

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 stclareshallbooking@hotmail.com **This month's Whist in St. Clare's community hall** will be on **Friday 24th November at 7.30pm**. Scorecards are £5 (including refreshments) everyone welcome.

St. Joseph's GAC: Lotto Results **Thursday 16 November 2023**. Winning Numbers; 8-13-16-17. Jackpot £2,800 No Jackpot winner. 3 Number winners; No winners 3 Lucky Dips; Owen Gallagher, Margaret Magennis, Geraldine Donnelly. Next Week's Jackpot is worth £2,850. The members of St Joseph's GAC thank you for your support.

Glenavy St Vincent De Paul will be holding its Annual Senior Citizen's Dinner at 1pm on Saturday 9 December in St Clare's Hall. Anyone who would like to attend should contact a member of the local Conference before Monday 4 December or ring 07764797963. All are welcome.

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 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.

"Advent to Christmas" Afternoon of Reflection with Fr Perry Gildea cm Drumalis Retreat and Conference Centre, Lame - Saturday, 2 December from 2 pm - 5 pm. To book a place, please contact Drumalis by phone 028 2827 2196/2827 6455 or by email drumalis@btconnect.com

Accord NI Catholic Marriage Care Service is seeking applications for a 2- year part-time Certificate in Counselling (Couple and Relationship). Weekend availability for our funded residential training courses in Crossgar, Co. Down and a commitment to complete the course over 2 years, beginning in April 2024. The closing date for applications is 20 December 2023. For further information, contact Brenda at 02890233002 or info@accordni.co.

Lost & Found An Ulster Bank Debit Card has been found in Mater Dei Church, please contact the Parish Office.

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



Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
19 November 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: glenavyandkilleadparish.com
www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish
A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community

PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE

The Parable of the Talents

"For to everyone who has will be given more".



A talent was a huge sum of money, thought to equate to the pay for 15 to 20 years of work. The Master in today's Gospel reading has, therefore, placed great trust in his servants, giving them stewardship of such vast riches. God, Our Father, has placed the same trust in each one of us. At our baptism, He gave each one of us a unique set of gifts and charisms, "each in proportion to [our] ability". We received this lifetime of riches to equip us to continue God's work on earth, to build His Kingdom, to scatter on His behalf and to yield fruit for His harvest. Our lives as baptized Catholics are lives of service and mission, in our homes, our schools, our workplaces, and our parishes. We are called to use the baptismal gifts we have received, the talents we have been trusted to grow, in the service of God, the people we encounter in our daily lives, and the communities within which we live, work and study. Our faith is not passive or individual to us. Our faith is active and to be shared and grown. God is calling each one of us to renew His Church in Down and Connor using the talents He has entrusted us with. How will you use yours?

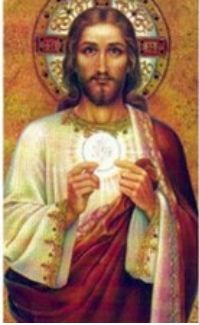
"Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates."

Proverbs 31:31

Pathways to the Future Prayer

God of Love, You are with us in every transition and change. As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love. We thank you for the gifts, talents, and skills with which you have blessed us. We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work. Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another. We ask this in your Holy Name. Amen.

20 November — 26 November Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue		7.00pm NO MASS Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7pm Adoration 7pm—8pm	
Wed		9.30am Matthew Doone & Eileen Doone (Anniv) Adoration 10am—12pm	Feumore Mass Centre
Thurs	9.30am P.I.		Sun Adoration 6.30pm—7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary afterwards starts at 6.15pm
Fri	9.30am P.I.,		Mon Adoration 11.00am—12.00pm
Sat		6.00pm Paul Saunders (Anniv) Lawrence & Jack Loughan (Anniv)	
Sun	9.30am Do This In Memory 12.00pm Gerard McKavanagh (Months Mind)	10.45am Do This in Memory Floyd Maguire (Anniv)	

Months Mind Gerard McKavanagh

Anniversaries John Mulholland, Nell Mulholland, Jack Kennedy, Alice Kennedy, Joan Kennedy, Maureen Hughes, Seamus Hughes, Vincent Mulholland, Betty McAteer (RIP), Clare Pindel (RIP), Eileen Rice, Matthew Doone, Lawrence Loughan, Jack Loughan, Rosie Bradley

Sanctuary Lamps For all Souls

Baptism We welcome to God's family Cormac Ruairi Phillips

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.

Do This in Memory Programme The children and their families who have joined the Do This in Memory Programme are invited to attend the Mass next Sunday 26 November 9.30am in St Joseph's or 10.45am in Mater Dei.

Collections 12/11/23

Weekly Offering: £2,665
Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2023—24, Week 29

Winner £100 Clare Cormican (*Glenavy*)
Winner £50 Kieran O'Neill (*Crumlin*)
Congratulations to our winners

REMINDER Developing our Parish Pastoral Plan 2024-2026 The parish Pastoral Council are seeking input from Parishioners to help develop our Parish Pastoral Plan. Input forms have been distributed and are available in Mater Dei and St. Joseph's churches. Please return input forms by 3 December 2023 to boxes in the churches or you can contact the Parish Office by email at glenavy@downandconnor.org. Drop-in sessions are planned for 22 November 7-9pm at Mater Dei and 23 November 7-9pm at St. Joseph's. Members of the Parish Pastoral Council will also be available after Masses on weekends of 25/26 November.

Registration to attend the Pathways to the Future conversations is open to all parishioners. The *Pathways to the Future* Steering Committee will host conversations as part of the Communication Campaign to share information in various locations across the Diocese. Parishes have been grouped together and allocated a location and due to capacity constraints at the event a specified number of places. The location for our parish is the Holy Rosary Parish Centre, Ormeau Road, Belfast on 21/11/23. We still have a few places available from our allocation and would encourage you to register your interest to attend and let your voice be heard. **Everyone attending the meeting must register through the parish office and the registration form will be completed on behalf of each person attending.**

Funeral Lay Ministry We are seeking to recruit a small number of Parishioners to take the lead in Funeral Lay Ministry. The successful applicants will undergo training. In the future the role will involve delivering prayers at the home of the deceased and at the graveside or crematorium, as and when required. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in this most important Ministry.

Parish Christmas Bazaar Sunday 3 December 2023. The next meeting is **Wednesday 22 November @ 7pm** in the Annex of St Joseph's, new helpers needed. If you can help in any way, please come along to the meeting. Donations welcomed for the stalls. **Toys:** A hit with children. Toys should be in working order. All types acceptable. **Cakes/Home Bakes:** Always popular and there's great demand for Cakes, Fruit Tarts, Homemade Jams, Pastry. Includes homemade Breads. Never have enough for this stall. If you would be willing to bake, go for it. **Bottles:** Very popular. Anything that comes in a bottle is acceptable. Put another in your shopping basket. **Tombola:** Donations of all sorts of the smaller sized gifts. Unwanted and Unused Gifts. **Rickety Wheel:** The star attraction! Gifts of all sorts needed for the wheel. Please leave donations at the Parish Office.

The Glenavy Branch of Apostolic Work are holding their Annual Christmas Sale in St Clare's Hall on Sunday 26 November after 9.30am and 12pm Masses. Cakes, Tombola, Ballot, Bric a Brac stalls, tea & coffee available. A church door collection for Apostolic Work will be taken up at all Masses in the Parish (Saturday & Sunday) that weekend. Gift Aid envelopes for taxpayer donors are available at the back of St Joseph's Church and Mater Dei Church. Please complete and return envelopes in Church Door Collection or Parish Office.

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.

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 infolni@trocaire.org

Drumalis Advent Retreat - Fr Michael Hurley & Drumalis Team, 8 - 10 December 2023 For further information or to book a place, please contact Drumalis – 028 28 272.196/28 276455 (Mon-Fri 9am – 5pm) or email drumalis@btconnect.com Details also available on <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

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.

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.

TOTUS TUUS Scripture Conference 2023 is Live on Radio Maria Ireland on Saturday 18 November from 2pm Speakers include Fr. John Ryan, Fr. Luke Demasi, Fr. John McEaney, Frances Hogan. Listen to Radio Maria Ireland by downloading the Radio Maria Ireland APP, Saorview Channel 210 or listen live at (01)4373277.

The 2024 Pioneer calendar is available from Pioneer centres and from Central Office (01 805 4226). The calendar is designed to offer spiritual support to families which are being impacted by alcohol and addiction. The calendar is priced at €5. Further information from www.pioneerassociation.org/calendar.