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St. Joseph's GAC: Lotto Results Thursday 22 December. Winning numbers 6-9-17-24. Jackpot £700 Winner. Robert Heatley. 3 number winner's Calla O'Neill, Declan Mulholland Lucky Dips: J. Moore, Liz Doone, Damien McCabe Next Week's Jackpot £500. Thank you for your support. We wish all our players a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas. On behalf of the club committee and members wish to thank all those who have helped our fundraising in the past year.

Handy Man required for maintenance work in a private residence (bungalow), joinery & decorating skills. Please contact Louise 07546 950198

St Clare's Hall, What's on?– Monday Table Tennis 6.30 – 8.30pm, Indoor Bowls 8 – 10pm, **Tuesday** Pickleball 10am – 12pm & 8pm – 10pm, Irish Dancing (Brazier School) – 4.45 – 7.45pm, Book Club (2nd Tues each mth) 7.30 – 9.30pm, **Wednesday** Friendship group (55+) 10.30 – 1pm, Yoga 6 – 7pm & 7 – 8pm, DR Jive 8 – 10pm, **Thursday** Irish Dancing (Brazier School) 4.30 – 5.30pm, Judo 6 – 7pm, Bingo 8 – 9.30pm, **Friday** Mother & Toddlers 9.30 – 11.30am, Coffee Morning 10 – 11am, **Saturday** Playball 9.15 – 10am, 10 – 10.45am & 10.45 – 11.30am, Selby Conservatoire of Performing Arts 11.30 – 2pm **also available for private, community & business functions, including birthday parties, fund raisers and funerals.** Contact 07517779334 or stclareshallbooking@hotmail.com
St Clare's Bowling Club We are looking for new members, young or old. Practice on Monday at 8pm. Come along and have fun.

Rosary at the grotto at St Joseph's every Thursday at 7pm

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.

Kilimanjaro Water Project Merry & Bright Bingo Night on 27 December @ 8pm in Ballymac Hotel.

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 masks



THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST 25 DECEMBER 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)
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God made flesh

In a country church there was a whitewashed wall - maybe you heard this story, but like the Christmas story it's a good one. As people came in, they bowed to the wall or blessed themselves passing it. People wondered why, as there was no picture on the wall. At a time of repainting the church, the whitewash and a few layers of paint were removed, and a fresco of the nativity was found. The ritual had remained when the reason was forgotten.



There are many customs and visuals of Christmas, houses are lit up with stars, reindeer, and baubles - everything to celebrate that the divine mixed with the human in an intense way, the family of heaven and earth joined, when light and hope shone on the world. Some reminders are more direct than others. Others may be a bit like the fresco - still there and yet we wonder why. Let's stop saying put Christ back into Christmas, say rather find Christ in all of Christmas. In every face you see this day, think of the face of God. We often pray that the face of God may shine on us, when we are brought face to face with God we will be face to face with immense and enduring love. We long for this now and forever.


People long for justice, for peace. People long for just enough in life like street children of Calcutta and children all over the world, and we long for reconciliation. Christmas is also a reminder of them. Not alone of God's immense love for all, but for the immense and enduring torture as God suffers still today in us all. The cross is in the crib, reminding us of the future of this child. Also - enjoy all the reminders of Christmas. Let everything secular about Christmas remind us of its holy meaning. Every light you see, every red nosed reindeer, every cracker and bit of pudding, every bit of love under a mistletoe, in them all see, and be aware of Christ in everything of these next few days; and be glad of the face of Christ made human for us this night.

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**We wish all Parishioners a very Happy & Peaceful
Christmas**



25 December—1 January Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am St Stephen's Day		Mon Adoration 7.00pm-8.00pm
Tue		7.00pm No Mass	
Wed		9.30am No Mass	
Thurs	9.30am No Mass		
Fri	9.30am No Mass		Feumore Mass Centre Sun Adoration 6.30pm—7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary afterwards starts at 6.15pm
Sat		6.00pm Cecilia Madden & Sally Garfield (Anniv)	Mon Adoration 11.00am—12.00pm
Sun	9.30am Donald & Rosetta Jordan (Anniv) George Brankin (Anniv) 12.00pm Samuel Nelson & Annie McCann (Anniv) Thomas Boyle & Christopher Boyle (Anniv)	10.45am P.P.	

Recently Deceased John Carmichael (*Crumlin Road*) Fr James Boyle (formerly St Mary's parish)

Anniversaries Colette Burke, Cathal Clenaghan, Mary Riordan, George Brankin (Sen), Kathleen Brankin, Pat & Eileen McGrandles, Rory & Madge Campbell, Pat Maddill, Mary McGarry, William & Elsie Magerr, Cecilia Madden, Sally Garfield, Donald Jordan, Rosetta Jordan, Samuel Nelson, Annie McCann, Thomas Boyle, Christopher Boyle, Rosaleen O'Brien, Martin Lavery

Sanctuary Lamps Deceased members of The Devereux family, John & Betty Caldwell, Gerard & Bernadette McKnight

Collections 18/12/22
Weekly Offering: £ 3,030

Thank you for your generosity

PARISH DRAW 2022/23: Week 34
Winner: £100 Michael Loughan (*Ballinderry Upper*)
Winner: £50 Kieran O'Neill (*Crumlin*)
Congratulations to our winners

Charity Whist in St. Clare's community hall on Friday 30th December at 7.30pm. Scorecards are £5, which includes refreshments. Everyone welcome'

The Crumlin & St James Branch of St Vincent de Paul Society wish to thank everyone who contributed so generously to their Church Door Collection after both Masses on Sunday 11 December 2022. The sum of £1,212.73 was raised.

The Parish Office will be closed from 24 December until 2 January 2023.

Saint Vincent De Paul—Crumlin Conference (St James) 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.

St Joseph's GAC Annual Charity Quiz Wednesday 28 December 2022 in Lily's. Proceeds in aid of St Vincent De Paul

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.

St Malachy's College Belfast will be holding Open Nights on Wednesday 11th January and Thursday 12 January. Principal's address at 7pm in the College Hall. For more information Tel 02890 748285 or www.stmalachyscollege.com

St Mary's Christian Brother's Grammar School Open Night Transfer pupils and their parents are invited to attend our Open Night on Thursday 12 January 2023 @ 7pm. All enquiries 028 90 294000 or www.stmarysscbgs.com

St Louise's College The Board of Governors, Principal, staff & students invite all P6 & P7 boys & girls to join them on their Open Day on Wednesday 11 January 2023. Principal's address @ 4.30pm & 6.30pm.

Dominican College Fortwilliam Open Day Saturday 14 January from 9.30am to 1pm. Principal's address at 9.30am and 11am (P6 & P7 pupils all welcome).

Rathmore Grammar School invite P6 and P7 pupils to their Open Day on Saturday 20 January 2023, 9.30am – 1pm. Principal's address @ 9.30am & 11.15am

St Dominic's Grammar School for Girls would like to invite P6 and P7 pupils to their Open Day will take place on Saturday 14 January between 9.30am & 11am.

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

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.

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

Special Belfast Pilgrimage to Fatima 9-14th June 2023 Ex Dublin for Feast Day of Saint Anthony Patron Saint of Portugal visit Saint Anthony's birthplace and baptismal font in Lisbon contact James Treacy 0035361921470

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