

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 4 January 2024. Winning Numbers; 8-9-17-21. Jackpot £3,000, 2nd Jackpot £600 No Jackpot winners. 3 Number No winner; 3 Lucky Dips Denis McGrandles, Michelle Patton, Philomena Hayes. Next Week's Jackpot is worth £3,000. Second Jackpot £650 The members of St. Joseph's GAC thank you for your support.

Clean Accessible Water Breaks the Cycle of Poverty Thank you to everyone who came and donated to Merry and Bright Bingo Night in aid of Kilimanjaro Water Project which took place in the Ballymac, we raised £4,055.

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.

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

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 take place 2nd Thursday. To join please contact us on 028 9521312.

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.

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

Parish Bingo

IN ST CLARE'S COMMUNITY HALL

EVERY THURSDAY AT 8.00PM SHARP-9.30PM APPROX.

JACKPOT £1,000 IN 51 NUMBERS



The Baptism of The Lord 7 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
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Parish Website: glenavyandkilleadparish.com
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A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community

New Energy



Jesus' baptism by John was a special moment – the real coming of God's spirit upon him, the Spirit who had come on Mary at the moment of Jesus' conception and would be with Jesus at his last moments on the Cross.

The spirit brings him new energy. This feast marks that something new is happening, and that Jesus knows he is the beloved son, from eternity and into time.

The Spirit came upon him – but not just for himself. He would send the Spirit later to us, to help us to forgive and to persevere in doing good.

This is a feast about energy. Jesus found a new spirit in himself after his prayer, and he heard words he would never forget. Maybe you have heard words of love from someone you will never forget. They give energy to the heart and soul, making us people always on the go, ready for new life within us.


The spirit pours the energy of God into bread and wine, and they are changed forever. He sends himself forever, sending the love and presence and energy of God.

We know that we can get stuck. We need new infusions of the Spirit to give new energy. Can we be the type of people who others think it's good to meet? Can we be people open to the spirit of God, open to new life, new love, and being really fully the individuals, we can be?

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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 14 January 2024 at 9.30am in St Joseph's or 10.45am in Mater Dei.

8 January — 14 January Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue		7.00pm Seamus & Sally McGarry (Anniv) Geraldine McCann (Special Intention) Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30pm—8.30pm	
Wed		9.30am Commitment Service— P7 St Joseph's Primary School Isaac Nelson (Special Intention) Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	9.30am Commitment Service, P7 Ballymacrickey Primary School Harold Siewert (Anniv) James Walsh (Anniv) Adoration 7pm—9pm		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
Fri	9.30am P.I.		
Sat		5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.00pm Vincent & Julia McKavanagh (Anniv) Joseph Kane (Anniv)	
Sun	9.30am Do This in Memory 12.00pm Eithna McAlister (1st Anniv)	10.45am Do This in Memory	

Recently Deceased Charles Gourley (*Cidercourt Drive*)

Months Mind Eunan Mulholland

First Anniversaries Mary Feeney, Dermot Doran

Anniversaries Seamus & Sally McGarry, James Walsh, Magdalen Kelly, Vincent & Julia McKavanagh, Joseph Kane, Eileen McGrandles, Nora McCann, Colette & Gerald Douglas, Imelda McGarry, David Mulholland, Molly McCambridge (10th), Danny Heatley, Jane Brown, David McCorry

Baptisms We welcome to God's family Zach Cahir Doolan

Sanctuary Lamps Deceased members of the Devereux Family, Norah Rogers

Collections 31/12/23

Weekly Offering: £2,662

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2023—24, Week 36

Winner £100 Paula Hillman (*Crumlin*)

Winner £50 Margaret Carson (*Crumlin*)

Congratulations to our winners

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

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/HTLftXUaD* **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.

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.

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. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.