

Down & Connor Diocesan Trust Vacancies –Assistant Finance Officer x 2 Permanent full time posts (35 hours per week, Monday – Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm). The successful candidates will provide guidance on financial accuracy, internal controls & regulatory compliance across the Parish networks. The posts are hybrid, based at the Curia Office, 75 Somerton Road, Belfast, also required to work across the Parish Network and there will be an element of home working. Salary within the range £25k to £35k gross commensurate upon experience. **Executive Support Officer Permanent full time post (35 hours per week, Monday – Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm)** The successful candidate will provide a full portfolio of support to include secretarial, clerical, administrative and diary management services to the Bishop of Down and Connor, Senior Clergy and Management Team. They will be based at 75 Somerton Road. Salary within the range £27k to £30k gross commensurate upon experience. Full details on these vacancies can be found on the Diocesan website <http://www.downandconnor.org>, clicking on: [job vacancies](#) and [Community NI and nijobs.com website](#) **Closing date for these vacancies is 6 October 2022 at 12.00 noon**

St Clare’s Hall – available for private, community & business functions, including birthday parties, fund raisers and funerals. Contact 07517779334 or stclareshallbooking@hotmail.com

Upcoming events Friday 30th September - **Macmillan Coffee Morning** (10am - 1pm). No need to book, just drop in. Sunday 9th October - 10am, **Messy Babies** (aged 0 -2) art class, 12noon **Crafts for Little Hands: Zog** (aged 3 - 6), 2pm **Clay Sculpture: Magical Creatures** (6+). All art classes £5 per child. Friday 14th October, 7.30pm - **Rag Wreath Making Workshop**. Suitable for all abilities. Please bring your own scissors. All other materials provided. £20 per person. Saturday 22nd October, 7.30pm - **Wine and Paint: Cauldrons and Potions**. All art materials provided. BYOB. £10 per person. Sunday 30th October 1pm - 3pm - **Pumpkin day** £7 per child. **Contact Claire on 07887405964 for any of the workshops.**

St Clare’s In Door Bowling Club Mondays@8pm from 26 September New members welcome

Monthly Whist in St. Clare’s community hall on Friday 30th September at 8pm. Scorecards are £5 (including refreshments) everyone welcome

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 22 September 2022. Winning Numbers:7-8-13-17. Jackpot £2,100 No winner 3 Number Winner: None Lucky Dips; Emma O’Neill (Mark), John Crosse, J Moore Next week’s Jackpot £2,150

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



SEASON OF CREATION SUNDAY
25 September 2022

Very Rev Canon 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
www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish
A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community

Our Common Home as seen from Space:



SEASON OF CREATION


‘The astronaut looks back and sees the Earth not as something big but small. And now the contrast between Earth--that bright blue-and-white Christmas tree ornament--and that black sky, that infinite universe, really comes through. Earth becomes so small and so fragile, and such a precious little spot in the universe, and you realize that on that small spot, that little blue-and-white thing, is everything that means anything to you; all of history, music, poetry, art, games, war and death, birth and love, tears and joy, all of it is on that little spot out there that you can cover with your thumb. ‘You’re going 25,000 mph, ripping through a vacuum, and there’s not a sound. There’s a silence, the depth of which you’ve never experienced before, and you think about what you’re experiencing and why.’

Have you been separated out by God to have some special experience that other people cannot have? No. ‘It’s not for yourself. You have to bring it back, somehow--a rather special responsibility. It tells you something about your relationship with this life. When you come back, there’s a difference--so precious-- in the relationship between you and that planet and all its forms of life, because you’ve had that kind of experience’.



Astronaut Russell Schweickart in 1969

26 September – 2 October Intentions

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	No Mass		Mon Adoration 7.00pm-8.00pm
Tue		7.00pm Joseph Donnelly (Snr) & Joseph Donnelly (Jnr) Anniv Rosary 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30pm - 8.30pm	 Feumore Mass Centre
Wed		9.30am In Honour of Our Lady of Sorrows Adoration 10.00am -12.00pm	
Thurs	9.30am In Honour of the Church Angels Adoration 7pm—9.00pm		
Fri	9.30am Raymond McAleese (1st Anniv)		
Sat		6.00pm In Honour of St Therese of Lisieux	
Sun	9.30am In Honour of the Guardian Angels 12.00 p.m Stephen McAllister (Anniv)	10.45am P.P.	

Anniversaries Raymond McAleese (1st) Brendan McGarry, Gerard Magennis (1st), John Loughan, Mary Lewsley, Patrick O'Boyle, Joseph Donnelly (Snr), Joseph Donnelly (Jnr)

Baptism's We welcome to the family of God Caleb Alexis Burns, Fiadh Anne Mulholland, Cormac Patrick Dearnaley, Cormac McCollum, Noah Robert James McCann, Adam Joseph Richardson

Weddings Congratulations to Kerena Jordan & Michael McCormack who were married in Christ

Rosary at the grotto at St Joseph's every Thursday at 7pm. On Friday 30 September 2022 at 7pm in Honour of Our Lady

Collections 18/09/22

Weekly Offering: £2,402
Autumn Collection; £1,120

Thank you for your generosity

PARISH DRAW 2022/23: Week 21

Winner: £100 Rita McAllister (Ballinderry)
Winner: £50 Vernon Barr (Crumlin)

Congratulation to our winners

Children's Liturgy Leaders We now wish to recruit Leaders for the Children's Liturgy at **10.45am Mass in Mater Dei** Training will be given. Children who attend the Children's Liturgy group range in age up to primary 5. Please leave details with the Parish Office.

Season of Creation Snowdrop planting after 10.45am Mass in Mater Dei and 12 noon Mass in St Joseph's today, **Sunday 25th September.**

Day for Life 2022 – Caring for the Older Person is celebrated annually. It is a day dedicated to raising awareness of the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. This year's *Day for Life* will be celebrated in Ireland on Sunday 2 October on the theme 'Caring for the Older Person'. We invite people to think again about the value and worth of older persons in families and in society, and to make practical choices to build bridges between the generations. We call for people and parishes to devote quality time, energy and creativity in caring for the older persons in our communities. We invite engagement in political debate on providing adequately resourced care of older persons so that no-one feels like a burden in our society. Saint Joachim and Saint Anne – Pray for us! To read the pastoral message for Day for Life in full, visit www.councilforlife.ie

Parish Pastoral Council A number of the members of the Pastoral Council have now completed their period of service. We are very grateful for their faithful and generous commitment in support of the parish. There is now a need to recruit some new members. Every parish is required to have a Pastoral Council to assist/guide the priest of the parish in the provision of spiritual/pastoral services. If you would be willing to help, please contact Canon Mc Bride for more information as soon as possible.

LEGION OF MARY - ANNUAL ROSARY PROCESSION 9 OCTOBER 2022 St John's Church, Falls Road, Belfast. Assemble @ 2:45 – Leaving @ 3:00pm Processing to: St Michael's Church, Finaghy Road North for Benediction (Tea/Coffee provided after in Parish Hall) Come join Us "There's no problem, no matter how difficult, that the Rosary can't solve" Sister Lucia, Fatima

Beloved Disciples: The programme will continue this Thursday 29th September at 10.00am in the Annex of St Joseph's and will be facilitated by Aishling Steen from the Living Church Office.

Altar Servers We now wish to recruit Altar Servers for weekend masses. Children should be at least in P.5 or higher classes. There will be a limited number of places. Training will be given. Please leave details with Canon Mc Bride or Parish Office.

The Glenavy Branch of the Apostolic Work are holding an Afternoon Tea in St Clare's Hall on Sunday 16 October 2022 from 3pm – 5pm. Tickets £5 each are available from any member of the Glenavy Branch of Apostolic Work.

Annual Coastal Rosary for Faith & Life in Ireland will take place on Sunday 9th October at 2.30pm. Join thousands of people from around Ireland to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith at our coasts, grottos, rivers, churches, and other suitable places. Simply sign up a Rosary location at www.coastalrosaryireland.ie or text your location to 087 278 6552.

Women's retreat led by the Home of the Mother Join us from 30 September to 2 October in the Frank Duff house, Belfast. It promises to be a great retreat. To book a place, please call Sarah on 07885267509.

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

Safeguarding notice The Safeguarding Office have been in contact with our Parish and Safeguarding Committee in relation to identifying training needs within our Parish. If you are a leader or volunteer involved in any activity involving children, please contact the Parish Safeguarding Committee to agree any training requirements.

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.

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.

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

Making your offering to the church Parishioners are encouraged to make donations to the parish either by using the parish envelopes or by means of bank transfer. It is of great benefit to the parish when we can record donations so that gift aid can be claimed, if applicable. If you would like to donate using envelopes, please contact the parish office. Alternatively, if you are able, you are encouraged to make a monthly offering to the Church by means of a Bank Transfer to: **Parish of Glenavy and Killead Sort Code 98 04 60. Account 10654677.** The relevant forms are available at the back of the Churches. Both forms need to be completed with one sent to your Bank and the other to the parish office. If you have any queries, please contact in confidence the parish secretary or Canon McBride.

Trócaire is looking for people to join our team of Christmas fundraisers to help respond to the urgent need of poor communities around the world. Training and support will be provided. For more information email Mark McMahon at infoni@trocaire.org or call 028 9090 8030.

Enrolment of the Pope John Paul II Award Group if you are aged 16/17, year 13/14 and are interested in joining JPPII, please contact Brenda Gallagher on 07928979292

Saint Vincent De Paul—Crumlin Conference Emergency helpline 07754427088. Donations can be made via the Crumlin SVP conference bank account. Account number 41965035, sort code 980460.

St Joseph Glenavy Conference Emergency helpline **07784955647**. Donation can be made 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.