

St Clare's Hall—Coffee Morning every Friday @10.00am (Face Masks Mandatory)
Spring Craft & Food Fair Sunday 20th March 2022 12 noon - 3pm: . Wide-range of stalls from local crafters, small businesses and artisan bakers. **Wine & Paint** evening. Saturday 2nd April 2022 7.30pm - 9.30pm - £10 pp. All art materials provided. **Messy Babies** Sunday 3rd April 2022 10am - (unstructured messy play for ages 0 - 2), 12 noon - Crafts and Storytime (ages 3 - 6). £5 per child. Contact Claire to book on 07887405964.

GH Tyres and Auto Services : 40a Glenavy Road, Crumlin. Punctures repairs, Wheel Balancing, Wheel Alignment, Batteries, General Service and repairs Tel:94423113.

St Clare's Bowling Club meets every Monday 8pm—10pm in St Clare's Hall. We have bowls available to test your skill. New members welcome.

Vacancy— Little Acoms Playgroup, Derrymore, Gawley's Gate have a vacancy for a Leader for their Breakfast, Playgroup and After School club. Applicant must have their level 5 or working towards same. Interested parties please send CV to littleacomsplaygroup@btconnect.com by 14th March or for more information ring Christine on 02892650534

Anam Cara Belfast, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Monday 14th March at 7:30pm in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Belfast. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents An online meeting will be taking place **Monday 21st March at 7pm. To join please call 028 95213120.**

DIOCESE OF DOWN AND CONNOR PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2022 This year's Diocesan Pilgrimage, our first since 2019, will, due to the ongoing effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, be smaller and different from previous pilgrimages. There will be no medical or nursing support available from the Pilgrimage Committee and the Youth Team will be limited in number. The Pilgrimage is from 13 – 18 July £685 Fares per person sharing, inclusive of return flights from Belfast Intl., transfers, full-board accommodation, insurance and courier services* For more information or to request a booking form contact: Lourdes Pilgrimage Office (028) 9077 0162 lourdes@downandconnor.org *Certain conditions apply.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage Divine Mercy Sunday Return flights from Dublin 21 to 28 April 2022. 7 Nights group Pilgrimage, full religious programme and board £615 (sterling). Spiritual Director Fr Aidan O'Kane C.P. For further information please contact; Kathy McColgan 07734 345181 or Margie Kerr 07738 663937

PARISH BINGO

in St Clare's Community Hall
Every Thursday at 8.00pm sharp-9.30pm approx.
Jackpot £1,000 in **50** Numbers
All social distancing measures in place.
Please remember to wear your masks



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 6 MARCH 2022

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
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Gospel

Lent is a time of repentance, a time to set aside the usual stuff of life in order to take stock of where we are and where we want to go. It is, therefore, no accident that Lent begins with a reflection on Jesus' time in the desert. In keeping with a central theme of his gospel, Luke says that Jesus was filled with the Spirit and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

For Luke, the presence of the Spirit is the evidence that God is with Jesus and that Jesus is from God. It is the Spirit that allows him to recognise the temptations of the devil for what they are, and it is the Spirit that guides him in his rejection of the temptation. This is the same for his disciples; we can only follow Jesus by an awareness of his Spirit within us. All our Lenten endeavours will be just a waste of time and effort if we are not guided by the Holy Spirit in what we do

Reflection

The gospel for the first Sunday of Lent is always the story of the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness. It is intended to make us think not only about Jesus and his struggle but to help us realise that the history of God's people from Adam and Eve to the present day involves a similar story. The essence of the temptation of Jesus was the idea that he could go it alone, that he could be entirely self sufficient. Jesus resisted this because he recognised his complete dependence on the Father. He knew that he needed to be nourished by God's word and that his true destiny lay in his seeking to do his Father's will. When Satan succeeds in convincing us that we have it in our power to save ourselves then we are on the path to self destruction. Lent is a time for us to humbly take God's hand and to walk the path of faith and love that leads to Easter.



Donal Neary S.J.
Gospel reflections

7 MARCH—13 MARCH MASS INTENTIONS

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am P.I.		Mon Adoration 7pm-9pm
Tue		7.00pm Deceased members of the Earley Family Rosary 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30pm - 8.30pm	
Wed		9.30am Elizabeth McCullough & Grace Meharg Adoration 10.00am -12.00pm	
Thurs	Brendan Cormican (Anniv) Adoration 7—9.00pm		Feumore Mass Centre
Fri	9.30am P.I. 6.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation		Sun Adoration 6-7.30pm Mon Adoration 11.00am—12.00pm
Sat		6.00pm P.P.	
Sun	9.30am Isaac, Ambrose & Ethel Mulholland 12.00 pm Josephine Mulholland (Anniv)	10.45am Lorna Doone (1st Anniv)	

Anniversaries Jim McGann, Deceased members of the O'Toole family, Philip & Daniel McKavanagh, Margaret Phillips, Paul & Brenda Loney, Brendan McCormick, Jim Doherty, John Henry, Ita Hyland

Sanctuary Lamps Susan Kyle & J.N.

Parish Bethany Support Group: A member of the Bethany group may be contacted on Tel 07746032796 or 07967704592

Trocaire Lenten campaign 2022 The Trocaire boxes are located in the porch of the Churches.

COLLECTIONS 27/02/22

Weekly Offering: £3,058
Thank you for your generosity

PARISH DRAW 2021/22:

Week 44
Winner £100 Martin Campbell (*Glenavy*)
Winner: £50 Moya Mulholland (*Crumlin*)

Lent Retreat Come with us on a journey through Lent with Ignatius of Loyola and see how his struggles and achievements form part of the common human search to understand yourself and live a fulfilling life. It is 500 years since a cannonball shattered his dreams of fame and fortune and forced him to re-evaluate his life. From the comfortable life of Spanish nobility, he opted for a simple lifestyle of service to those most in need and devotion to Christ. Each day of Lent we offer: An episode in the life of Ignatius, A reading from Scripture, A picture to ponder, Music to inspire and A short reflection. The online Retreat is an opportunity to find God in your daily life, and to set aside some time for prayer. We will meet once a week on zoom to share your exploration and prayer. This is an opportunity for the parish to not only share but to pray together each Friday evening from 8pm to 9pm from Friday 4th March. If you are interested, please email the parish office @ glenavy@downandconnor.org

No Greater Love Lent is a season of reflection and preparation as we look forward to the celebration of Easter. The Living Church will be running 5 on line sessions via Zoom reflecting on the final moments of Jesus' life, one for each week of Lent leading us into Holy week. To book your place please e-mail livingchurch@downandconnor.org

LENTEN PIONEER PLEDGE Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during Lent. Why not take this opportunity to perhaps help yourself or someone you know with an alcohol or drug problem by offering your sacrifice for freedom from addiction? Please consider taking the short-term Lenten Pledge and make a difference to someone's life and say the following daily prayer. **PRAYER:** "I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink during Lent."

DIOCESAN VOCATION WEEKEND "There are very few men who realise what God would make of them if they abandoned themselves entirely to his hands." (St. Ignatius of Loyola)

Join us at the Vocations Weekend in Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne, from Friday 11 – Sunday 13 March 2022. You are invited to take this opportunity to carve some time out of your busy schedule, in order to listen to what God might be saying to you and what He might be calling you to. It may be that He is calling you to serve as a priest in His Church. If you wish to attend this weekend or would like further information contact: Fr. Kevin McGuckien Tel: 02890614567; Email: vocations@downandconnor.org

Rosary at the Grotto The Legion of Mary is leading the Rosary at St James' cemetery every Wednesday at 7pm during Lent. It will be prayed beside the grotto of Our Lady and everyone is welcome to join

Congratulations to the girls and boys of St Joseph's Primary School and Crumlin Integrated Schools who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 3 March 2022

Ministers of the Word: There is an urgent need to recruit additional Ministers of the Word for service in Mater Dei and St Joseph's Churches. 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.

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.

Drumalis— Patrick Kavanagh — A poet for Spring A 3 part series with Sr Una Agnew SSL PhD hosted by Drumalis via Zoom – taking place over 3 Wednesdays from 11.00am – 12.00pm on 2, 9 and 16 March. To register and for more information email drumalis@btconnect.com or phone 02828 272196/276455

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.

Reflection Days at SMA Dromantine Sun. 6th March 9.30am - 5.30pm 'A Lenten Day of Reflection' provides time and space to reflect and pray on Lenten Themes in preparation for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter. Led by Fr. Damian Bresnahan SMA. Cost (including full lunch) £35/E40

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

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.

PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE? **Catholic Engaged Encounter** A Marriage Preparation course is planned for 9/10 April 2022 in The Drummond Hotel, Ballykelly, Co. Derry. This 2-day non-residential course is a positive way of preparing for Marriage where you will discover how you can enrich your future relationship. Information/Booking: marriageencounter.ie or 028276 38512

Hail Glorious Saint Patrick! A 9-week novena in honour of Saint Patrick will take place on Wednesday evenings in the coming weeks to pray for the renewal of the faith in Ireland. You can join the novena each Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. at: Shalom World Prayer www.swprayer.org. Hail Glorious Saint Patrick. St. Patrick pray for us, pray for Ireland.

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