

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

**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 JPII 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](http://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.

## 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 masks

### **Parish Draw** **Week 34**

Winner £100 Margaret Nelson Glenavy  
Winner: £50 Patricia Mulholland Glenavy

### **Week 35 Christmas Draw**

Winner £1000 Owen & Catherine Gallagher Glenavy  
Winner £500 Anne Nelson Upper Ballinderry  
Winner £100 Bernadette Lavery Glenavy  
Winner £50 Ann Marie McGarry Crumlin

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS**



## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH 26 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](mailto:glenavy@downandconnor.org)

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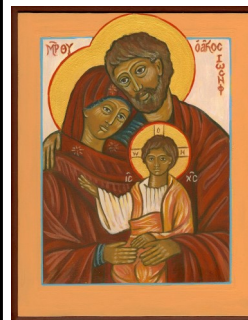
*A Christmas Prayer  
for the Christians of the Holy Land*

*Lord Jesus, born in Bethlehem,  
we pray for our brothers and sisters*

*in the land you made holy.*

*Strengthen us with them  
to be lights in the world  
and witnesses to your grace.*


*Like the shepherds long ago,  
may we proclaim in our lives  
all that we have seen and heard,  
for your love's sake. Amen*



*May the blessings and protection of Christ, our Saviour come upon you  
and your family and all whom you love and care for, this Christmas.*

*Fr Colm Mc Bride PP.*

**The Parish Office will be closed from 24 December 2021 until Monday 3 January 2022**

27 December—2 January Mass Intentions			
	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	No Mass		Mon Adoration 7pm-9pm
Tue		7.00pm Seamus & Sally McGarry (Anniv) Rosary 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30pm - 8.30pm	
Wed		9.30am Adoration 10.00am -12.00pm	
Thurs	9.30am		Feumore Mass Centre
Fri	9.30am		Sun Adoration 6-7.30pm Mon Adoration 11.00am—12.00pm
Sat	St Joseph's 12Noon Mary, The Holy Mother of God World Day of Peace	Vigil 6.00pm PP	
Sun	9.30am Hugh Faloon (Anniv) 12.00noon Samuel Nelson (Anniv)	10.45am Rosaleen McClean (Anniv)	

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Bridget Loney (*Crumlin*) Rita McAreavey (*Ballyvannon*)

**ANNIVERSARIES** George Brankin (snr) Seamus & Lily McCullagh Sarah Carmichael Hugh Faloon Rosaleen O'Brien Rory & Madge Campbell Annie Lavery Gerry Kelly Pat & Eileen McGrandles Molly McPeake Patrick McLoman Cathal Cienaghan Maureen McMennamin Mary Riordan Seamus & Sally McGarry Samuel Nelson Rosaleen McClean Colette Burke (2nd)

**SANCTUARY LAMPS** Deceased members of Devereux family

**GLENNAVY 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.

### COLLECTIONS 20/12/2021

Weekly Offering: £1,615

Thank you for your generosity

## Christmas Message 2021

"...they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was." (Mt 2:9)

### The Christmas Star then and now

The infancy narratives in St Luke's gospel (Lk 1:1-2:52) fascinate in so many ways. Whether child or adult, imagination is fired, life experiences are evoked, and faith is awakened or revived for many.

On that first Christmas in Bethlehem many journeys of faith came together in adoration of the Christ-child. Guided by the light of a star and discerning the path to follow, shepherds and wise men encountered God incarnate in a child. Falling to their knees in worship and prayer, a new light illuminated their minds and lives. As each arrived at the manger, 'heart spoke unto heart' as they encountered the human face of God and the divine face of humanity. This was a graced moment of divine revelation that would change their lives forever. Today, the light of that Christmas star beams into our lives, wherever we are on our own life's journey.

### Mary and Joseph: parenting in uncertain times

For their part, Mary and Joseph had already made their journey to the town of Bethlehem. It was a journey marked by hardship and hope, abandonment and promise, desperation and providence. Indeed, many of us can see aspects of our own lives mirrored in their difficult journey.

Despite their fears and the uncertainty of their situation, Mary and Joseph opened their hearts to welcome this precious little infant into the world. Their humble cooperation with God's plan of salvation led to the most graced moment of human history, when the eternal God took on human flesh. The birth of this child brought joy and new hope into the world.

Still, Mary and Joseph had many more journeys to make together. They had to leave for Egypt to protect the Christ-child from the threat of suffering and death. They returned to Nazareth where they made themselves a home. They accompanied the child to the temple in Jerusalem. Each journey was fraught with hardship and adversity, yet each journey was also a moment of grace.

### Journeying Together in faith on a Synodal Pathway

To enliven communities of faith in each diocese throughout the world, Pope Francis has invited us to undertake together a 'synodal pathway'. On that pathway, guided by the light of divine revelation, and in response in our time to the impulse of the Holy Spirit, we are invited to contribute to shaping our communities of faith as active centers of prayer and worship and as an outreach of God's loving care for all and especially to those in need and on the margins of life. Pope Francis describes this synodal approach as a way of living the Good News of the Gospel within the community of the Church for the good of humanity and society. As on that first Christmas morning, listening together to and reflecting upon the Word of God will enable us to focus on the reality of God's presence among us and to incarnate our faith in prayer and pastoral action.

Over this festive season, I encourage you to join our parish communities either in person or online and to pray for one another, for your families and friends. Let us continue to hold in prayer all health care workers and front-line staff as they selflessly and tirelessly continue to care for our sick throughout the Christmas season.

May the blessings of the Christmas Season bring hope and joy into your hearts and homes and provide the light for your pathway throughout the New Year 2022.

**Noel Treanor**  
Bishop of Down and Connor

**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

**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.

**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 GLENNAVY 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](http://www.churchservices.tv/stjosephglenavy) or [www.churchservices.tv/materdeicrumlin](http://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](mailto:drumalis@btconnect.com) Details are also available on the Drumalis website - <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

**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.

### 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](mailto:glenavy@downandconnor.org) To Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89637264040pwd=YURxb2RnVjRLb2hQTjJKcUtGMFIDUT09>