

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

St. Joseph's GAC: Lotto Results Thursday 30 November 2023. Winning Numbers; 7-11-25-26. Jackpot £2,900 No Jackpot winner. 3 Number winners; Antoinette McKeeown, Kellie Loughan 3 Lucky Dips Cathy Rooney, Nula McCourt, Gerard O'Neill. Lotto Results Thursday 7 December 2023. Winning Numbers; 2-3-4-9. Jackpot £2,950 No Jackpot winner. 3 Number winners; Brendan Burns, Kieran Mulholland 3 Lucky Dips Aidan Magennis, May McCorry, Michaela Monaghan Next Week's Jackpot is worth £3,000. The members of St Joseph's GAC thank you for your support.

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols - Catholic Chaplaincy QUB The Catholic Chaplaincy at QUB will host its Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols in **St Malachy's Church, Alfred Street, Belfast on Sunday 10 December @ 6pm**. The Chaplaincy Choir, Canticle, will provide music and song, with readings from members of the University community followed by refreshments. **Everyone is welcome.**

Spiritual Preparation for Christmas - For Adults Saturday 16 December - St John the Baptist PS, Finaghy Road North Belfast. Hosted by the Legion of Mary and Fr Darren Brennan PP. Registration 9:30am - 3pm Finish. Talks and Testimonies followed by Confessions, Adoration and Holy Mass. Cost is £10 - Includes Lunch. For more information or to book, please contact Luke on 07955386288. Prepare your Soul for Christmas!

Family Care Adoption Services is an Adoption Agency, 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. To find out more about adoption, contact us! Tel 02890 691133, www.familycareadoption.com or email@familycareadoption.org.

Down and Connor Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima 2024 Spiritual Directors Fr G McCloskey, Fr M Graham, Canon S Gilmore 20 Aug 2024. 7 Nights £799 per person sharing (£100 off per person if paid in full by 8th December 2023) direct return flights from Dublin to Lisbon afternoon flights. 20KG bags included. Return airport transfers in Fatima. 7 Nights Hotel Avenida. Full board: breakfast, lunch & dinner each day. Guided tour of the Sanctuary & Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary. Optional: Travel Insurance & Single Supplement. For further information please contact: Joe Catney 07776 425 631/02890714001.

Trócaire School Volunteers: Trócaire is looking for volunteers to support our School Talks Programme for Lent 2024 in the Down & Connor Diocese Area. Contact Casey Schell on 02890 808033 or email casey.schell@trocaire.org

Great Women of Prayer & Faith An Advent Journey 3 talks in the Parish Centre., St Colmcille's Church, 191 Upper Newtownards Rd Belfast on Wednesday evenings: 6, 13 and 20 December at 7.30pm with supper All are welcome.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10 DECEMBER 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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Weeks of Mercy

There's a family expectancy on the air about Christmas, people looking forward to the celebration just now. Even if we dread bits of Christmas, and many do, we know that there is something very good about it. We look forward to it, as we look forward to the visit of someone we love, or a holiday afterwards, or the break from work.

The people at Jesus' time were like that – looking forward to the 'one who is to come'. It would all take time, and the last of the messengers was John the Baptist. His mother would await his birth with huge expectation.

He preached forgiveness. This is one of the special gifts of God, and one of the big celebrations of Advent. We are a forgiven people, and we welcome the forgiveness of God in our repentance. This means we are firstly grateful for forgiveness, that we do not have to carry forever the burden of sin, meanness and our faults and failings. God covers them over in mercy. The second step of welcoming forgiveness is to try to do better in life – to move on from this sinfulness and meanness to a life of care, compassion, love, and joy. It is a call and a challenge to forgive others.

Advent is not complete without some admission of sin and our need for mercy. The parish celebrations of the sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) in common or individually is step which makes our celebration of Christmas complete.

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Advent Penitential Service

St Patrick's Church, Lisburn on Sunday 10 December 2023 @ 3pm

Mater Dei Church, Crumlin on Wednesday 20 December 2023 @ 7pm

11 December — 17 December Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James	
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm	
Tue		7.00pm P.I. Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30pm—8.30pm	 <p>Feumore Mass Centre</p>	
Wed		9.30am Catherine Gallagher (Special Intention) In Honour of Our Lady of Guadeloupe Adoration 10am—12pm		
Thurs	9.30am Joe & Larry Dunican (Anniv) N.J. Baker (Special Intention) Adoration 7pm—9pm			Sun Adoration 6.30pm—7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary afterwards starts at 6.15pm
Fri	9.30am Paul Scott (1st Anniv) Clare Walsh (Anniv)			Mon Adoration 11.00am—12.00pm
Sat		5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.00pm Dearbhla Harbinson (Anniv) William Brankin (Anniv)		
Sun	9.30am Colum Scullion (Anniv) 12.00pm Hugh Faloon (Anniv) James & Heloise Mulholland (Anniv)	10.45am P.P.		

Recently Deceased John McCann (Weavers Meadow) Eunan (Budgie) Mulholland (Glendarragh), Eileen Moore (Canada, formerly of this Parish)

Anniversaries Paul Scott (1st), Aaron Webb (2nd), Baby Jodie Lee, Gerardine Cummins, Kathleen Brankin, Hugh Brankin, Terence Kennedy, Joe & Larry Dunican, Thomas Marsden, Brian Marsden, Mary Donnelly, Clare Walsh, Eddie Armstrong, James & Mary Doone, Lee Hamill, Doris Mulholland, Hugh Henry, Rosemary Stewart (nee Henry), Sr Miriam Therese O'Brien, Anne Marie McGarrity, Molly McPeake, Annie Heatley, Cissie Brazier, William McAteer, Seamus O'Neill

Collections 3/12/23

Weekly Offering: £3,716
Monthly £2,005

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2023—24, Week 32

Winner £100 Ambrose McGarry (Glenavy)
Winner £50 Catherine Shepard (Ballymote)
Congratulations to our winners

Grand Parish Christmas Bazaar A big thank you from the Organising Committee to everyone who donated their time, gifts, money and to those who attended this year's Christmas Bazaar in aid of our Parish Building Fund. Special thanks to the local Businesses in Crumlin, Glenavy and surrounding area for your generosity. The amount raised for the Parish Building Fund was £7,770.

Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

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 17 December 9.30am in St Joseph's or 10.45am in Mater Dei.

This year's Parish Christmas Whist will take place in St Clare's Hall on Sunday 10 December at 7pm. There are turkeys and other prizes to be won along with a ballot. Supper will also be provided. Scorecards £6 each.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal The St James' Aldergrove/Crumlin and St Joseph's Glenavy Conferences of St Vincent de Paul are holding their Annual Christmas Appeal at the weekend Masses on **9 & 10 December**. We are asking for donations of gift vouchers or cash for those children, families and individuals within our community who need help. Providing gift vouchers enables those receiving them to make their own decisions on how to best meet the needs of their children, families, or themselves. If you would like to donate vouchers or cash, please place your donation into the Blue SVP Envelopes which will be available at the back of Mater Dei and St Joseph's Churches and **return** to the same churches **via the SVP Red Box on or before 17th December 2023**. (Please remember to fill in the Gift Aid section on the envelope). Alternatively, you can **donate directly into our bank account: St James' Aldergrove/Crumlin Conference Account No. 41965035, sort code 980460. St Joseph's Glenavy Account No. 41966009, sort code 980460** Members of St James' Conference will also be collecting in Tesco's Supermarket in Crumlin on Saturday 9th December from 12-6pm. We would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and extend our sincere thanks for the continued and immense generosity of our parishioners, particularly during this period of extreme financial pressures. **Thank you for being more than kind this Christmas.**

NUA Christmas if you are aged between 9 and 14 years come along and join us for fun, games, food, crafts and most importantly to learn the real meaning of Christmas. **Monday 11 & 18 December** in St Joseph's Annex, Glenavy between 4.30pm & 5.30pm. All welcome, please ring Brenda Gallagher on 07928979292.

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

St Mary's Christian Brothers' Grammar School Open Nights —

Transfer Pupils and their families are invited to attend on Wednesday 10 & Thursday 11 January 2024 from 7pm – 9pm. Principal's address at 8.30pm. All enquiries Tel 02890 294000 or www.stmaryscbqgs.com

St Dominic' Grammar School Open Day Saturday 13 January 2024, 9am – 1pm. Principal's address 9.30am and 11am. Primary 6 and 7 pupils are welcome.

Rathmore Grammar School Open Day Saturday 20 January 2024 9.30am – 1pm, Principal's address 9.30am and 11.15am

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.

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

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.

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.

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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.

Veritas Encourages Shopping for Meaningful Gifts this Christmas Christmas is a time of rejoicing, when we remember the birth of Our Lord. At Veritas you will find devotional books or beautifully illustrated children's books that will entertain but also fill our hearts, nativity sets, Advent candles, memorial gifts, thoughtful cards, beautiful Christmas decorations, and much more. Visit Veritas stores in Dublin Abbey Street, Blanchardstown, Tallaght, Cork, Limerick, Letterkenny, Derry, and Newry—or shop online at veritas.ie Share more meaningful gifts this Christmas with Veritas. Wishing you a joyous and blessed Christmas .

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.

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.

Misa de Gallo 2023 16 – 24 December 2023 @ 6am, Very Rev. Fr Vincent Cushman, St Vincent de Paul Parish, 169 Ligoniel Road, Belfast. Theme 'Peace to People of Goodwill'