

**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 [stclareshallbooking@hotmail.com](mailto:stclareshallbooking@hotmail.com)

**St. Joseph's GAC:** Lotto Results **Thursday 23 November 2023.** Winning Numbers; 2-11-22-27. Jackpot £2,850 No Jackpot winner. 3 Number winners; No winners 3 Lucky Dips; Jim Mulholland, Ailish Cormican, Martin Collet. Next Week's Jackpot is worth £2,900. 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.

**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.

**"Youth 2000 Ireland** are having their annual Christmas retreat in Dominican College, Newbridge, Co Kildare on the 8th -10th of December for ages 16-35. This promises to be a special retreat! There are free buses leaving from all over the country to the retreat. Donation only. Find out more and register now on [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)"

**Totus Tuus Magazine** is a Catholic magazine, full of articles from Irish priests and laity, which aims to highlight the beauty and joy of our faith. It is going into its 7th year and is run by donations. If you haven't come across Totus Tuus Magazine and would like a free copy, please contact Fiona Kiely on 086 8760058.

**PARISH Youth Program for Advent!** 3-part video series, group discussions, activities & icebreakers providing a fresh perspective on the First Christmas. Aimed at 9–14-year-olds, suitable for your Primary School/1st Year Students, or Parish. Contact Grace McCann for more information and access to the resource. A workshop for parish leaders on running this program can also be provided upon request. Email: [g.mccann@downandconnor.org](mailto:g.mccann@downandconnor.org) Tel: 028 90690920.

**Mass for the deceased Pioneers of Down and Connor** will be celebrated in St Agnes' Church, Andersonstown Road on Wednesday, 29 November at 10am. Celebrant is Rev. Fr Raymond McCullagh PP.

**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>

**Fr Alec Reid - Blessed are the Peacemakers Wednesday, 29 November 7.30pm, Clonard Church** Join us in marking the 10th Anniversary of Fr Alec Reid's death as we watch together the award-winning film "14 Days". The film lasts one hour. Guests include Rev. Harold Good and Rev. Ken Newell. Light refreshments in the monastery after. All welcome.



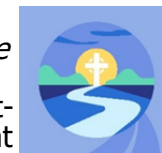
**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE  
26 November 2023**

**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**  
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Parish Website: [glenavyandkilleadparish.com](http://glenavyandkilleadparish.com)  
[www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish](http://www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish)  
**A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community**

### **PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE**

*"Come you who My Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom you since the foundation of the world."*

In excess of 1,000 people have registered or have already attended one of the *Pathways to the Future* conversations that are being held across the Diocese during November. The conversations have been animated, rich, and fruitful, with those present sharing their hopes and dreams for their parishes and Families of parishes, their cares and concerns, as well as ideas and suggestions on how we build the Kingdom of God in Down and Connor. The Holy Spirit is moving through our parishes and our people, and there is a very real sense of excitement and optimism, and a willingness among our faithful to answer's Christ's call to renew and rebuild His Church for now and for the future.



On this Feast of Christ the King, as this church year draws to a close and we move into a time of waiting, expectation and preparation for the birth of Christ, our Saviour and King, let us pray for the renewal of our Church in Down and Connor and the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we plan for our future. Let us pray to be guided by the Spirit in the discernment of our own personal gifts and the role that God wants us to play in sharing the Good News of the Gospel and the love of God with all we meet and journey with in our lives.

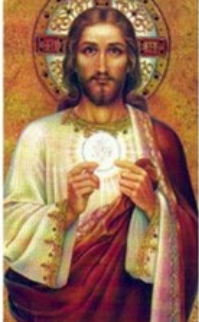
*"I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view."*

### **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.

**The Parish office** will be closed on Friday 1 December 2023

## 27 November — 3 December Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue		7.00pm Rosaline Marsden (Anniv)  In Honour of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal  Rosary at 6.30pm  Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm  Adoration 7.30pm—8.30pm	
Wed		9.30am Niall Mulholland (Anniv)  Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	9.30am Isaac Nelson (Special Intention)  Adoration 7pm—9pm		
Fri	9.30am P.I.  6.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation		
Sat		6.00pm P.P.	
Sun	9.30am Kathleen McBride (Anniv) Marie, Jim & Hope Mulholland (Anniv) 12.00pm Amanda McGriskin (Anniv) Charlotte Reid (Anniv)	10.45am Kathleen McGann (Anniv) Patricia Colquhoun (Anniv)	

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

**Recently Deceased** Most Rev. Anthony J Farquhar DD, Emeritus Auxiliary Bishop of Down & Connor

**Months Mind** Gerard McKavanagh

**Anniversaries** Paul Saunders, Lawrence & Jack Loughan, Floyd Maguire, George Brankin (Sen), James Doone, Georgie Cormican, James Mooney, Terence Kennedy, Brian Nelson, Betty Prior, Bobby Kearns, Daniel & Ellen McCorry, Michael O'Neill, Rosaleen McAlernon, Eilish Agnew, Joseph Burns, James & Felix Doone, Niall Mulholland, Rosaline Marsden

**Sanctuary Lamps** Jinnie & Seamus Jordan, Daniel & Ellen McCorry

**Baptism** We welcome to God's family Elsie Grace Klocker, Clara Jo Moore, Mia Louise O'Lynn Shea Harry McKevitt

### Collections 19/11/23

Weekly Offering: £2,875  
Bishops Commission £520

**Thank you for your generosity**

**Parish Christmas Bazaar, Sunday 3 December 2023, doors open at 2pm.** The next meeting is **Wednesday 29 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 needed for the stalls. Toys, Cakes/Home Bakes; Bottles, donations of all sorts of the smaller sized gifts for the Tombola. Unwanted and Unused Gifts. Rickety Wheel: The star attraction! Gifts of all sorts needed for the wheel. Please leave donations at the Parish Office.

**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](mailto:glenavy@downandconnor.org). Members of the Parish Pastoral Council will also be available after Masses this weekends 25/26 November. The feedback form can be accessed on the Parish Website <https://glenavyandkillleadparish.com> under the *News* section.

**Funeral Lay Ministry** We are recruiting for a small number of Parishioners to take the lead in Funeral Lay Ministry. The successful applicants will undergo training. The role will involve, in the future 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.

**Open Evening – St. Joseph's Primary and Nursery School, Crumlin –** Parents/guardians of prospective Nursery or P1 children are invited to our Open Evening on Tuesday 5th December between 6pm – 7.30 pm. Tour the school, meet the staff & children & find out about all the extras we have on offer. Current parents and parishioners are welcome. If you know of any new families who are interested in finding out more about our school or the P1 application process, please share these details with them. We look forward to seeing you then!

**Annual Mass for Deceased Clergy & Religious** who have died in this past year (1 November 2022 – 31 October 2023) will take place **Tuesday 28 November 2023, in St Peter's Cathedral (Belfast)** at **7:30pm** or online at <http://www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral>. You are invited to join the families of the deceased to offer Mass together with our Bishop.

**The Glenavy Branch of Apostolic Work** Annual Christmas Sale in St Clare's Hall, today 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 this weekend. Gift Aid envelopes for taxpayer donors are available at the back of St Joseph's Church and Mater Dei Church. Complete and return envelopes in Church Door Collection or Parish Office..

**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.

### Parish Draw 2023—24, Week 30

**Winner £500** Sheila Brankin (Ballinderry Upper)

**Winner £100** Patrick McAlister (Glenavy)

**Winner £50** Martin Loughan (Ballinderry Upper)

**Congratulations to our winners**

**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.

**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](mailto:infolni@trocaire.org)

**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.

**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](http://www.pioneerassociation.org/calendar).

**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.

**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.

**Mary's Meals – Double the Love** Mary's Meals is keeping the promise of a daily school meal to over 2.4 million children in 18 countries. Our Double the Love Campaign has launched, and all donations made to Mary's Meals until 22nd January 2024 will be doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £1million. Amongst the many challenges we see in today's world, from conflict to the cost-of-living crisis, your little acts of love can go further thanks to Double the Love, bringing hope to desperately hungry children and their families. Please pray that we can reach even more children around the world with our life-changing school meals this Christmas. Find out more and browse our Christmas gift cards at [marysmeals.org.uk](http://marysmeals.org.uk) or freephone 0800 698 1212.

**Family Care Adoption Services is an Adoption Agency**, and a core part of our work is to place children with new adoptive families. We provide adoption services throughout all Northern Ireland and work with Health and Social Care Trusts to place single children and sibling groups for adoption. These children are aged from babyhood to approximately 5 years old. There are currently more children waiting to be adopted in Northern Ireland than families approved to adopt and there is an urgent need for new families to come forward. All sorts of people from all walks of life can be considered for adoption. So, wherever you live in Northern Ireland if you think you could offer a child/ren a new life in a family of their own and would like an informal chat to discuss this and to find out more about adoption, CONTACT US! [email@familycareadoption.org](mailto:email@familycareadoption.org), Tel 02890 691133 or [www.familycareadoption.com](http://www.familycareadoption.com) We are waiting to hear from you!