

**St Clare's Hall, What's on?– Monday** Bootcamp with CM Fitness 6am – 7.20am **Tuesday**, BRAZIER SCHOOL OF DANCE 4.45PM – 7.45PM, BOOK CLUB (2<sup>nd</sup> Tues each MTh) 7.30 – 9.30pm, Pickle Ball 8pm – 10pm **Wednesday** SPRED, Bootcamp with CM Fitness 6am – 7.20am, 7pm–8.30pm (07774843929 for more information), DR Jive 8 – 10pm, **Thursday** Bingo 8 – 9.30pm, **Friday** Bootcamp with CM Fitness 6am – 7.20am, 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) **Macmillan Coffee Morning**, Friday 15 September. 9am - 1pm. All welcome. **Pumpkin Day** Sat 28th Oct 12 - 2pm Pumpkin carving, spooky crafts and stories- £5 per child. Contact Claire to book on 07887 405964. **Christmas Fair** Sat 12th Nov 12 - 3pm. To apply for a stall, please text Claire on 07887 405964. **Opening night for Bowls on Monday 18 September @ 8pm.** Anyone interested in playing come along. Bowls supplied. Age does not matter.

**GH Tyres and Auto Services** : 40a Glenavy Road, Crumlin. Punctures repairs, Wheel Balancing, Wheel Alignment, Bries, General Service, & repairs Tel:94423113. **St.Joseph's GAC:** Lotto Results **Thursday 31 August 2023.** Winning Numbers; 6-18-21-26. Jackpot £2,250 No Jackpot winner. 3 Number winners; Mary Devlin 3 Lucky Dips Tanya Kilbride, Patricia Cormican, Denise Clement Results **Thursday 7 September 2023.** Winning Numbers; 1-6-14-24. Jackpot £2,300 No Jackpot winner. 3 Number winners; Gerry O'Neill 3 Lucky Dips Chloe Hutton, Cameron O'Neill, Gerry O'Neil, Annie O'Brien Next week's Jackpot is worth £2,350. The members of St Joseph's GAC thanks you for your support. **Carer Required** for elderly lady in Feumore area, 3 – 4 hours per week for one hour lunch calls. For further details, Tel 07564 211362. **Black Irish Bees** A parishioner has boxes for sale, Telephone 07980 003914

**The Glenavy Branch of Apostolic Work** are holding their afternoon tea in St Clare's Hall on Sunday 17 September 2023 3pm – 5pm. Entertainment, Ballot, and Tombola. Tickets £5 each, available from any member of the Apostolic Work or ring 028 9442 2852.

**Beginning Experience** is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Deryvolgie Ave., Belfast on three Saturdays (September 30; October 28 and November 25 2023) Booking essential. Contact Marie on [07896119669](tel:07896119669) or email [belfastbe@yahoo.com](mailto:belfastbe@yahoo.com)

**Vacancy Stella Maris Regional Port for Northern Ireland Chaplain** For an application pack & more information email [joseph.odonnell@stellamarismail.org](mailto:joseph.odonnell@stellamarismail.org)

**Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre:** Series of conversations in Tobar Mhuire in which people share their experience of life, faith and finding hope in their lives. Next conversation will be Wednesday 20 September @ 7pm with Rev Bill Shaw. All welcome. Voluntary donation.

**Knock Shrine 5 Day Silent Retreat** by Fr Anthony Saji 8 – 12 October. Further information contact 07815 319710

**Parish Bingo**  
**IN ST CLARE'S COMMUNITY HALL**  
**EVERY THURSDAY**  
**AT 8.00PM SHARP-9.30PM APPROX.**  
**JACKPOT £1,000 IN 50 NUMBERS**



**Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**10 September 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](http://www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish)  
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### Each Other's Keepers

*I am my sister's keeper*

In any group, small and big, things cause friction. Everyone thinks his or her way is right. We can fight over who is right. Some things are worth a fight, others not.

In the big questions of life, we need the advice, support, and love of the other. Many people ask themselves, "Why I didn't give an honest opinion about a decision like marriage or a job or a course of studies which seemed ill-advised to everyone?" We all have good and not-so-good tendencies. We can only advise as best we can, sensitively and wisely, and hope we get a hearing.

We are afraid to hurt, to be rejected. Why do we let so many people drink themselves into trouble and never tell them? The terror of a neighbourhood, no matter what age, needs to be confronted. The problem of drugs in a neighbourhood is not confronted. Crime is not reported.

In small and big things we are each other's keepers. Jesus is saying something like that today. Parents can find this difficult as they try to guide the family well and not lose them. We have social responsibility in the family and in the neighbourhood and even worldwide for the common good.

God wants the best for each of us. We can help each other to goodness, we can support each other, advise each other, pray for and with each other, and help each other on our way to God.

***Give me wisdom, Lord, when others ask me for advice or an opinion.***

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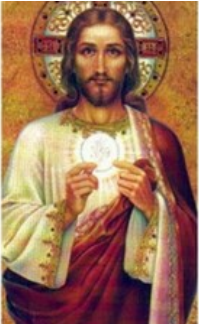
### **God's Amazing Dream!**

#### **Let us move forward with joy and hope!**

'This is an exciting time to be Church in Down and Connor. We can choose to stay locked in the upper room of our fears, nourishing one another with sad tales of past glories. Or we can pray together that we can discern where God is calling us to walk, despite our limited courage. My simple invitation in this letter, is to dare to be part of God's amazing dream for God's people in this Diocese, and for the Church throughout the world. The spirit which acted with such unexpected force and fulness in Pentecost is the same Spirit we can call upon and put our entire trust in today.'

**Pastoral Letter from Most Rev. Donal McKeown D.D.,**  
**23 May 2023**

## 11 September — 17 September Mass Intentions

	St. Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue		7.00pm In Honour of our Blessed Virgin Mary Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30pm—8.30pm	
Wed		9.30am P.I. Adoration 10.00am—12.00pm	
Thurs	9.30am P.I. Adoration 7pm—9pm		
Fri	9.30am In Honour of Our Lady of Sorrows		
Sat		5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.00pm Brendan McGarry (3rd) Anniv, Joseph Donnelly (Snr) Anniv, & Joseph Donnelly (Jnr) Anniv	
Sun	9.30am P.P. 12.00pm George & Mary Alice Grant (Anniv) John Donnelly (Anniv)	10.45am Brigid Trowlen (25th) Anniv	<b>Feumore Mass Centre</b>  <b>Sun Adoration</b> 6.30pm—7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary afterwards starts at 6.15pm  <b>Mon Adoration</b> 11.00am—12.00pm

**Anniversaries** Thomas Arnold Campbell (1st), Eilish Crossey (1st) Kathleen Brankin, Brigid Trowlen, Eddie McMaster Liam Brankin, Ernie Thompson, Nathan Crean, Sheila Hall, Jean McComb, Frank McGarry, Jim McGarrell

**Adoration** Can you spare 1 hour for your church. Please contact the parish office to leave your name and telephone number.

**Adoration St James Aldergrove** resumed on Monday 4 September 2023 between 7 & 8pm.

**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.

### Collections 03/09/23

Weekly Offering: £2,910  
Monthly Offering £2,021

**Thank you for your generosity**

### PARISH DRAW 2023—24, Week 19

Winner £100 Agnes Slowey (Crumlin)  
Winner £50 Martin Trowlen (Glenavy)

**Congratulations to the Winners**

**You are invited to overnight Eucharistic Adoration** to pray for the Intentions of the Parish. Commencing at 7pm on Tuesday 12 September and concluding Noon on Wednesday 13 September in Mater Dei, Church, Crumlin, there will be rosary reflections and prayer throughout the night. All welcome—Bring a friend.

**Parish Groups—Volunteers Required** New members are welcomed/ needed for the following Parish Groups; Gardening Team, Altar Society, St Vincent De Paul (St Joseph's Glenavy and St James, Crumlin Conference), House-keeping, Adoration, Ministers of the Word, Folk Group, Children's Liturgy and SPRED. Your participation is essential to ensure that these groups can continue within our Parish. If you are interested, please email the Parish Office at [glenavy@downandconnor.org](mailto:glenavy@downandconnor.org), Tel 028 9442 2278, or contact the Sacristan's.

**Learning about our Faith online.** We have become familiar with educational and training courses delivered online by Zoom. Now thanks to a community of Religious Sisters in England we can learn more about our faith in the comfort and convenience of our own home. Visit this website [www.lightoftruth.uk/join](http://www.lightoftruth.uk/join) and browse the various topics available. Details of how to take part are given on the site. Highly recommended.

**World Suicide Prevention Day 2023** St John's parish will host a short ecumenical service on Sunday 10 September at 7pm to mark World Suicide Prevention Day. An open invitation is extended to everyone to come and spend some time in prayer and quiet reflection as we remember together all those who have died by suicide. A member of the suicide awareness charity Papyrus will be on hand to provide support and resources. Refreshments will be available.

**The Seven Joys of Mary** We are seeking Volunteers from our Parish to undergo training in preparation for the delivery of this programme. This is a 5-week programme that could be delivered over October when, within the Church year, we take time in devotion to Our Blessed Mother. This resource features the contemporary artwork of Jen Norton and is designed to be delivered in the Church or in small groups. Beginning with the Annunciation, participants will walk step by step with Mary through the joyful mysteries of her life. Over 5 weeks, there will be opportunities to meditate on a piece of Scripture, learn about key historical facts and be inspired by the selection of artwork which accompanies each session. To support Parishes in delivering the Seven Joys of Mary, a training evening will be held on **Tuesday 12th September @7pm online via zoom**. The training will be facilitated by Aishling Steen and Fr Paul Byrne. To book your place on the training evening, please click on the registration link <https://forms.office.com/e/xBt3vyJWGD>

**Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child. Important Meeting 'Withdraw the Law' on Tuesday 12 September 7.30 – 9pm in the Europa Hotel, Belfast.** This law tramples on the rights of parents, will destroy the innocence of children and cost the lives of an untold number of unborn babies. As part of our efforts to have it overturned, we are holding a very important meeting for everyone who objects to abortion lessons in Northern Ireland schools. The aim of the meeting is to send an unequivocal message to the Government in London. To reserve a place [www.spuc.org.uk/withdrawthelaw](http://www.spuc.org.uk/withdrawthelaw). We will send you a confirmation email and the line up speakers.

**"ABIDE" 2nd Annual Eucharistic Conference** at St. Anne's Parish, Cranmore Road, Sligo on Saturday September 16th, 2023. Bus Departs Asda, Kennedy Centre 7am, Departs Sligo 6pm Cost: £30 To book and for more information Contact: Aine 07912609256 or Clare 07821458865.

**The Totus Tuus Men for Christ Conference 2023** - a Catholic Conference for Men will be LIVE & EXCLUSIVE on Radio Maria Ireland Saturday 16 September from 2pm. Speakers for this year's Conference are Fr. Billy Swan, Fr. Chris Hayden, Anthony Crossey & Fr. John Harris OP.

**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.

**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. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Parish Office and leave your contact details. Thank you.

**CCTV Camera's** Please be aware that St Joseph's Church and graveyard and Mater Dei Church and grounds are monitored by CCTV.

**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.

**Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** is an 8-week programme by the Living Church Office. Course participants will receive a resource pack, gather online for a time of teaching, discussion, and prayerful reflection. The program will conclude with a Retreat Day. Venue: Holy Rosary Parish Centre, Ormeau Road, Belfast on Saturday 18 November 10am - 4 pm. Beginning: Monday 18 September for 8 weeks. Online Via Zoom Facilitators: Aishling Steen & Fr Paul Byrne from the Living Church Office. For further information or to book your place please telephone: 028 90690920 or contact [livingchurch@downandconnor.org](mailto:livingchurch@downandconnor.org)

**Accord Marriage & Relationship Counselling** If you feel your relationship is in crisis or need a little guidance and feel that you and your partner would benefit from Marriage & Relationship Counselling call 02890 233002 for all N.I. centres.