

**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)

**St. Joseph's GAC:** Lotto Results Thursday 28 December 2023. Winning Numbers; 6-7-13-16. Jackpot £3,000, 2nd Jackpot £550 No Jackpot winners. 3 Number winner; Dave Burnett 3 Lucky Dips Fr McBride, Karen McAlister, Ciara Campbell. Next Week's Jackpot is worth £3,000. Second Jackpot £600 The members of St. Joseph's GAC thank you for your support. On behalf of the Club Chairman and our club members I extend our thanks for your weekly support. We wish you and your family a Holy, Peaceful, and prosperous 2024.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS** will be celebrated at St Patrick's Church, Donegall Street, Belfast to mark the end of the Old Year and welcome the New Year. At 11pm on December 31. All Welcome! Homilist Fr. Brian McCann, Cantor Mr Louis McVeigh.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Queen's University Catholic Chaplaincy** – Alumni and Friends Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of St Paul Departing Dublin on 7 February 2024, pilgrimage to Greece and Malta over 10 days, following in the footsteps of St Paul. For more information & how to book, email Chaplaincy Director, Shannon Campbell, at [catholicchaplaincy@qub.ac.uk](mailto:catholicchaplaincy@qub.ac.uk)

**Anam Cara Belfast** is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Monday 8 January at 7:30pm in the Balmoral Hotel, Belfast. Online meeting takes place 2nd Thursday. To join please contact us on 028 9521312.

**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](http://www.familycareadoption.com) or [email@familycareadoption.org](mailto:email@familycareadoption.org).

**The World Day of Prayer Service** is scheduled for Friday 1st March 2024 at Glenavy Methodist Church & the programme entitled 'I beg you, bear with one another in love' has been prepared by the women of Palestine. There is a preparation meeting on Monday 15th January @ 8pm in St John's Hall Crumlin. Everyone welcome.

## **Parish Bingo**

**IN ST CLARE'S COMMUNITY HALL**

**EVERY THURSDAY AT 8.00PM SHARP-9.30PM APPROX.**

**JACKPOT £1,000 IN 51 NUMBERS**



## **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 31 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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## **The Epiphany of the Lord 6 January 2024**

### **Holy Day of Obligation**

#### **Mass times**

Mater Dei	Friday 5 January Vigil 7.00pm
St Joseph's	Saturday 6 January 9.30am

### **World Day of Peace**

The Vatican has published Pope Francis' Message for the 57<sup>th</sup> World Day of Peace, to be celebrated on January 1, 2024, with the theme "Artificial Intelligence and Peace."

The [Holy Father's Message](#) was released on 14 December, at a conference given at the Holy See Press Office.

The Pope's Message, divided into eight sections, examines the question of the progress of science and technology as a path to peace and reflects on the future of artificial intelligence (AI).


The Pope also encourages that the ethical dimensions of AI, including issues of privacy, prejudice, and impact on human dignity, be addressed in the sphere of education and in the development of international law.

The Holy Father further highlights some of the potential risks posed by AI, for example misinformation and social control, stressing the need for the regulation and monitoring of the development of AI technologies, such that they serve the human family and the protection of our common home.

"If artificial intelligence were used to promote integral human development, it could introduce important innovations in agriculture, education and culture," writes the Pope, adding that "the way we use it to include the least of our brothers and sisters, the vulnerable and those most in need, will be the true measure of our humanity"

*Irish Catholic Bishops Conference*

## 1 January — 7 January Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	11.00am Mass		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue		7.00pm John Hanna (Months Mind) Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30pm—8.30pm	
Wed		9.30am Elizabeth Grant (1st Anniv) Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	9.30am Holy Souls Adoration 7pm—9pm		Feumore Mass
Fri	9.30am P.I.	7pm Vigil Mass The Epiphany of The Lord	Sun Adoration 6.30pm—7.30pm
Sat	9.30am The Epiphany of The Lord	6.00pm Eunan Mulholland (Months Mind)	Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary afterwards starts at 6.15pm
Sun	9.30am P.I. 12.00pm Dermot Doran (1st Anniv)	10.45am Mary Feeney (1st Anniv)	Mon Adoration 11.00am—12.00pm

**Recently Deceased** Joseph Hendron (*Tromery Drive*), Most Reverend Bishop Patrick Walsh DD.

**Months Mind** John Hanna, Eunan Mulholland

**First Anniversaries** Elizabeth Grant, Mary Feeney, Dermot Doran

**Anniversaries** Colette Burke, George Brankin, Cecilia Madden, Rosetta Jordan, Donald Jordan, Rosaleen McClean, Thomas Boyle, Christopher Boyle,

**Baptisms** We welcome to God's family Cillian Henry Charles Kelly

**Sanctuary Lamps** Rosetta & Donald Jordan, Special Intention M.L.

**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.

**Parish Office** will be closed on Monday 1 January & Friday 6 January 2024

### Collections 24/12/23

Weekly Offering: £6,299

Christmas Offering: £3,465

**Thank you for your generosity**

### Parish Draw 2023—24, Week 35

**Winner £100** James Douglas (Crumlin)

**Winner £50** Sheila Horner (Ballinderry Upper)

**Congratulations to our winners**

Canon McBride wishes all Parishioners a very

**Happy, Holy and Peaceful New Year**



**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.**\*

**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.

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

### 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](http://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. Colm's High School Open Night**, Thursday 11 January at 7pm. Primary 6 and 7 pupils and parents most welcome. Enquiries for Post 16 courses welcome.

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

**St Malachy's College, Belfast** Open Evening's Tuesday 16 & Wednesday 17 January 2024 7pm – 9.30pm. Tours from 7pm, Principal's address 7.45pm & 8.30pm in the College Hall. 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](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.

**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.

**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.