

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. **Ceilidh with supper on Saturday 16 March** in St Clare's Hall. Tickets £15 per person, with proceeds going to [The Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust](#). BYOB. Disco after ceilidh until half 12. For tickets contact: Tish 07734926765/ Tricia 07821905672/ Margaret 07517779334

St. Joseph's GAC: Lotto Results Thursday 22 February 2024. Winning Numbers; 8-11-19-28. Jackpot £3,000, 2nd Jackpot £950 No Jackpot winners. 3 Number winners Anne Irvine, Ciara Campbell, Philomena Loughren. 3 Lucky Dips Anne Mullan, Teresa McLaughlin Rosemary Mulholland. Next Week's Jackpot is worth £3,000. 2nd Jackpot £1,000 The members of St. Joseph's GAC thank you for your support.

St Joseph's GAC Coffee Morning Sunday 3 March, 10am – 1pm in St Clare's Hall, proceeds in aid of a local Autism Group. The Club will also be providing information on Club fundraising, roles of volunteers, mental health support & Club registration for 2024. Opportunity to chat to players, Committee and meet the players. Everyone welcome.

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.

JOB OPPORTUNITY IN NAROOON HOUSE, ALDERGROVE Hiring now for **April 2024 start, 1 ROLE** – every other Saturday 5pm-10pm (5hrs) and Sunday 8am-5pm (8.5hrs). Rate £11.50 per hr. Over 18yrs only. All training provided. Contact **Mary** – Monday-Thursday 8am-5pm on **028944 52204**.

DIOCESAN VOCATION WEEKEND Have you ever considered the possibility that God is calling you to the priesthood? If so, take this opportunity to gather with other men who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood. This retreat will create the time and space to help you discern God's calling in your life. The retreat will take place in Drumalis Retreat Centre, from Friday 8 - Sunday 10 March 2024. to attend or for more information contact: Fr Conor McGrath, c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org or 02890654157.

The Legion of Mary presents Matt Fradd, an American-based Catholic speaker who hosts the well-known Podcast *Pints with Aquinas*. He will give 2 talks on Saturday 23 March 2024 at 7pm in Titanic Hotel Belfast. Tickets can be purchased at universe.com/MattFraddBelfast

Cancer Focus Northern Ireland Driving Service – Volunteers Needed. Our volunteer drivers provide free transport to and from hospital appointments for people undergoing cancer treatment. There has been an increase in demand for this service around the Crumlin & Glenavy areas, so we are keen to recruit a small number of new volunteers in the area. To apply or for more information please email drivers@cancerfocusni.org or Tel 028 90 663 281.

Parish Bingo

IN ST CLARE'S COMMUNITY HALL

EVERY THURSDAY AT 8.00PM SHARP-9.30PM APPROX.

JACKPOT £1,000 IN 51 NUMBERS



Second Sunday of Lent 25 February 2024

Very Rev Canon Colm McBride PP: St Joseph's Presbytery, 59 Chapel Road, Glenavy, BT29 4LY Tel: 94 422278 (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

Radiant Light

Jesus heard at the Transfiguration that he was beloved! We all want to know that someone would say they love us.

We are all the time God's favoured ones – it's ourselves that miss out on it. We live in the big wide world of God's love, and Jesus on Tabor was allowing himself be loved in the radiant light of God, shining even in the cloud.

Together we are loved as Peter, James and John were loved in community. Light is caught from one to the other. We are the light of Tabor Mountain for each other. All are loved. The one I like and don't like! The radiant body of Christ was hammered and killed later by ourselves. Love killed at Calvary rose again. Love cannot die.

We can transfigure or disfigure each other. We can bring out the light and the hope and the joy in our belonging to God!

We can transfigure a school, a parish, a community any group by first of all our being loved by God and letting love go out. If we really believe we are loved by God then the world we live in is transfigured, changed.

In the light of the cross, the sign of our faith, the way we are saved.

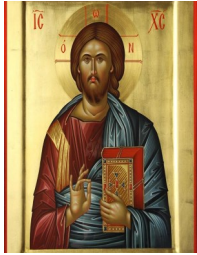


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Glenavy and Killead Lenten Programme 2024 What are you doing for

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. There are 5 sessions – one for each week of Lent before we enter Holy Week. **Mater Dei Parochial House, each Wednesday morning during Lent after 9.30am Mass. 'No Greater Love' "The Resurrection is the greatest message history has ever heard!" Pope Francis**

26 February — 3 March 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		9.30am P.I. Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	9.30am NO MASS Sacrament of Confirmation— St Joseph's P.S. Adoration 7pm—9pm		
Fri	9.30am Holy Souls 6.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation		Mon Adoration 11.00am—12.00pm
Sat		6.00pm Pat McCreanor (Anniv) James Savage (Anniv)	
Sun	9.30am Do This in Memory 12.00pm Roy Connolly & Family (Anniv) William & Mary Pauline Eastwood (Anniv)	10.45am Do This in Memory Molly Corr (Months Mind)	

Recently Deceased Mary Maguire (*Hunter Lea*), James Stafford (*Bramblewood*)
Fr Sean Moore CSsR, (*Clonard Monastery*), Carmen O'Hare (*Ballynadrentagh*)

Months Mind Molly Corr

Anniversaries Michael Maguire (1st), Fergus Cormican (1st), Stephen Muldoon (1st), Gerard Lenaghan (1st), John & Molly Brankin, Natalie Greig, Rosemarie Barber, Joe McPeake, Susan Mailey, James Moore, Elizabeth James, Kathleen & Daniel McKavanagh, Grace Meharg, James Mulholland, Sally Mulholland, George Brown

Sanctuary Lamps For Gods Divine Mercy & Peace in the World, Special Intention

Baptisms We welcome to God's family Ruan Wolfe Oswald Brady, Eala Ciara Moore, Scarlett Douglas, Croria Roisin Nelson

Collections 18/02/24

Weekly Offering: £2,568

Sick & Retired Priests: £1,089

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2023—24, Week 43

Winner £100 Canon Colm McBride (*Glenavy*)

Winner £50 Kay Murphy (*Hunters Chase*)

Congratulations to our winners

Sacrament of Confirmation Please keep the girls and boys of St Joseph's P.S. in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on 29 February in Mater Dei Church.

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 3 March 2024 at 9.30am in St Joseph's or 10.45am in Mater Dei.

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

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE PERMANENT DIACONATE The Diocese invites expressions of interest from men, (married or single), who feel called to the Diaconate. Further relevant information can be found on the Diocesan website <https://www.downandconnor.org/living-church/diaconate/> 3 information evenings in St Patrick's Downpatrick, All Saints Ballymena and St Brigid's Belfast on 7' 12' & 20 March. This will provide an opportunity to meet Permanent Deacons and their wives & discover more about this vocation. It is hoped to commence a propaedeutic year of discernment in September 2024. Expressions of Interest forms will be issued by email to those who have responded to this announcement and the formal application and interview process will commence, with a view to completion in June 2024.

The Legion of Mary is back in the parish. We meet on Thursdays at 7.30 pm in the Annex of St Joseph's church, Glenavy for further info call or text 07581292226 (Emma). Join us!

The Legion of Mary is currently visiting homes in the parish promoting devotion of the Divine Mercy.

Join us for a Retreat for Young Adults (18 – 30) @ Lough Derg, Pettigo County Donegal on Saturday 27 April 2024 from 10am to 4pm. Refreshments and Lunch provided. This Retreat is organised by The Knights of St Columbanus Omagh and is free of charge. To Register please visit tiny.cc/loughderg Or Email info@knightsfstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk

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."

Trócaire Lenten campaign 2024 The Trócaire boxes are located in the porch of the Churches.

The Glenavy Branch of Apostolic Work are holding their Annual Spring Sale in St Clare's Hall on Sunday 10 March after both 9.30 and 12.00 Masses. Usual stalls – Tombola, Bric a Brac, Baked goods. Tea/ coffee also available. A Church Door Collection will be taken up after Masses in St Joseph's Church on 10 March and Mater Dei on 9 & 10 March for Missionaries & their work.

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.

Annual Trócaire Lecture will take place in Rénéhan Hall at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth 5 March 2024, at 7p.m. To register to attend <https://forms.gle/3qAuyM4orvT1mtL8> or online <https://bit.ly/3ShyK1v>. Contact Frances Haman frances.haman@trocaire.org for more information

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.

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

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.

Copyright and Music Licensing Presentations covering Copyright and Music Licensing will be held at the following venues from 7.30pm until 9pm. **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. .

Cancer Fund for Children. New Irish Arts Orchestra & Chamber Choir in Concert for an uplifting and joyful evening in Lagan Valley Island on 22 March 2024 @ 7.30pm, tickets £15 p.p., with all proceeds in aid of Mayoral Charity, Cancer Fund for Children. Tickets can be purchased www.laganvalleyisland.co.uk/event/New-Irish-Arts-in-Concert or by calling 028 9244 7744.

Accord NI Catholic Marriage Care Service seeking Marriage Preparation Facilitators Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally. Contact Brenda on 02890 233002 or by email to info@accordni.com www.accordni.com

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.