

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 7.30pm – 9.30pm, Traditional night 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**St. Joseph's GAC:** Lotto Results **Thursday 19 October 2023**. Winning Numbers; 4-11-16-18. Jackpot £2,600 No Jackpot winner. 3 Number winner; Philomena Hayes, Dermot Hanna 3 Lucky Dips; Ambrose O'Neill, Jim McCorry, Marion O'Neill. Next Week's Jackpot is worth £2,650. The members of St Joseph's GAC thank you for your support.  
**Home Carer needed.** 10hrs approximate. Help with practical household tasks for 89-year-old lady at Nutt's Corner, BT29 area. 7 mornings per week plus 4 evenings (not including weekends). Contact Joanne, 07716 487637 for more details.

**How Does the Synod Work** That we are witnessing a new moment is underlined by the way the participants are seated inside the Paul V1 audience hall and by the very different process that is being followed by this synod. Never before has a synod of Bishops in the Vatican seen cardinals, bishops, laymen and women together at round tables to discuss, listen and discern the Church's future. In the past, the plenary sessions took place in a theatre – style hall with the presiding figures facing members of the audience arranged in rows, according to their place in the hierarchy. Last week it was striking to see Pope Francis address fellow participants from one of the round tables and not from a stage, as popes would have done in the past. Even if nothing else changes, the new process that has been adopted – which includes priests and lay people, including women, as well as bishops as voting members – represents a significant shift. While in the past certain questions would simply be taken off the agenda, at this Synod all the hot – button issues are on the table. Austen Ivereigh, one of the expert theologians inside the hall, told me the 'big shift' is that most of the work in the synod is being done in small groups using the method of 'conversation in the spirit'. He explained that this is not primarily a debate but a space in which the participants listen and respond to the points made. Everyone can speak within their small groups and to the assembly and is free to make written submissions to the synod secretariat. Technology also plays its part; each participant has an electronic tablet and uses it to request to speak. In another shift, the primary language being used inside the hall is English rather than Italian. 'The object of this whole exercise is synodality itself', Ivereigh said. 'it's a new way of proceeding, of operating, of thinking within the Church, which centres on communion, participation, and mission, that is, the involvement of people in processes of discernment prior to decision – taking in the Church. Although Francis has strengthened the synod's authority, it remains a consultative body, and the Pope has the final say. The October 2023 synod will produce a document synthesising the discussions. Ivereigh predicts that a series of commissions will be established to study proposals before the second Vatican synod assembly in October 2024.

**The Tablet (Christopher Lamb - Oct 2023)**



**Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
22 October 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)  
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**PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE**

In 1959, Pope Saint John XXIII called for an ecumenical council with the purpose of bringing the Church "up to date". The Council, Vatican II, concluded its work in 1965 having produced 16 documents, one of which was on the role and participation of the laity in the life of the Church. It said "As sharers in the role of Christ the Priest, the Prophet, and the King, the laity have an active part to play in the life and activity of the Church" and that "as far as possible, the laity ought to collaborate energetically in every apostolic and missionary undertaking sponsored by their local parish". It continues "For it is a duty and honour for Christians to return to God a part of the good things they receive from Him." (Decree on the Laity, Chapter III, section 10)

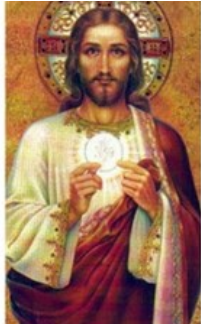


There is a strong resonance in these statements with our Gospel passage today, where Jesus challenges us to give back "to God what belongs to God". Through our baptism, we are citizens of God's Kingdom and we have been given the gifts of the Holy Spirit to serve our King and our fellow citizens. This is Mission Sunday, when we are called to give financial and spiritual support to our brothers and sisters overseas who share our faith, and to missionaries who spread the Good News and provide life-giving support to those in need. Our missionary duty is not, however, limited to one Sunday in the Church's year and to the work of others in distant lands only. Our missionary role continues day by day in our parishes and communities using the gifts that God has given us and that His spirit sustains in our service to others and working with our clergy.

We find ourselves again at a moment of bringing the Church "up to date". As we plan for the renewal of our Church in Down and Connor through Pathways to the Future, and as the Church worldwide journeys together in the Synod, let us ask ourselves what part we play in the life and activity of the Church. Today's Gospel challenges us to consider how we are paying our dues to our King in our daily lives and within our communities of faith. May the Holy Spirit guide and encourage us, and may God arm us "that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from Me, all is nothing" (Isaiah 45:6)

"you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ" 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

## 23 October — 29 October Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue		7.00pm Francis Goodall (Aniv) Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30pm—8.30pm	
Wed		9.30am In Honour of Our Lady of the Rosary Adoration 10.00am—12.00pm	
Thurs	9.30am P.I. Adoration 7pm—9pm		
Fri	9.30am Paddy Gallagher (Aniv) Michael Murphy (Aniv)		
Sat		6.00pm Rachel McPeake (1st Aniv)	
Sun	9.30am P.P. 12.00pm Vivienne McCorry (Aniv)	10.45am Elizabeth McNeice (Aniv) Angus Grant & Kathleen Grant (Aniv)	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

**Anniversaries** Angela Hanna (1st), Dolores Hoy (1st), Patsy McGarrell (1st), Dermot Hoy, Francis Goodall, Paddy Gallagher, Michael Murphy, Margaret McCarthy, Margaret Crosse, Brendan Corr, John Henry (Snr), Oliver Henry, James McGarry, Harry McGarry, Joe Cormican

**Sanctuary Lamps** Special Intention—Aoife

**Baptism** We welcome to God's family Caiden Gerard Burns

**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 15/10/23

Weekly Offering: £3,198

**Thank you for your generosity**

### PARISH DRAW 2023—24, Week 25

**Winner £500** Jonathan McAtamney (Glenavy)

**Winner £100** Patrick & Helena Burns (Crumlin)

**Winner £50** Trea Clenaghan (Ballinderry Upper)

**Congratulations to our winners**

**REMEMBERING THE DECEASED NOVEMBER DEAD LISTS** Throughout the month of November, the Church traditionally remembers and prays for all those who have died. A November Dead List is a list of the names of deceased relatives and friends for whom you would like Mass offered during November. Like all acts of remembrance, compiling a November Dead List is an act of charity to the faithful departed from those who are still able to assist them. The sheets on which to compile the list and accompanying envelopes are in the Church Porches. A voluntary offering may be included for the support of the priests who will celebrate the Masses. Return the envelope either in the collection basket or in the box in the Sanctuary. The list of the deceased will be placed in the Sanctuary where they will remain for the Month of November. Mass will be offered each day specifically for all those named on the lists, that they may attain what they long for, eternal rest in God's presence.

**Adoration** Can you spare 1 hour on a Wednesday morning between 10am & 12pm in Mater Dei church. If you can, please contact the parish office to leave your name and telephone number.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** takes place on 3 December 2023. This major parish community event gives us the opportunity to meet and enjoy some Christmas fun. Please put the date in your diary!

**The Seven Joys of Mary** This October, we invite you to join us as we journey through the Seven Joys of Mary's life. Over the next 2 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. The next date is Wednesday 25th October at 7pm & will be held in St. Joseph's Glenavy, followed by a cup of tea in the annex. We would like to encourage and welcome the sick and housebound of our Parish to join us via the Webcam as we embark on this beautiful journey.

**The Glenavy branch of Apostolic Work** will meet at 7.30pm on Tuesday 24 October 2023. New members very welcome.

**RADIO MARIA IRELAND** As Thank God and sincere thanks also to our many listeners and supporters as RADIO MARIA IRELAND continues to grow. As an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station we enjoy commercial free broadcasting - Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting music, Talks, Interviews and Testimonies - do join our growing faith family! Here's how you can listen, Via Digital TV - Saorview Channel 210, Download our FREE App "RADIO MARIA IRELAND", Streaming on our WEBSITE - [www.radiomaria.ie](http://www.radiomaria.ie), our 'Listen Live Radio' link on our Facebook Page, Via PHONE - get live radio feed by calling +353 (0) 1 437 3277. Why not drop a line to our Priest Director, Fr. Eamonn McCarthy by text on 089-4672000, by phone on 01-4123456, or come and pay us a visit at Radio Maria Ireland, St. Anthony's Business Park, Ballymount Road, Dublin D22 R7W2.

**SPRED** offers people with learning disabilities friendship, spiritual development, and a sense of belonging to a Parish group. Our Parish SPRED group is meeting in Glendare Community Hall on 25 Oct, 15 & 29 Nov & 13 December at 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.

**This month's Whist in St. Clare's community hall** will be on **Friday 26th October at 7.30pm**. Scorecards are £5 (including refreshments) everyone welcome.

**Give Blood Save Lives.** NIBTS will be in St John's Hall, Crumlin on Friday 27 October 2023, 12.30pm - 4pm & 5pm - 7pm. To book an appointment Tel 08085 534 653 or [www.nibts.org](http://www.nibts.org)

**Enrolment of the Pope John Paul II Award Group.** If you are aged 16—17, year 13 -14 and are interested in joining JPPI, please contact Brenda Gallagher on 07928979292.

**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](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.

**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.

**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](mailto:glenavy@downandconnor.org), Tel 028 9442 2278, or contact the Sacristan's.

**Drumalis We are now enrolling for Adult Faith Development Programmes** commencing 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), or email [maura@drumalis.co.uk](mailto:maura@drumalis.co.uk) or <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

**Day pilgrimage to Knock** on 2 November for the feast of All Souls, departing from St Agnes at 7.30am, returning approx. 10 pm. Bring a packed lunch. Price £22. Pat 07946917354 and Sonia 07877537969.

**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 McMahon at [infoni@trocaire.org](mailto:infoni@trocaire.org)

**Our Lady's Shrine Knock.** Saturday 11 November 2023, 9.15am – 5.15pm The Catechism of the Catholic Church Workshop. For more information see [www.cathechism.ie](http://www.cathechism.ie), email [mairin991@gmail.com](mailto:mairin991@gmail.com) or Tel 087 795 0325.

**Drumalis Advent Retreat - Fr Michael Hurley & Drumalis Team, 8 - 10 December 2023** For further information or to book a place, please contact Drumalis – 028 28 272196/28 276455 (Mon-Fri 9am – 5pm) or email [drumalis@btconnect.com](mailto:drumalis@btconnect.com) Details also available on <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>