

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 14 December 2023. Winning Numbers; 8-18-20-21. Jackpot £3,000 No Jackpot winner. 3 Number winners; Brian Falloon, Kate Curran 3 Lucky Dips Ethel O'Neill, Brian McKenna, Michael Mallon. Next Week's Jackpot is worth £3,000. A second jackpot £300 will start next week The members of St Joseph's GAC thank you for your support.

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

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.

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.

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.

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

CHRISTMAS PARISH BINGO

in St Clare's Community Hall

Next Thursday 21 December at 8.00pm sharp-9.30pm

Jackpot £1,000 in 50 Numbers

Refreshments & Free Ballot

Please remember to wear your Christmas jumpers.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 17 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**

Email: glenavy@downandconnor.org

Parish Website: glenavyandkilleadparish.com

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The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

Mass times 24 & 25 December 2023



Mater Dei Christmas Eve Vigil 6.00pm & 8.00pm

Christmas Day 10.45am

St Joseph's Christmas Eve Vigil 6.00pm & 10.00pm

Christmas Day 9.30am

St James Christmas Day 9am

Liturgies in St Joseph's and Mater Dei will be live streamed on our church webcams. www.churchservices.tv/stjosephglenavy or www.chuchservices.tv/materdeicrumlin

Advent Penitential Service

Mater Dei Church, Crumlin on Wednesday 20 December 2022 @ 7pm

The Joy of Waiting

Advent is a time of joy – joy in the waiting and this Sunday we wear the joyful rose-coloured vestment. The messenger in the first reading is the 'joyful messenger', and his joy is that God is near, and God is coming. This would be the message of Jesus –that he was the joyful messenger of his Father's love. He would be the shepherd – the one who cares, knows, and actively looks after the sheep. John the Baptist is the voice of joy and energy, preaching the new message.

Voices of Advent to bring God near - The central message within all the voices of Christmas.

God's Christmas voice is saying *I love you, you are all brothers and sisters, and nothing except love is final.*

Not just a voice, but actively loving in word and deed. One way of touching that love is the Mass. Jesus is not really love from the sky, but food of the Eucharist, that nourishes us and makes a difference. We bring our ordinary concerns to Mass, and let God lighten them and transform them, and enlighten us with his word. The voice of God makes sense of and brings light into the ordinariness of life.

God is present in his word, and in his body – we wait in joy for the Word to be made flesh.

18 December — 24 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	
Wed		9.30am Requiem Mass for Kieran McLornan Adoration 10am—12pm 7pm Advent Penitential Service	
Thurs	9.30am Mary Riordan (Anniv) Brigid Loney (Anniv) Adoration 7pm—9pm		Feumore Mass Centre
Fri	9.30am Cathal Clenaghan (Anniv)		Sun Adoration 6.30pm—7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary afterwards starts at 6.15pm
Sat		6.00pm P.P.	
Sun	9.30am The Holy Souls Christmas Eve Vigil Masses 6pm & 10pm	10.45am The Holy Souls Christmas Eve Vigil Masses 6pm & 8pm	Mon Adoration 11.00am—12.00pm

Recently Deceased John Hanna (Ballinderry)

Anniversaries Dearbhla Harbinson, William Brankin, Mary Riordan, Colum Scullion, Cathal Clenaghan, Hugh Faloon, James & Heloise Mulholland, Patrick McLornan, Rita McAreavey, Betty Armstrong, Mary Murray, Brigid Loney, Nan McLornan

Sanctuary Lamps Special Intention for Bernadette & Gerard McKnight, Peter & Bridie Keenan

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.

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.

Collections 10/12/23

Weekly Offering: £2,805

**Thank you for your
generosity**

Parish Draw 2023—24, Week 33

Winner £100 Mary Nelson (Upper Ballinderry)

Winner £50 Isaac Nelson (Glenavy)

Congratulations to our winners

The Glenavy Branch of St Vincent de Paul Society wish to thank everyone who contributed so generously to their Church Door Collection after both Masses on Sunday 10 December 2022. The sum of £2,220 was raised.

Community Carol Service St Aidan's Church of Ireland, Glenavy @ 7pm on Sunday 17 December 2022. Everyone welcome.

Whist A big thanks to everyone who attended the parish Christmas Whist last Sunday evening. A very enjoyable evening was had by all and £660 was raised for parish funds. The annual charity Whist will be held on

Friday 29 December at 7.30pm in St. Clare's Hall.

St Joseph's GAC Annual Charity Quiz Friday 29 December 2023 @ 9pm (sharp) in Lily's. All welcome.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible includes 8 weekly sessions. The programme requires one hour of study per week. Venue: **Online via zoom**. Beginning **Wednesday 17 January @7pm online for 8 weeks**.

The program will conclude with a Retreat Day on **Saturday 23 March 2024 @ Holy Rosary Parish Centre, Belfast**. Facilitators: Fr Paul Byrne & Aishling Steen. The cost of the program is £30 To book your place click on the registration link: <https://forms.office.com/e/HTLtfTXUaD>*

Places are limited. Booking early is advised. *

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.

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.

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.

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.stmaryscbgs.com

St Louise's College. The Board of Governors, Principal, staff & students invite all P6 & P7 boys & girls to join them on their Open Night on Wednesday 10 January 2024. Principal's address @ 4.30pm & 6.30pm.

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.

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.