

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, **SPRED** 7pm–8.30pm (07774843929 for more information) 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.

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

St.Joseph's GAC: Lotto Results Thursday 23 February 2023. Winning Numbers; 15 -16-21-20. Jackpot £900 No Jackpot winner. 3 Number winners Sean Power, Frank Brankin, Emma O'Neill, Justin O'Neill Lucky Dips; Mary Devlin, Christina Magennis, Briege McStay Next week's Jackpot £950. Thank you for your support.

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

Sanctuary lamp intentions: A Sanctuary Lamp burns for a week in each of our two churches. If you would like to dedicate a lamp for a loved one or a special intention please contact the Parish Office. There is a suggested offering of £5.

Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service will be in St Clare's Hall on Monday 27 February from 2pm - 4pm & 5pm - 7.30pm. You can book a slot by ringing 08085 534653.

Table Quiz Saturday 4 March 2023 in Glenavy Methodist Hall. Proceeds in aid of Charlotte Moore's Gobi Gallop for Children of the Peak Sanctuary, Mongolia. Admission £5 per person, everyone welcome.

Poetry and Prayers A Monastic Trail Around Lough Neagh This one day experience has 4 stops, Antrim Round Tower, Cranfield Old Church & Holy Well, Ardboe Stone Cross and Benburb Priory. There are two dates available for this new spiritual tour led by Jim Deeds and Christine Doherty; 4th & 25th March 2023. Coach pick up is at Castle Mall car park, Antrim at 10am, returning at 6pm, £80 p.p., inclusive of coach transfer to and between 3 Monastic sites, tea/coffee at the Lock Keeper's Cottage in Toomebridge, evening meal in Benburb Priory, historic information and spiritual guidance. Email poet-ryandprayers@hotmail.com to book a place, specifying numbers and preferred date.

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



**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
26 February 2023**

Very Rev Canon Colm McBride PP: St Joseph's Presbytery, 59 Chapel Road, Glenavy, BT29 4LY 94459560 (If unavailable and in an emergency only, contact Fr Declan Mulligan P.P. Aghagallon 92651214)

Parish Office at St Joseph's Glenavy: Monday- Friday 10am - 3pm Secretary: Joan McShane Tel: 94 422278

Email: glenavy@downandconnor.org

Parish Website: glenavyandkilleadparish.com

www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish

A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community

Co-creators

Jesus is tempted to use creation just for himself.

This can happen with money, other people, the environment, and religion. We are called to look after God's creation, not control it.

To be co-workers with God is our call to focus on people as well as plans, to feel the needs here and abroad.

One view of God is that he looks after the world for good or bad, and we are just the receivers. The other is that we are co-workers in developing the world and God's creation. Jesus was tempted to throw himself away from the world as he knew it, but he did not. He would live by the word of God, and God would care for him as for the parents in the first reading.

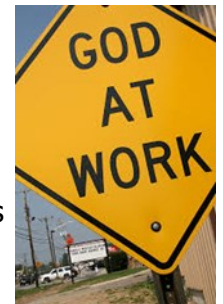
A Christian who doesn't safeguard creation, who doesn't make it flourish, is a Christian who isn't concerned with God's work, that work born of God's love for us' (Pope Francis, 2015).

The temptation to Jesus was to take him off the path of his father. Like him, we are often tempted to use the creation of God just for our benefit. Our call is to be co-creators of the world with God.


Imagine a garden where everything is beautiful. It is the 'creation' of a gardener. Then imagine that someone has ruined one corner of it – notice the difference. Apply this to how we treat God's creation.

May we care for your creation, O Lord, with the love you have for creation and for us.

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27 February — 5 March Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Mon Adoration 7.00pm-8.00pm
Tue		7.00pm Terence George Johnston (Recently Deceased) Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30pm - 8.30pm	
Wed		9.30am P.I.	
Thurs	9.30am Paddy McCreanor (Anniv)		
Fri	9.30am Ita Hyland (Anniv) 6.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation		
Sat		6.00pm P.P.	
Sun	9.30am Rita McCorry (Anniv) 12.00pm James Savage (Anniv) Mary & Jim Lenaghan (Anniv)	10.45am Patrick Shane O'Neill (1st Anniv)	

Feumore Mass Centre

Sun Adoration

6.30pm—7.30pm

Divine Mercy Chaplet,
Chaplet for Holy Souls
& Rosary afterwards
starts at 6.15pm

Mon Adoration
11.00am—12.00pm

Month's Mind Ethna McAlister, Thomas McLarnon, Peggy Farr

Anniversaries John & Molly Brankin, William & Mary Pauline, Eastwood, Paddy McCreanor, Ita Hyland, Rita McCorry, Patrick Shane O'Neill, James Savage, Mary & Jim Lenaghan, Rosemary Barber, Magdalen & Jack Kelly, Betty Mulholland, James, Elizabeth, Kathleen, Seamus & Daniel McKavanagh, James Moore, George Brown, John Creaney, Joe McPeake, Susan Mailey

Baptisms We welcome to God's family Torin Hugh Kane, Evelyn Mary Logan, Molly Rose Gallagher, Aoife Mary Hamilton

Collections 19/02/23

Weekly Offering: £3,164
Sick & Retired Priests— £1,264

Thank you for your generosity

PARISH DRAW 2022/23: Week 43

Winner £100 Michael McAlister (*Glenavy*)
Winner £50 Maureen Cormican (*Upper Ballinderry*)

Congratulations to our Winners

Glenavy and Killead Lectio Divina for Lent Lectio Divina means 'Divine Reading' or 'Sacred Reading'. It's about praying with the scriptures, allowing ourselves the time to listen to God's word, reflect on its meaning, gain insight and grow in awareness. We will hold a Lectio Divina for Lent in Glenavy and Killead Parish to 'pray' the Gospels for the six Sundays of Lent. Lectio for Lent will take place directly after 9.30am Mass in Mater Dei each Wednesday of Lent in the Parochial House at Mater Dei. We will be holding a virtual Lectio Divina for Lent online each Wednesday evening of Lent at 8.30pm, You can register for the virtual Lectio Divina for Lent by sending your name, address and email address to: glenavyandkilleadlectio@gmail.com

Sacrament of Confirmation Please keep the girls and boys of Ballymacrocket and St Joseph's Primary schools in your prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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.

Down & Connor Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023 6 Nights (11 – 17 July) , 5 Nights (12 – 17 July) Youth Team (11 – 17 July) For more information contact the Pilgrimage Office lourdes@downandconnor.org (028) 9077 0162 or visit www.downandconnor.org/lourdes

SMA Dromantine, Newry Lenten Reflection Day Saturday 4th March 9.30am – 5pm **Kindfulness** a gifted way of living my life. An opportunity for time aside to reflect on the Season of Lent and to open our minds and hearts afresh to celebrate Holy Week and Easter. **Led by Fr. Damian Bresnahan SMA** Cost (including lunch) £35/€40 **Dance of Life Retreat** Friday 17th March 5pm – Sunday 19th 2pm In this retreat the opportunity to dance may bring a renewed awareness in your sense of self, connection with others and connection with God. Led by Sr. Mary Taylor OLA and Fr. Damian Bresnahan SMA Cost £220/€250Tel; 02830821964 email: admin@dromantineconference.com

NURSES Will You Lend Us a Hand. The Down & Connor Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is seeking volunteer registered nurses for our pilgrimage from 12th – 17 July 2023. Working with other volunteer doctors and nurses in a specially designed care setting, you will be part of a very special and faith filled community. For more information, please email your contact details to lourdes@downandconnor.org

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.

Lough Derg are recruiting a range of roles for extra staff during their Pilgrimage and Retreat Season in 2023. The Application Pack is available on www.loughderg.org/jobs or email: hr@loughderg.org- Phone: +353 (0)7198 61518. Closing Date 3pm on Friday 3rd March

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.

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Foster Care Services and Support There are children in crisis today in our local communities – children of all ages and all abilities. Can you spare an hour a day, an overnight or a weekend or more to make a difference in a child's life. If you can, then contact the Regional Fostering Team at www.adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net or on 0800 0720 137.....remember, every child is just one caring adult away from success'.

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.

Diocesan Youth Team trip to Lourdes Applications are now being accepted for our Diocesan Youth Team trip to Lourdes in July 2023. Cost is £690 per person sharing, which includes return flights, transportation, full board accommodation, and insurance.. Date: 11th – 17th July 2023. All applicants must be between the ages of 17 and 24 from July 2023. Limited Spaces available. For more information, please contact Lourdes@downandconnor.org

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

Parish Bethany Support Group: A member of the Bethany group may be contacted on Tel 07746032796 or 0796770459