

**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 [stdareshallbooking@hotmail.com](mailto:stdareshallbooking@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. This month's **Whist** in St. Clare's community hall will be on **Friday 26th May at 7.30pm**. Scorecards are £5 (including refreshments) everyone welcome

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

**Rosary** at Our Lady's Grotto in St Joseph's Graveyard at 7pm every evening throughout the month of May in Honour of Our Lady. Everyone welcome.

**St Joseph's St Vincent De Paul Glenavy Senior Citizens Summer Bus Trip** 24 June (Sat) to Ballycastle with High Tea. Leaving St Clare's Hall carpark @9am. To reserve seats please ring 07764 797963. Limited numbers book by Sunday 10 June 2023

**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)

**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.

**Novena for Life** The *Pray for Life* Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Tuesday 23 May to the Feast of the Visitation on Wednesday 31 May. Visit [www.prayforlife.ie](http://www.prayforlife.ie) for the daily novena prayers which will also be posted on [facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena](https://www.facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena) and @ChooseLifeIRL on Twitter. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.



**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
21 May 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: [glenavyandkilleadparish.com](http://glenavyandkilleadparish.com) [www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish](https://www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish) **A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community**

**Ascension of the Lord.**



**In** the famous crucifix of San Damiano, the Lord ascends with a smile on his face. It is over, his mission is accomplished, and he has conquered death, and is now with us all days to the end of time. His earthly mission is accomplished, but not his mission of love for his people. He is with us now.

**Jesus** often talks of joy, often the joy of God in forgiving a sinner. The big joy of God seems to be mercy, and even in the memory of his own death Jesus finds joy. In the chapel of the home of St Francis Xavier in Navarre, the crucifix is of the 'smiling Jesus'. He smiles not in comfort and ease, but in love and sacrifice.

**While** we think today of the loss of Jesus, we are invited to rejoice as he leaves one way of being with us – on earth, to another way of being with us – from heaven. He both awaits us there and helps us get there, the mystery of the Divine son who is one of us.

**The** mystery goes farther that we are invited and called into sharing this life of his on earth, for in each of us is the life of Jesus, who makes his home in us.

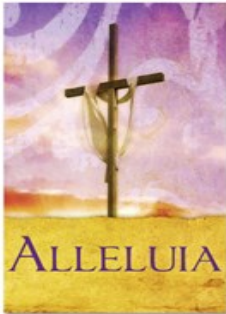
**This** is background of the prayer of St Teresa of Avila:

Christ has no body but yours,  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
yours are the eyes with which he looks  
Compassion on this world,  
yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,  
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world...  
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

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**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**

22 May — 28 May Mass Intentions			
	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Mon Adoration 7.00pm-8.00pm
Tue		7.00pm Mary Loughan (Anniv) Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30pm - 8.30pm	Wed Rosary at the Grotto @7pm throughout May
Wed		9.30am John Craig (1st Anniv)	
Thurs	9.30am Thomas Brankin (Anniv)  Adoration 7pm—9.00pm		Feumore Mass Centre
Fri	9.30am P.I.		Sun Adoration 6.30pm—7.30pm
Sat		6.00pm P.P.	Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary afterwards starts at 6.15pm
Sun	9.30am Eileen Clenaghan (Anniv) 12.00pm Thomas O'Reilly (1st Anniv)	10.45am Hugh McPeake (Anniv) Olive McLornan (Anniv)	Mon Adoration 11.00am—12.00pm

**Recently Deceased:** Claire Loney

**Anniversaries** Thomas O'Reilly (1st), Brenda McCloy (1st), John Craig (1st), Patricia Morgan, Mary McKillop, Thomas McKeever, Mary Loughan, , William McCorry, Thomas Brankin, Terry McMahan, Tony Murphy, Marie Brown.

**Sanctuary Lamp** Louis Courtney, John Devereux

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

**Sacrament of First Holy Communion** Congratulations to the girls and boys of St. Joseph's Primary school who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday 20 May 2023 in Mater Dei.

### Collections 14/05/23

Weekly Offering: £2,095      **Thank you for your generosity**

### PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

In the Gospel this Sunday we hear the mission that Jesus gives his Church - "Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations." And that is still our mission today. Here in Down and Connor, our Pathways to the Future programme has been set up to help us go out, make disciples and share the love of Christ more effectively in the coming years.

One initial task is the count of Mass attendance which is happening across the diocese this weekend. On a practical level this helps us to get an accurate snapshot of who is connecting with our local parishes at this time. But it also encourages us to reflect about who isn't coming and how we might go out and share the Gospel with them.

That might seem a daunting task and it will mean doing some things differently in the future. But if we work together as a whole Church - lay people, religious and clergy, guided by the Holy Spirit - God promises that our efforts will be fruitful. Let's pray for the courage and imagination to go out and make disciples here in Down and Connor

#### **Vacancy - Sacristan based at the Mater Dei Church. (Job Share)**

Permanent appointment of two individuals which will require 8 hours of attendance each week, Monday - Sunday, work pattern to be agreed with Canon McBride. The post holders will be required to provide cover for the job share partner during annual leave or other absences. Rate of pay is £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.

**Parish Draw 2023— 24** As parishioners will be aware the new parish draw for 2023/24 is about to begin. Unfortunately, there has been a significant drop in the membership. The purpose of the draw is to raise funds to help meet parish expenses. The parish is not immune to the increase costs of living which everyone and every organisation is experiencing. We would appeal to all to consider entering the draw. Application forms are available in the Church of through the parish office..

**ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE GRAVES. St Joseph's**, Sunday 25/06/23 @ 3.00pm, **St James** Sunday 2/07/23 @ 3.00pm, **Crumlin Cemetery** Sunday 2/07/23 @ 4.15pm **Please bring a small container for holy water to bless your grave.**

**Cemetery Sunday** will be held on the following dates, **Hannahstown Cemetery** - Sunday 28 May at 3.00pm, **Tullyrusk Cemetery** - Sunday 4 June at 1.30pm, **St Peter's the Rock Cemetery** - Sunday 4 June at 3.00pm

**MEDITATING WITH MARY IN THE MONTH OF MAY** 24th and 31st May 2023 Come and spend some time with us reflecting and praying with three key events in the life of Mary: The Annunciation, Visitation and the Magnificat. This is an opportunity for parishioners to share, reflect and pray together after 9.30am Mass on 24 May 2023 in Mater Dei Parochial House and 8-9pm online via Zoom, 31 May 2023 in Mater Dei Parochial House after 9.30am Mass and 8-9pm online via Zoom. Each participant will receive a booklet which will include an image by an artist, a copy of the scripture passage taken from Luke's gospel, points for discussion and a closing reflection and prayer. It will also be a useful resource for personal prayer. If you are interested, please leave your name and email address at the parish office. Email [glenavy@downandconnor.org](mailto:glenavy@downandconnor.org)

**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.

**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