

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 **Lisburn jobs and benefits office** will be providing advice on universal credit information sessions in St Clare's community hall Glenavy on Wednesday 24 January 10am – 12pm. Drop in no appointment necessary. **This month's Whist in St. Clare's community hall** will be on **Friday 26th January @ 8pm**. Scorecards are £5 (including refreshments) everyone welcome. **Give Blood Save Lives** The NIBTS will be in St Clare's Hall on Friday 26 January between 12.30pm – 4pm & 5pm – 7pm. To book an appointment www.nibts.org or Tel 08085 534653.

St Joseph's GAC: Lotto Results Thursday 18 January 2024. Winning Numbers; 5-9-14-25. Jackpot £3,000, 2nd Jackpot £700 No Jackpot winners. 3 Numbers No winners. Lucky Dips Antoinette McKeown, Carol McStravick, Ciara Campbell. Next Week's Jackpot is worth £3,000. Second Jackpot £750 The members of St. Joseph's GAC thank you for your support.

Parish of Duneane, Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes from 3 – 11 February at Our Lady of Lourdes, Moneyglass. We would love to relaunch the National shrine to our Lady of Lourdes and to begin doing that we are running a novena to our lady of Lourdes next month in the lead up to the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes on February 11th. Join us each evening @7pm commencing on 3 February, opening Mass with Fr Gerard Fox and closing Mass on 11th February 2024.

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@gub.ac.uk

Beginning Experience The loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce is devastating. Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on three Saturdays (27 January, 24 February and 23 March 2024) Booking essential. To find out more, contact Marie [07896119669](tel:07896119669) or 07519289185 or email belfastbe@yahoo.com

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.

Parish Bingo
IN ST CLARE'S COMMUNITY HALL
EVERY THURSDAY AT 8.00PM SHARP-9.30PM APPROX.
JACKPOT £1,000 IN 51 NUMBERS



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
21 January 2024

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 Ordinary Things

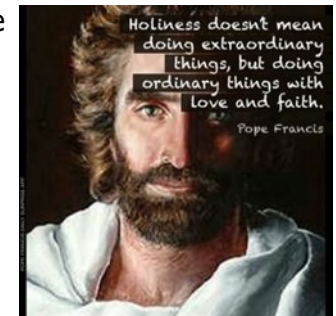
There's something very ordinary for a fisherman about washing nets. Daily work, done with some drudgery but knowing that it is essential for a good catch of fish which would feed the family at this time Jesus called his first apostles.

There is something sacred about the ordinary. About bathing a child, loving a spouse, daily employment, family time and all that goes to make up our days.

In the middle of all this God can surprise us and call us into his service. Our expectation is sometimes different – that we need long times of prayer to find God, or read about him, or do big things for him just as the smallest things are done out of human love, God is found in the ordinary.

The old Irish spirituality had blessings for everything – for milking a cow, cleaning, and dusting a room, visiting the sick and many more. there were prayers for meals, for a safe journey and a happy death. Our Irish spirituality found God as much in mountains and people as in the church, and often more so.

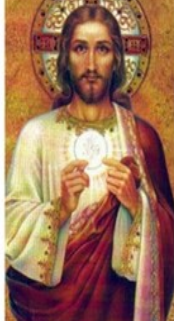
Maybe the disciples remember in difficult times the way they were called in their ordinary work found their ongoing call to follow the Lord in the ordinary of their lives for the rest of their lives.
CatholicIreland.net



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh and Church of Ireland Archbishop of Armagh John McDowell, are marking the 2024 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with this wide-ranging conversation focusing on the theme of the parable of the Good Samaritan: 'love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself (Lk 10:27). The annual Week of Prayer is an important opportunity for shared reflection and a reminder of our connection to our fellow Christians near and far and encourages praying together for issues of common concern. Each year a Week of Prayer theme comes from a specific area of the world. For 2024, the discussion is a response to calls from the Christian Churches in Burkina Faso. This year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place from Thursday 18 to 25 January – the octave of Saint Peter and Saint Paul.

Irish Catholic Bishops Conference

22 January — 29 January Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		St James Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm 
Tue		7.00pm Holy Souls Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30pm—8.30pm	Feumore Mass Centre
Wed		9.30am In Memory of Archbishop Fulton Sheen Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	9.30am Holy Souls Adoration 7pm—9pm		
Fri	9.30am P.I.		Sun Adoration 6.30pm—7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary afterwards starts at 6.15pm
Sat		6.00pm Mary Maguire (Anniv) Tony Flynn (Anniv)	Mon Adoration 11.00am—12.00pm
Sun	9.30am P.P. 12.00pm Donald Cormican (Anniv) Samuel Nelson (Anniv) Patrick McAlister (Anniv)	10.45am Eileen O'Dornan (Anniv) Daniel, Eileen & Phillip Gillen (Anniv)	

First Anniversaries

Monica McGarry
Anniversaries, Neil Fitzpatrick, Gerard Mulholland, Mary Maguire, Lily Edge, Louis Brankin, Tony Flynn, Robert Hutchison, Mary Henry, Maisie O'Hara, Jimmy Quinn, Margaret McGarrell, James Heatley, Betty McCann, Anthony Murphy, Martin McCoubrey

Sanctuary Lamps Matthew & Eileen Doone, B.L. (Special Intention)

Rosary at the Grotto St Joseph's on Friday 26 January 2024 @ 7pm

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.

Donation We gratefully acknowledge the generous donation of £1,000 towards the refurbishment of Mater Dei Church.

Collections 14/01/24

Weekly Offering: £2,765

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2023—24, Week 38

Winner £100 Barney McCorry (Glenavy)

Winner £50 Joan McShane (Crumlin)

Congratulations to our winners

Altar Servers. At the beginning of a new year, we wish to recruit additional Altar Servers to assist at weekend Masses in the parish. This ministry is open to boys and girls in Primary 5, 6, 7. Boys serve Mass in Mater Dei at 6.00pm on Saturday evenings or 9.30am in St Joseph's on Sunday mornings. Girls serve on Sundays at 10.45am in Mater Dei or 12.00 noon in St Joseph's. If interested, please leave your contact details with Parish Office.

Ministers of The Eucharist New members are needed for this very important Ministry in both our churches, but particularly in St Joseph's. If you are interested in becoming a Minister of The Eucharist, please contact the Parish office as soon as possible by Tel 028 9442 2278 or email glenavy@downandconnor.org

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. There have been a few volunteers, but ideally a few more are needed before the training is arranged. If you are interested in this most important Ministry please contact the Parish Office by Tel 028 9442 2278 or email glenavy@downandconnor.org

St Brigid's Cross Workshop. The Ministers of the Word in Mater Dei would like to invite everyone after 9.30 Mass in Mater Dei on Wednesday 31st January to the adjoining Presbytery for a cup of tea and to make a St Brigid's Cross.

The Bible in a Year & Catechism in a Year Fr Mike Schmitz guides you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes and through the entire Catechism of the Catholic Church in 365 episodes. Both are available at Ascension press.com, YouTube or wherever you listen to podcasts. For more information please see www.Ascensionpress.com/bibleinayear and www.Ascensionpress.com/CIY

St Brigid's Day Lecture Thursday 1 February at 7.30pm St Bride's Parish Centre (38 Derryvolgie Avenue). **Guest Speaker** Fr Gerry O'Hanlon S.J. "*Why Synodality? Progress and Challenges on The Synodal Pathway of the Catholic Church*" Everyone is Welcome!

Meeting of St Martha's Cleaning Group for St Joseph's Church Glenavy will take place on Wednesday 24 January from 7pm - 8pm in the Annex of St Joseph's. New members are welcome. New volunteers to clean St Joseph's and Mater Dei are urgently needed. If you can help, please contact the parish office.

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.

The Blue St Vincent de Paul clothes bins at Chapel Hill are being replaced by new bins. Please **do not** put any clothes in these bins until they are replaced.

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. The rescheduled preparation meeting will take place on Monday 22 January @ 8pm in St John's Hall Crumlin. Everyone welcome.

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.

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.

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.

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.