

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 stclarehallbooking@hotmail.com

St. Joseph's GAC: Lotto Results Thursday 8 February 2024. Winning Numbers; 2-6-27-28. Jackpot £3,000, 2nd Jackpot £850 No Jackpot winners. 3 Number winners Anne Marie Millar. 3 Lucky Dips Oonagh Phillips, James McDonnell, Clare Armstrong. Next Week's Jackpot is worth £3,000. 2nd Jackpot £900 The members of St. Joseph's GAC thank you for your support.

Loughshore Reflexology Reduces tension, induces deep relaxation, and reverse the effect of stress. Suitable for exam students, work related stress, expectant mothers, and fertility service available. Contact Martine on 07718 160687

Rosary in Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes at 6pm on Sunday 11 February 2024 at the grotto, St Joseph's Church, Glenavy.

Notice: Lenten Pledge Many people choose to abstain from alcohol during the season of Lent. You can do likewise. Please consider taking the short-term Pioneer Lenten pledge and say the prayer daily. *"I promise in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary to abstain from all alcoholic drink during Lent."*

Really free in Christ? Reading St Paul's *Letter to the Romans* together today. With insights from Augustinian priest Kieran O'Mahony, Scripture scholar and Ecumenical Canon of Christ Church 2012-2017. **Scripture Tuesdays in Lent starting on 13 February (Shrove Tuesday)** 6pm (optional Dinner). 7-9pm Lecture and discussion. Continues on 20, 27, February & March 5, 12, 19. Book your place on Eventbrite (Find the link on our Belfast Jesuit Centre Facebook page or website www.belfastjesuitcentre.org)

Mass for Temperance Sunday & World Day of Prayer for the Sick will be broadcast Sunday 11 February 2024 @ 11am on RTE TV & Radio.

Anam Cara Belfast, monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Monday 12 February at 7:30pm in the Balmoral Hotel, Belfast. An online meeting takes place 2nd Thursday, to join please contact us on 028 9521 3120.

Copyright and Music Licensing Presentations covering Copyright and Music Licensing will be held at the following venues from 7.30pm until 9pm. **St Brigid's Hall, Belfast, 15 February. All Saints' Parish & Community Centre, Ballymena 27 February. Patrick's Place, Downpatrick 5 March.** The presentations are relevant to choir directors, choir members, cantors, psalmists, parish musicians parish contemporary music groups, those who maintain parish websites are welcome.

Down & Connor Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024: 10 – 15/17 July. 5 & 7 Night options available. Please visit www.downandconnor.org/lourdes for more information or call the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 9077 0162 or email lourdes@downandconnor.org Youth Team (10-17 July): applications now open.

Parish Bingo

IN ST CLARE'S COMMUNITY HALL

EVERY THURSDAY AT 8.00PM SHARP-9.30PM APPROX.

JACKPOT £1,000 IN 51 NUMBERS



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 11 February 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
www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish
A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community

Ash Wednesday 14 February 2024 Beginning of 40 days of Lent Distribution of Ashes

Mass Times
Mater Dei 9.30am
St Joseph's 7.00pm

Ash Wednesday is an obligatory day of Fast and Abstinence for all who are members of the Catholic Church (typified as in one meal and 2 collations)

World Day of the Sick, 11 February

"It is not good that man should be alone" (cf. *Gen 2:18*)

Healing the Sick by Healing Relationships

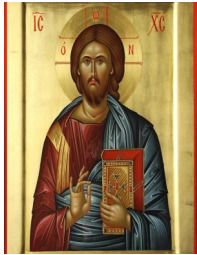
"From the beginning, God, who is love, created us for communion and endowed us with an innate capacity to enter into relationship with others. Our lives, reflecting in the image of the Trinity, are meant to attain fulfilment through a network of relationships, friendships, and love, both given and received." – Quote from this year's statement by Pope Francis

Irish Catholic Bishops Conference

People make a Difference

Any story involving leprosy is a story of inclusiveness with Jesus. The people whom nobody wanted were deep in his heart. Jesus wanted to make his life better, and, in this case, the man was cured. The news spread of this new religious man, a prophet maybe, but one who went where nobody else would go. Jesus sees into the heart and there he finds a home, because God his Father lives in each of us. His motivation is his deep relationship with all of us. He will cleanse any of the unacceptable sides of ourselves so that we see ourselves as image of God, forgiven and clean. Can we see others like that?, **Who** would be those he would reach today like this? Maybe the people who want to change their lives from condemnation by self and others. We can name them often, and our society can be cruel on prisoners and their families, abusers of any sort, prostitutes, victims of AIDS and many others. He offers a way out of condemnation and that is often through the goodness and care of another. When we come to him, we meet his followers, and that also can make a difference. **CatholicIreland.net**

12 February — 18 February Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue		7.00pm Holy Souls Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30pm—8.30pm	
Wed	7.00pm Ash Wednesday	9.30am Ash Wednesday Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	9.30am P.I. Adoration 7pm—9pm		
Fri	9.30am Anna Sophia Gallagher (Special Intention)		
Sat		5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.00pm Mary Cleary (Anniv) Raymond Johnston (Anniv)	
m	9.30am P.P. 12.00pm May & Jim Lenaghan (Anniv) Rita McCorry (Anniv)	10.45am Sean Hackett (Anniv) Selina & Samuel Crossan (Anniv)	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

Recently Deceased Patricia O'Connor (*Chestnut Grange*)

Months Mind John McCann

Anniversaries Mary Cleary, Raymond Johnston, Sarah Heatley, Mary C. Doone, Bridie O'Neill, Jim O'Neill, Willie Lewsley, Rosaleen O'Hara, Brian & Barry Kerr, Lindsey Brown, Alice Lavery, Philomena (Phil) Crookes, Margaret Kearns, James Kearns

Sanctuary Lamps Martin Buggy, Maria Stafford

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament Can you spare 1 hour from 11am—12pm on a Wednesday in Mater Dei church. Please contact the parish office to leave your name and telephone number.

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.

Collections 04/02/24

Weekly Offering: £3,952
Monthly Offering £1,880

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2023—24, Week 41

Winner £100 Brian Mooney (Upper Ballinderry)
Winner £50 Colette O'Brien (Crumlin)
Congratulations to our winners

Glenavy and Killead Lenten Programme 2024 **What are you doing for Lent?** This year why not travel with Jesus as he enters into his Passion? **'No Greater Love'** is a Lenten programme, based around a series of short films shot on location in the Holy Land. Over 5 weeks we are given the opportunity to walk step-by-step with Jesus through the scriptures from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. The short films are presented by Edward Sri who leads us on a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. At each session there will be the opportunity to pray and talk together as members of our Parish Family. There are 5 sessions – one for each week of Lent before we enter into Holy Week. **Mater Dei Parochial House, Starting Ash Wednesday, 14 February & each Wednesday morning after 9.30am Mass. Tea & Coffee, cake and buns served on arrival.** **'No Greater Love'** is an opportunity to prepare our minds and hearts as we prepare for the celebration of Easter. ***"The Resurrection is the greatest message history has ever heard!" Pope Francis***

Sacrament of Confirmation Congratulations to the girls and boys of Ballymacrocket P.S. who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on 8 February 2024.

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

You are invited to overnight Eucharistic Adoration to pray for peace in our hearts, our families and our world. Commencing at 7pm on Tuesday 20 February with Mass in Honour of the Holy Face of Our Lord Jesus Christ and concluding Noon Wednesday, 21 February in Mater Dei, Church, Crumlin, there will be rosary reflections and prayer throughout the night. All welcome—come along for an hour and bring a friend.

Crumlin Youth for Christ CYFC is a Christian, non-denominational organisation, which seeks to engage with young people in their local community. They wish to help young people in their relationship with Christ and each other. They do this through engaging with youth on the street in the evenings in Crumlin. Inviting them to a drop-in-centre and simply have a chat over games, sport, or general craic. They also run a summer scheme each year and our parish has supported them through providing accommodation and meals for the organisers. CYFC does not seek to recruit for any specific Church but rather to encourage the young people to re-engage with the Church of their Baptism. CYFC would like to recruit local adults to advise and guide them in this valuable work. If you would be willing to help or would like more information, please leave your contact details with the parish office.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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. 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

Accord (NI) Let us help you support your Marriage & Relationship If you feel your marriage or relationship is in crisis or need a little guidance and feel that you both could benefit from Marriage & Relationship Counselling, either face to face or online, contact your local Centre. Every year we help thousands of couples rebuild and sustain healthy relationships. Call us on 02890 233002 for all N. Ireland center's: N. Ireland Regional Office, Armagh, Ballymena, Belfast, Derry, Enniskillen, Maghera, Newry & Omagh info@accordni.com or www.accordni.com

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Throughout the Diocese, candidates for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will be making their final preparation to be received into the Catholic Church at Easter. As part of that preparation, the Rite of Election will take place at Saint Peter's Cathedral at 5.30pm Saturday 17 February 2024, the Vigil Mass for the First Sunday in Lent. Any candidates due to be received into the Church at Easter or Pentecost, are invited to them to join the candidates from the Diocesan RCIA programme at the Rite of Election in the Cathedral. Their sponsors and families are also very welcome. Please contact Fiona stpe-ters@downandconnor.org