

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 **Friday 14th April 2023 - St Clare's Big Quiz Night** - 8pm Cost - £5 per person. A raffle will be held to raise money for the Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust. If you would like to donate a raffle prize, please contact Margaret on 07517 779334. **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.

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

Holy Land Christmas 2023 Ex Dublin, taking in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, Dead Sea, Sea of Galilee, Last Supper Room, Garden of Gethsemane, Mount of Olives with full day in Bethlehem on Christmas Day Payment can be made by instalments contact James Treacy 061921470 jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com

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'.

PARISH BINGO

in St Clare's Community Hall
Every Thursday at 8.00pm sharp-9.30pm approx.
Jackpot £1,000 in 53 Numbers
All social distancing measures in place.
Please remember to wear your masks

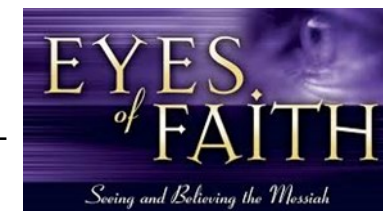


FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
19 March 2023

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
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The Eye of Faith

Some saw a blind man being cured and walked on amazed. Others saw the same cures and found faith. We can see things - everyday things with different eyes. A sick woman may be seen with the eye of compassion for illness, hope for a cure/ profit from a profession. The Christian tries to see the world with the eye of faith.



Faith grows in many ways - by opening ourselves to our human desire for God, by mulling over the good things of life/ by experiencing the good within ourselves/ by looking over times of faith in the past and by allowing the goodness of others to bring us to new and stronger faith. This is the call of the gospel today - to open our eyes to the Lord who is at work in many ways.

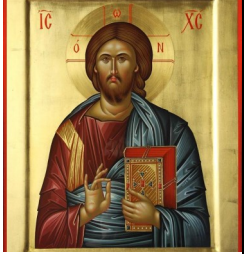
We learn to see and love with the eye of faith by looking at the look of Jesus towards us. It is often a big jump to believe in what we cannot see. Even the blind man today was reminded by Jesus 'You are looking at the Son of Man/ he is speaking to you.' Jesus looks at each of us with faith in our goodness and with love.

Maybe we can walk around in this atmosphere of faith, "seeing" God in a flower, in a parent holding a child's hand, in a person pushing a wheelchair with courage/ and notice that in many ways God is near, and the presence of Jesus is at hand.

*Let this verse echo in your mind from the hymn: Amazing Grace
I once was lost and now am found,
was blind and now I see.*

Lord, let me see you in the simple things of my life.
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20 March — 26 March Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Mon Adoration 7.00pm-8.00pm
Tue		7.00pm In Honour of St Joseph Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30pm - 8.30pm	Rosary at the grotto in St James at 7pm for 4 Thursdays of Lent
Wed		9.30am P.I. St Joseph's P.S. First Confession 10am, 11am & 12pm	 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
Thurs	9.30am Fergus Cormican (Month's Mind) Ballymacricket P.S. First Confessions 10.15am & 11.15am		
Fri	9.30am Anne Grant (Months Mind)		
Sat		6.00pm Elizabeth Grant (Month's Mind) 5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation	
Sun	9.30am P.P. 12.00pm Jimmy Magee (Anniv) Roy Connolly (Anniv) & Connolly Family	10.45am John Kelly (Anniv)	

Recently Deceased Eleanor Henry (*Glenavy*), Ellen Hardy (*America*)

Months Mind Fergus Cormican , Anne Grant, Elizabeth Grant

Anniversaries Dan McGarry, Bernadette & Kevin Magerr, James Boyd, Jim Slowey, Charles McAllister, Christopher Boyle (1st), James Doone (Sen), Kathleen Marsden, Lily Moore (10th), Annie Deacon, James & Maria McGivern

Sanctuary Lamp Patricia Devereux

Baptism's We welcome to God's family Cara Jane Mulholland

<p align="center">Collections 12/03/23</p> <p>Weekly Offering: £3,329</p> <p align="center">Thank you for your generosity</p>	<p align="center">PARISH DRAW 2022/23: Week 46</p> <p>Winner £100 Anne Nelson (Ballinderry Upper) Winner £50 Ethel O'Neill (Glenavy)</p> <p align="center">Congratulations to our Winners</p>
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Sacrament of Confirmation Congratulations to the boys and girls of Ballymacricket P.S. who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on 14 March.

Sacrament of First Confession Please keep the girls and boys of St Joseph's P.S. and Ballymacricket P.S. in your prayers as they receive the Sacrament of First Confession.

Mater Dei Folk Group - We Need You We have been singing for over 40 years and are desperate for new members, singers, musicians, everyone welcome. So, if you are over nine and under 90, and you would like to improve your wellbeing and enrich your Sunday morning, join us now! Call over for a chat after mass.

Glenavy and Killead Lectio Divina 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 Reconciliation The Sacrament will be available at 5.30pm in Mater Dei Church on the **2nd and 3rd Saturday** of each month.

The Glenavy Branch of the Apostolic Work are holding an Easter sale on Sunday 26 March after 9.30am and 12pm Masses in St Clare's Hall. Usual stalls, Tombola and Easter Ballot. A Church Door Collection will be taken up after Masses that weekend. Gift Aid envelopes will be available at the back of both Churches. Your support will be much appreciated.

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.

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.

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.

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.