

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

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

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.

Beginning Experience programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave, Saturday Jan 21; Feb 18 & Mar 18. Booking essential. Residential weekend in Drumalis, Lame, 10/12th March. For more information, Phil: [02890 207645](tel:02890207645), Marie [07896119669](tel:07896119669) or belfastbe@yahoo.com

Kilimanjaro Water Project Thank you for your support, the generous donations and to all who attended the Bingo Night on 27 December in Ballymac Hotel. £3,660 was raised.

Living Church – Faith Development Conference, Saturday 28 January 2023 in the Crowne Plaza, Shaw's Bridge, Belfast. For more information or to book on line go to www.livingchurchevents.com. Or to request an application form, contact Claire at the Living Church Office, 02890690920 or livingchurch@downandconnor.org

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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD 8 JANUARY 2023

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:
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Called for a Mission

There are times in our lives when we need our parents, or some significant other to re-assure and encourage us, someone to tell us who we are, why we matter, and why they have high hopes for us. The time came in the life of Jesus when he too needed re-assurance and encouragement to find a new direction in his life. It happened at his baptism by John in the Jordan River. What happened is cast in dramatic language. From the open heavens the comforting and empowering Holy Spirit came down on him like a dove. A voice from heaven spoke: 'You are my Son the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

It's after this experience of hearing God speaking to him on the banks of the Jordan River, that Jesus understands that the time has come for him to begin his work on earth as God's Son and Servant. The words of the prophet Isaiah, heard in the First Reading, come to Jesus. "'Console my people, console them,' says your God." It's as though Jesus has just heard God the Father say to him: 'I have chosen you for this mission of Good Shepherd. Go to my people. Tell them that I love them. Show them that I love them. Gather them together and bring them back to me.' Now that he knew what was expected of him there would be no holding back. As we heard in our Second Reading: 'He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people who would have no ambition except to do good.' That's why he laid down his life for others to his very last breath and his last drop of blood.

We too, all of us, are dearly and deeply loved by God. He is our Father too. We are his sons and daughters, made so by our baptism. We are also sisters and brothers of Jesus. We have been joined to his person at our baptism and sent out on the very same mission as Jesus – to show and tell people everywhere just how much God loves them. Can we re-open our hearts to God as persons called and sent, as people on a mission? Can we hear him saying to us those words spoken to Jesus: 'I have chosen you for this mission. Go to my people. Tell them that I love them. Show them that I love them. Bring them back to me.'

Brian Gleeson

9 January—15 January Mass Intentions			
	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Mon Adoration 7.00pm-8.00pm
Tue		7.00pm P.I. Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30pm - 8.30pm	
Wed		9.30am P.I.	
Thurs	9.30am In honour of Our Lady of Guadeloupe		
Fri	9.30am Rose Cormican (Anniv) Matthew & Eileen Doone (Anniv)		Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary afterwards starts at 6.15pm
Sat		6.00pm P.P.	
Sun	9.30am Celine Taylor (nee Kelly) Anniv 12.00pm Lily Edge (Anniv) Louis Brankin (Anniv)	10.45am Rosaleen McClean (Anniv)	Mon Adoration 11.00am—12.00pm

Recently Deceased Rachel Rogan (*Landgarve Lodge*), Mary Feeney (*Landgarve Manor*), Elizabeth Grant (*Landgarve Manor*)

Anniversaries Bridget Loney, Julia McKavanagh, Molly Doherty, Rose Cormican, Matthew Doone, Eileen Doone, Celine Taylor, Lily Edge, Louis Brankin, Rosaleen McClean, Danny Heatley, Jane Brown, Nora McCann, Colette & Gerald Douglas, Imelda McGarry, Michael Lavery, Bernard McCorry, Rosaleen O'Brien, David Mulholland, James Walsh, Arthur Lavery

Baptism's We welcome to God's family Finn Logan, Jude Francis Walsh, Patrick Joseph O'Neill

Collections 01/01/23

Weekly Offering: £ 2,445
Monthly Offering: £1,670

Thank you for your generosity

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.

Parish Pastoral Council The next meeting of the Council will be held in St Joseph's Presbytery on Wednesday 11 January 2023 at 7.00pm

School Open Days

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.

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.stmarysscbs.com

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.

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).

St Patrick's Academy Open Night Thursday 19 January from 6.30pm—8.30pm. Principal's address 6.30pm

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

CHRISTMAS PARISH DRAW 2022/23: Week 35

Winner: £1000 Niamh Breen (Ballinderry Upper)
Winner: £500 Leanne McCartan (Glenavy)
Winner: £100 Marie Louise Kane (Nutts Corner)
Winner: £50 Catherine Shephard (Glenavy)

Week 36

Winner: £100 Paul McEwan (Crumlin)
Winner: £50 Anne Moore (Ballinderry Upper)

Congratulations to our winners

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.

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

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.

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

NI Cancer Pilgrimage to Lourdes Sunday 28 May – Fri 2 June 2023. The party will consist of patients, ex patients, relatives, & friends accompanied by medical staff. Price £799 (price reduction for Cancer patients) includes return flights from Belfast International Airport, full board, accommodation & tour guide. Tel 07846 88388 or email mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk