

St Clare's Hall, What's on?– Monday Bootcamp with CM Fitness 6am – 7.20am, Table Tennis 6pm – 8pm, Pilates 7pm – 8pm, Bowls 8pm – 10pm **Tuesday**, BRAZIER SCHOOL OF DANCE 4.45PM – 7.45PM, Pickle Ball 8pm – 10pm **Wednesday** Bootcamp with CM Fitness 6am – 7.20am, Friendship Group 10.30am – 12.30pm, Yoga 5.45pm – 8pm, Bowls 8pm – 10pm (Matches) **Thursday** Pilates 10am – 11am, Judo 6pm – 7pm, Bingo 8pm – 9.30pm **Friday** Bootcamp with CM Fitness 6am – 7.20am, Mums & Tots 9.30am – 11.30am, Coffee Morning 10 – 11.30am **Monthly Events** Book club 3rd Tuesday 7.30pm – 9.30pm, Traditional night 1st Sunday 7pm – 9pm, Whist Last Friday 7pm – 9pm. Also available for private, community & business functions, including birthday parties, fund raisers and funeral's Contact 07517779334 or stclarehallbooking@hotmail.com **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.

This month's Whist will take place on Friday 29 September @ 7.30pm in St Clare's Hall, Glenavy. Scorecards are £5 (including refreshments) Everyone welcome. A big thank you to everyone who supported last month's Whist at the Gate Inn in aid of the Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust. The fantastic sum of £1,000 was raised, thanks again for your generosity. **Childminder required** to come to home in Feumore 3 days a week Tuesday- Thursday 9am to 4pm. If interested and would like more details, please Tel 07710 225364. **Friends of St Joseph's P.S. Fundraising event** in St Clare's Hall, Glenavy on 6 October 2023 – Bingo! Tickets £10 per person BYO (including glass). Glass of Fizz on arrival. Tickets can be purchased from the school office.

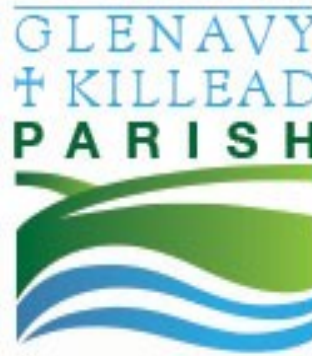
The next Youth 2000 Ulster retreat will be taking place in Lough Derg, Co. Donegal between 29th of September to the 1st of October. This retreat is for anyone aged 16-35. Excellent Speakers, Inspiring Talks & Workshops, Fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, prayer, Drama, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!! The retreat is donation only, however if you are staying over there is a cost £35/€40 which goes to Lough Derg. Register now on www.youth2000.ie

Pause for Hope Bringing together in prayer: those who have or have had cancer, their loved ones, those who care for them, doctors and nurses, those with special skills involved in the Investigation and treatment of cancer, those in authority who have responsibility for providing resources, our scientists trying to find the cure. Clonard Monastery, Belfast Sunday, October 22, 2023 @ 3.30pm.

Trócaire Christmas fundraisers needed to help respond to the urgent need of poor communities around the world. For more information, Tel 028 9080 8030 or email Mark McMahan at infol@trocaire.org

OUR LADY' ROSARY FESTIVAL 30 September - 8 October. 7 events in different venues. Details can be found legionofmarydc.co.uk or Tel 07955386288. The festival ends with the 20th Rosary procession from Saint John's Church to St Peter's Cathedral commencing at 2.30pm. Shuttle bus available to transport people from St Peter's to St Johns from 1230pm to 2.15pm before the procession.

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



Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
24 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
 Parish Website: glenavyandkillleadparish.com
www.facebook.com/glenavyandkillleadparish
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Deserving our rights

We often say that people don't deserve welfare or food if they don't work. We can be stingy in judging what others deserve and need.

Jesus has a new way. We deserve our rights even when we do the least. The denarius was a day's wage, enough to live on. There are certain rights we all have - to have food and a job are two of them. These people wanted to work. We are rewarded by God for who we are, not for what we do.

Jesus' vision is that everyone deserves to earn enough to live on.

To believe in a God who is an unconditional Friend, is to have the most liberating experience that one could imagine. On the contrary, to live in the presence of an avenging and threatening God could change us into the most dangerous and self-destructive neurotics. We need to learn not to confuse God with our own narrow and stingy plans. We sometimes wish to distort God's unfathomable goodness.

That's the way the kingdom of God grows. It grows within us in thanks and sharing. That's what we do at every Mass. Success for Jesus is not the amount we do, but that we do things with a full heart.

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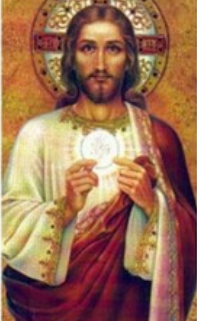
Season of Creation 2023

To celebrate the Season of Creation 2023, the following will be taking place in our Parish.



Sunday 24 September 2023 Planting of Crocus' after each season of Creation Liturgy
Saturday 30 September 2023 at 3pm in Mater Dei car park Blessing of Pets .

25 September — 1 October Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue		7.00pm Camillus Mooney (Months Mind) Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30pm—8.30pm	
Wed		9.30am Nuala McMahon (1st) Anniv Adoration 10.00am—12.00pm	
Thurs	9.30am P.I. Adoration 7pm—9pm		
Fri	9.30am in Honour of the Feast of the Archangels		
Sat		6.00pm P.P.	Feumore Mass Centre
Sun	9.30am Do This in Memory 12.00pm Stephen McAlister & Anne Agnew (Anniv)	10.45am Mary McKenna (1st) Anniv Do This in Memory	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

Recently Deceased Margaret Cullen (*Cidercourt Drive*) Colette Brady (*Tromery Pk*) Pat McElroy (*nee White, Formerly Aldergrove*)

Months Mind Sean O'Brien, Camillus Mooney

Anniversaries Hannah Falloon (50th), John Loughan, Liam Mulholland (1st), Nuala McMahon (1st), Mary Lewsley, Elizabeth Courtney, Nuala & Bobby McLarnon

Sanctuary Lamps Hannah Falloon (50th Anniv), Special Intention

Baptism We welcome into God's family Jack Patrick McKavanagh

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

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 17/09/23

Weekly Offering: £2,544
Autumn Offering: £1,734

Thank you for your generosity

PARISH DRAW 2023—24, Week 21

Winner £100 Mary Lamb (*Crumlin*)
Winner £50 Isaac Nelson (*Glenavy*)

Congratulations to our winners

Do This In Memory First Communion Programme This is a voluntary programme which takes place once a month for children preparing for their first Holy Communion. It will commence next Sunday 1 October at 9.30am Mass in St Joseph's for the children who wish to take part, from P.4 in Ballymacrick P.S and at the 10.45am Mass in Mater Dei Church for children from St Joseph's P.S.

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), Housekeeping, 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 contact the Parish Office email at glenavy@downandconnor.org, Tel 028 9442 2278, or contact the Sacristan's.

The Glenavy Branch of Apostolic Work would like to thank all those who supported their Annual Afternoon Tea on Sunday 17 September, including those who attended, all who donated Ballot Prizes and Tombola Gifts, and all those who made donations to support our work. We raised £3,040 which will be gratefully received by Missionaries in the Third World.

SPRED offers people with learning disabilities friendship, spiritual development, and a sense of belonging to a Parish group. Our Parish SPRED group is meeting again on Wednesday 27 September in Glenclare Community Hall 7pm to 8.30pm. New friends and volunteers are welcome. If you want to find out more about the group, please come along to one of our sessions. SPRED dates: 27 Sept, 11 & 25 Oct, 15 & 29 Nov & 13 December.

TOGETHER: Gathering of the People of God As the synod in Rome begins in October, we encourage people to pray for the Synod and in particular for the delegates from the Irish Church, Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ and Bishop Brendan Leahy. St Patrick's Donegall St, Belfast will host a prayer service to pray for the Synod on Saturday 30 September at 7pm. It is our Diocesan response to Pope Francis' invitation to prayer: "The path to Christian unity and the path of synodal conversion of the Church are linked. I invite brothers and sisters of all Christian denominations to participate in this "Gathering of the People of God" as we will entrust the work of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops.

SMA Novena 2023 In honour of St. Thérèse Of the Child Jesus, Patroness of the Missions Saturday 23 September to Sunday 1 October. Daily Mass & Novena Prayers at 10am & 7.30pm. SMA Chapel Dromantine. All Welcome. Also, via webcam (www.sma.ie) African Missions, Dromantine, Newry, BT34 1RH

We are now enrolling for Adult Faith Development programmes commencing at Drumalis in Autumn 2023: **Pathways – Adult Faith Development Programme** one Saturday per month (10 am – 4 pm) from October to June. **Certificate in Christian Thought** (2-year, p/t course) over seven Saturdays from September to May. These courses are offered in Drumalis or online via Zoom. For more information or to register, Tel Drumalis – 028 28276455/28272196 (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm), email maura@drumalis.co.uk or <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

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.

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

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.

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 JP II, please contact Brenda Gallagher on 07928979292.

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.

Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie 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