

**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 (2<sup>nd</sup> 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** Pilates 10am, 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 **Also available for private, community & business functions, including birthday parties, fund raisers and funeral** Contact 07517779334 or [stclarehallbooking@hotmail.com](mailto:stclarehallbooking@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. **Glenavy GAC Festival 2023** takes place 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> April in St Clare 's Hall. For more information, please see the GAC social media pages.

**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 3 April February 2023.** Winning Numbers;2-3-9-23. Jackpot £1,200 No Jackpot winner. 3 Number winners Joanne Brazier, Frank Fitzimmons; Lucky Dips; Chloe Hutton, Suzan Smylie, Trevor Nulty. **Thursday 13 April 2023** Winning Numbers;15-19-22-25. Jackpot £1,250 No Jackpot winner. 3 Number Winners Katherine McCorry Lucky Dips; Gareth O'Neill, Lisa Devlin, Evelyne Rollins Next week's Jackpot £1,300. Thank you for your support.

**RECOMMITMENT AT CLONARD Sunday 16 April 3pm -4pm in Clonard Monastery.** Join us as we acknowledge those who helped create a moment of hope 25 years ago, and take this opportunity to rededicate ourselves today to a just and lasting peace. The Recommitment at Clonard is the centrepiece of a series of events (from Friday 14 - Sunday 16 April) Corrymeela are hosting to mark the anniversary of the Belfast/ Good Friday Agreement. For further information and to book your free tickets visit [corrymeela.org](http://corrymeela.org).

**ACCORD NI** is seeking applications for the Certificate in Counselling (Couple and Relationship) 1 year (part-time) programme. The Certificate in Counselling is validated by St Patricks College, Maynooth and is equivalent to Level 6 UK and Level 8 20 ECTS on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) (RoI). Course fees will be funded and placement will be provided by Accord NI. Closing date 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023, for more information, [info@accord.ie](mailto:info@accord.ie)

**Beginning Experience** is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on three Saturdays (April 29; May 27 and June 24) Booking essential. To find out more, contact Phil: 02890 207645 or Marie 07896119669 or email [belfastbe@yahoo.com](mailto:belfastbe@yahoo.com)

## 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



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
16 APRIL 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](mailto:glenavy@downandconnor.org)  
Parish Website: [glenavyandkillleadparish.com](http://glenavyandkillleadparish.com)  
[www.facebook.com/glenavyandkillleadparish](http://www.facebook.com/glenavyandkillleadparish)  
**A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community**

*Thanks, Thomas!*

Thomas ... thanks! For bringing honesty into our faith. He didn't pretend that he was better than he was. He began by wanting proof and ended by being glad of faith. He is the patron saint of transitions and steps in faith. Faith is a journey. He is the saint of faith in our times. The community was the place he found faith, having lost it when he tried to go it alone. Then he came back to the community of faith and went on a journey of life that took him to martyrdom in India.

HE WAS PIERCED  
FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS



He also found Christ in wanting to touch his wounds. We find God when we enter into his wounds in the wounds of our world.

In the faith community of the church, we can keep our faith. Our faith grows here too. Thomas looked for faith by wanting to touch the wounds of Jesus. When Jesus invited him to do so, he found he didn't need to. He found faith in being present with the wounded Christ and discovered there his faith in the glory of Christ.

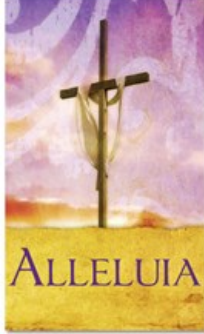
We can do the same. What was said to Thomas is said to us all: 'You believe because you can see me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

*Recall those who have strengthened your faith and be grateful;  
picture each person and pray for each of them.  
Lord, I believe, strengthen my belief*

*CatholicIreland.net*

**Do This in Memory Programme** The children and their families who have joined the Do This in Memory Programme are reminded that the next meeting is next **Sunday 23 April** at 9.30am in St Joseph's or 10.45am in Mater Dei

**17 April — 23 April Mass Intentions**

	St.Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James	
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Mon Adoration 7.00pm-8.00pm	
Tue		7.00pm Patrick McMenamin (Anniv) Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30pm - 8.30pm		
Wed		9.30am P.I.		
Thurs	9.30am Dominic Gallagher (Special Intention)			Feumore Mass Centre
Fri	9.30am Kathleen &			Sun Adoration 6.30pm—7.30pm
Sat		6.00pm Phelim & Brigid McGarry (Anniv) Phylis Brankin (Anniv) 5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation		Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary afterwards starts at 6.15pm
Sun	9.30am P.P 12.00pm Isaac, Ambrose & Ethel Mulholland (Anniv) Annette Creaney (Anniv)	10.45am Ciaran Heffron (25th Anniv) Geraldine Kerr (Anniv)	Mon Adoration 11.00am—12.00pm	

**Anniversaries** Seamus Maguire, James & Kathleen Brankin, Kevin Nelson, Meta Nelson, Frank Loughan, Kathleen Mulholland, Gerald Nelson, Maggie McGarry, Patrick McMenamin, James Loney, Mary Lightsey, John & Mary Ann Henry, John Henry (Jnr) , Sarah Campbell, Mona Hutchison, Mary O'Brien, Samuel & Frances Faloon, Catherine Cormican, Mary Brankin (1st) , John O'Neill

**Sanctuary Lamp** Seamus Maguire and Phelim & Brigid McGarry

**Weddings:** Congratulations to Emily Nelson and Conor Gallagher who were married in Christ.

**Collections 09/04/23**

Weekly Offering: £3,780

Easter Offering: £2,010

**Thank you for your generosity**

**Vacancy - Sacristan based at the Mater Dei Church.**

Permanent , 16 hours each week, Monday - Sunday, work pattern to be agreed. Ability to work flexible hours from time to time is required, £10.42 gross per hour . For full details <http://www.downandconnor.org> click on the tab: JOB VACANCIES & Community NI website. Application packs can also be obtained from Glenavy & Killead Parish Office.

**New Parish Draw 2023/24** The Parish Draw is a valuable source of income for our parish and there are generous prizes to be won. The new Parish Draw for 2023/24 begins on 1<sup>st</sup> May, just £10 per month. Renewal forms are being distributed to existing members and we hope you will continue to support the Draw. New members are encouraged to join. If you haven't been a member before, please pick up a form from the back of the Churches or the Parish Office. For further information about joining and the options on how to pay, please contact the Parish Office on 02894 422278.

**Divine Mercy Sunday** Would you like your souls as pure as the day that you were baptised? If the answer is yes, read on! St John Paul II canonised a Polish nun, Sr Faustina (1905 – 1938) on the Sunday after Easter in 2000 and said that from then on the Sunday after Easter would be known as Divine Mercy Sunday. In revelation Jesus told Sr Faustina (Diary 1109) 'I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday. The conditions for receiving this great grace, including going to Confessions, can be fulfilled on Divine Mercy Sunday (16 April this year) at any of the following churches; St Peter's Cathedral, Albert St, Belfast, @ 2.30pm. Sacred Heart Church, Old Park Rd, Belfast @ 2.15pm. St Paul's , Falls Rd, Belfast @ 1.30pm.

**Parish Easter Whist in St. Clare's Community Hall** is on **Sunday 16 April at 7pm**. Scorecards are £6 (including refreshments) and there will be a ballot. Everyone welcome.

**Trocaire Lenten campaign 2023** Please return your Trocaire box to the churches.

**Parish Envelopes** for the weekly collections are available at the back of the churches.

**In life, many hear God's call to priesthood.** Is your heart open to the Lord? Have you ever considered taking the risk to follow in the footsteps of Jesus? If so, you are invited to the national seminary of Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth, on 25 April, to attend a special conference on evangelisation and vocations in Ireland today. Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pro Prefect of the Vatican's Dicastery for Evangelisation, will be the keynote speaker. Please register directly on [www.vocations.ie](http://www.vocations.ie), or contact the National Vocations director Father Willie Purcell at [willie.purcell@iecon.ie](mailto:willie.purcell@iecon.ie) or Rev Eric Cooney secretary of the National Vocations Office at [eric.cooney@iecon.ie](mailto:eric.cooney@iecon.ie)

**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.

**Down & Connor Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** 11/12 – 17 July 2023. 6 nights in hotel from £829, 5 nights in hotel from £769, 5 nights in Accueil Notre-Dame for pilgrims requiring nursing and/or personal care £719. For more information or to request a booking form, contact the Pilgrimage Office (028) 9077 0162, email [lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org) visit: [www.downandconnor.org/lourdes](http://www.downandconnor.org/lourdes)

**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](mailto:anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org) **Website:** [www.familycaresociety.co.uk](http://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](http://www.churchservices.tv/stjosephglenavy) or [www.churchservices.tv/materdeicrumlin](http://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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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