

HOME HELP REQUIRED: two mornings and one evening per week. Contact 94454476 for further information.

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

SANTA WALK on Sunday 19 December 2021 at St Joseph's GAA pitch, Glenavy, beginning at 1pm until 3pm. Enjoy a few laps of the pitch, then visit Santa (changing rooms). All donations will go to Glenavy branch of St Vincent de Paul. Refreshments available. Social Distancing rules apply.

GH TYRES and auto services: 40a Glenavy Road, Crumlin. Punctures repairs, Wheel Balancing, Wheel Alignment, Batteries, General Service and repairs Tel:94423113.

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

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

YOUTH ALPHA COURSE; continues 7.00—8.00pm in Mater Dei Presbytery. Everyone welcome especially those doing JP11 through school or the parish. Contact Brenda on 07928979292.

CALLING ALL MEN NEW YEAR RESOLUTION? Exodus 90 is a spiritual exercise for men, with over 50,000 who have completed it so far. It's a challenging 90-day period (Jan 17th to Easter Sunday 2022) of prayer and asceticism, supported by a weekly fraternal gathering. Today Exodus 90 is renewing the Church by transforming men. See www.exodus90.com to learn more. Zoom information event with testimonies on Thurs Jan. 6th at 8pm. Meeting ID: 494 625 9738 passcode: 997298 with zoom link below.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD: There is an urgent need to recruit additional Ministers of the Word for service in Mater Dei Church. This is a most important lay Ministry for which training will be given. If you feel you could fulfil this role please leave your details in the Parish Office or speak to Fr Mc Bride as soon as possible.

ALDERGROVE & CRUMLIN ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE We would like to say an enormous thank you to all the Parishioners who contributed to this year's annual Christmas collection for St Vincent De Paul. It was an unbelievably generous effort and we would like to assure you that the money will be used wisely in our local community. **Thanks once again and a very Happy Christmas to one and all.**

Christmas Parish Bingo

in St Clare's Community Hall
Every Thursday at 8.00pm sharp-9.30pm approx.
Jackpot £1,000 in 45 Numbers
All social distancing measures in place.
Please remember to wear your mask.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 19TH DECEMBER 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:

Monday- Friday 10am - 3.00pm

Secretary: Joan McShane Tel: 028 94422278

Email: glenavy@downandconnor.org

Parish Website: glenavyandkilleadparish.com



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THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: PREPARING TO LISTEN


Pope Francis has affirmed that: "A synodal Church is a Church which listens. The faithful People, the Bishops, all listening to each other; and all listening to the Holy Spirit." Listening from a place of prayer is the foundation of our synodal process, and it requires an open mind and heart, without prejudice.

As pilgrims on this synodal journey we recognise that no one person has the answer and that through authentic listening everyone has something to learn. The faithful people, the college of bishops, the Bishop of Rome: all listening to each other, and all listening to the Holy Spirit.

This week we pray that we will be a listening church; listening to the Holy Spirit prompting the Church to be attentive to the missionary dream of God's love reaching everyone and inspired by God's love that we reach out to care for all humanity. This week we invite you to pray;

Come Holy Spirit, Make our ears to hear, make our eyes to see, make our mouths to speak, make our hearts to seek, make our hands to reach out and touch the world with your love. Amen.

Fr Colm and Fr John wish all parishioners a very Holy, Happy, Peaceful and Safe Christmas

| 20 December—26 December | | | Mass Intentions |
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| | St Joseph's | Mater Dei | St James |
| Mon | 9.30am Mary Riordan (Anniv) | | Mon Adoration 7pm-9pm |
| Tue | 6.30—7.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation | 7.00pm Maureen McMenamin (1st Anniv) Rosary 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30pm - 8.30pm | Christmas Day 9.00am |
| Wed | 6.30—7.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation | 9.30am Cathal Clenaghan (Anniv) Adoration 10.00am -12.00pm |  |
| Thurs | 9.30am PP | | |
| Fri | Christmas Eve 6.30pm & 9.00pm | Christmas Eve Vigil 6.30pm & 9.00pm | Feumore Mass Centre Sun Adoration 6-7.30pm Mon Adoration 11.00am—12.00pm Christmas Day 10.45am |
| Sat | Christmas Day 9.30am | Christmas Day 10.45am | |
| Sun | Feast of the Holy Family 9.30am George Brankin (Anniv) | Feast of the Holy Family 10.45am | |

RECENTLY DECEASED Maureen Mulholland (*Antrim*) Aaron Webb (*Stoneyford*)
ANNIVERSARIES Rosaline Marsden (Months Mind) John McAreavey Ena White Johnny McAreavey Bernard McCorry William Brankin (2nd) Hugh Faloon Geraldine Cummins Heloise & James Mulholland Pat Madill Mary McGarry Kathleen May Dearbhla Harbinson Sam Connolly Joe & Larry Donegan
SANCTUARY LAMPS Rosaleen & John Caldwell Elizabeth & Hugh Weldon Bernadette & Gerard McKnight John Caldwell

GLENAVY COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE The annual Community Carol Service which was to be held in St Aidan's, Church Of Ireland on 19 December has been cancelled due to the surge in the pandemic.

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| PARISH DRAW 2021/22: Week 33 Winner £100 Liam Moore Glenavy Winner: £50 Bernie McAlister Crumlin | Collections 13/12/2021 Weekly Offering: £1,370 |
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CHRISTMAS WHIST

A big thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Whist in aid of Parish funds. A total of £570 was collected, thank you for your generosity

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

With another Co-vid era Christmas, we once again are obliged to have special arrangements for Christmas celebrations within our Churches.

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| Mass times. | Christmas Eve, Vigil | 6.30pm & 9.00pm |
| Mater Dei Church. | Christmas Day | 10.45am |
| St Joseph's | Christmas Eve, Vigil | 6.30pm & 9.00pm |
| | Christmas Day | 9.30am |
| St James | Christmas Day | 9.00am |
| Feumore Mass Centre | Christmas Day | 10.45 am |

Given Co-vid regulations and the limited seating. **It is necessary to book seats.** We would like to give preference to family groupings so that as many persons as possible can attend the celebrations.

Bookings are made through the parish office beginning Monday 20 December until Wednesday 22 December between 10.00am-3.00pm.

All Liturgies will be live streamed on our church webcams.
www.churchservices.tv/stjosephglenavy or www.churchservices.tv/materdeicrumlin.

Masks are obligatory while entering and leaving the church and you are encouraged to wear them while in your seat.

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| Feast of the Holy Family | Sunday 26th December |
| St Joseph's | 9.30am |
| Mater Dei Church | 10.45am |

ADVENT PARISH CONVERSATIONS by Zoom!

Why do we proclaim the Nicene Creed, a fourth century Statement of Faith at Mass every Sunday? Join us this Advent to rediscover, the great intellectual and spiritual depths of our Christian doctrine with Bishop Robert Barron videos on The Creed. For anyone interested in exploring the goodness and truth of our faith. The conversations continues on 21st December 2020 and 4th, 11th 18th January from 8pm to 9pm To book your place email the parish glenavy@downandconnor.org To Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89637264040pwd=YURxb2RnVjRlLb2hQTJKcUjGMFIDUT09>

DONATION TO THE PARISH

Parishioners will be delighted to learn that the parish recently received a most generous donation to help meet the costs of recent repairs to St Joseph's Presbytery. The sum of **£10,000** was donated by an individual who is not a member of our parish. The donor does not wish to have any public acknowledgment. Fr Mc Bride has written to the donor on behalf of our parish community to express sincere gratitude for this extra-ordinary and wholly unexpected gift. Please pray for the donor

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

WEEKLY BULLETIN —EMAIL ADDRESS: If you would like a copy of the weekly bulletin sent to your email address each week, please send your email address to: glenavy@downandconnor.org

GLENAVY AND KILLEAD BAPTISM PREPARATION The Parish Baptism preparation team are seeking volunteers to help with the delivery of this programme. Baptism preparation is important for new parents and godparents to gain an understanding of the sacrament, the rite of Baptism and their undertaking on behalf of their child at the start of their relationship with God. The programme is one-hour session provided twice per month, remotely via Zoom and will require you to have computer and internet access from home. Training and support will be available starting in January 2022. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Parish Office and leave your contact details. Thank you.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL—CRUMLIN CONFERENCE Emergency helpline **07754427088**. Crumlin 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 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".

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

WEB CAMERA'S Mater Dei Church and St Joseph's are both equipped with web-cameras. All Liturgies are broadcast. The cameras are live 24/7 and are focused on the Sanctuaries and first three seats at the front of each Church. To access the broadcasts, go to: www.churchservices.tv/stjosephglenavy or www.churchservices.tv/materdeicrumlin. The web-cams enable us to attend Mass, however they do not allow us to receive the Eucharist, the Body of Christ. When possible, we should attend Mass in the Church whenever our circumstances permit in order to receive Holy Communion.

"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 Details are also available on the Drumalis website - <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

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.