoom.

To register for either course, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm) – 028 28276455/28272196 or email [maura@drumalis.co.uk](mailto:maura@drumalis.co.uk) Further information is also available on Drumalis website: <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

**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