

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. **Table Quiz** - 7.30pm, Friday 19th April 2024 in St Clare's Hall. BYOB. £5 per person. Everyone welcome! In aid of Ballymacrickett P.S. school funds. Email BallymacrickettFundraising@gmail.com to book your table. **Glendare Community Group AGM** - Monday 15th April 2024 at 8pm in St Clare's Community Hall Glenavy. All welcome.

St. Joseph's GAC: Lotto Results Thursday 10 March 2024. Winning Numbers; 8-9-17-21. Jackpot £3,000, 2nd Jackpot £1,100 No Jackpot winners. 3 Number winners Sheree McCabe, Leeanne McCartan. Lucky Dips Margaret Bradley, Grainne McConnell, Tom Kearney. Next Week's Jackpot is worth £3,000. Second Jackpot £1,150 The members of St. Joseph's GAC thank you for your support.
NIGHT SHIFT JOB OPPORTUNITY IN NARON HOUSE, RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME IN ALDERGROVE Hiring now for **Closing date Wednesday 20 March 2024 at Midnight 1 ROLE** – 2-week rota – WK1 Monday & Wednesday 10pm-8am WK 2 Tuesday & Saturday 10pm-8am. 20hrs total per week. Rate £12.50 per hr. Paid breaks. Over 18yrs only. All training provided. Contact Naron House on **028944 52204**.

KNOCK Pilgrimage - Mon 29 April - Wed 1st May 2024 only £210 per person sharing! Come along with St Michael's on a Parish retreat to beautiful Knock Shrine staying at the fabulous Knock House hotel 2 nights B & B, dinner on both nights & a lunch on the final day included, bus leaving and returning to St Michael's Finaghy Road North Belfast. All very welcome, limited places. Register your interest on 95904304 at the Parish Office or email stmichaels@downandconnor.org

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.

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.

'PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR THE PASSION' All are warmly invited to a Lenten Liturgy at **St Colmcille's Church 191 Upper Newtownards Road Belfast BT4 3JB on this Friday 22 March, 7pm - 8.30pm** in the Church. A short evening of film, music & readings to draw us deeper into the mystery and power of Jesus' sacred wounds, using scripture and insights from the saints and mystics. Refreshments in the Parish Centre afterwards.

Parish Bingo

**IN ST CLARE'S COMMUNITY HALL
 EVERY THURSDAY AT 8.00PM SHARP-9.30PM APPROX.
 JACKPOT £1,000 IN 52 NUMBERS**



Fifth Sunday of Lent 17 March 2024 Solemnity of St Patrick

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

Stages of Patrick's Life

There were three major stages or turning points of Patrick's life, each of which was marked by a great personal crisis. The first stage began when, at the age of 16, his boyhood was brought to an abrupt end at the hand of kidnappers, who captured him and sold him into slavery 'along with many thousand others' (Confession, 1). This stage lasted for six years. Patrick responding to the divine call, finally escaped and made his way home. He was the first Roman citizen that we know of to ever succeed in escaping from captivity and live to tell the tale.




The second stage followed his decision to respond to the call of God and return to Ireland as a missionary. It included his ordination first as a priest and later as a bishop. During this time one of his fledging communities suffered an attack by Pictish pirates. Many men were put to the sword and many women carried off into slavery, and worse. This atrocity occasioned the Letter to Coroticus, which also included an extended defence of Patrick's episcopal authority. We are reminded of the Second Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians, written by Paul in order to defend his episcopal authority in the face of a rebellious community.

Finally, we come to the third stage, which included the revelation of the sins of his boyhood, his trial by a tribunal of his seniors, his conviction, and, finally, temporary removal from office. Patrick would not have been human if he had not been shaken to the core by these events.

Intercom March 2024

Parish Office Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Monday 18 March 2024

18 March — 24 March Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue		7.00pm Jimmy & Elizabeth Heatley (Anniv) Jim, Seamus, Gerald & Molly Doherty (Anniv) 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 Angela & Trevor Winters (Anniv) 10.15am First Confession Ballymacrocket P.S. Adoration 7pm—9pm		
Fri	9.30am Deceased members of O'Neill Family		
Sat		6.00pm P.P.	
Sun	9.30am Palm Sunday Damian Ayre (Months Mind) Do This in Memory 12.00pm Palm Sunday May Nelson (1st Anniv)	10.45am Palm Sunday Do This in Memory	

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

Anniversaries Jimmy & Elizabeth Heatley, Jim, Seamus, Molly & Gerald Doherty, Angela & Trevor Winters, Matthew Heatley, James Doone (Snr), Dominic Clenaghan, Pat McAlermon, Paul Loney, Annie Deacon, James & Maria McGivern, Patsy Horner, Mary (Molly) Horner, Kathleen Marsden, Alphonsus O'Brien

Sanctuary Lamps Patricia Devereux, For Gods Divine Mercy & Peace in the World
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.

Collections 9 & 10/03/24

Weekly Offering: £2,872

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2023—24, Week 46

Winner £100 Anthony Grant (Aldergrove)

Winner £50 Maura O'Hara (Crumlin)

Congratulations to our winners

Parish Draw 2023—24, Week 45

Winner £500 Trea Clenaghan (Upper Ballinderry)

Winner £100 Helen McCusker (Glenavy)

Winner £50 Kathleen Loney (Crumlin)

Congratulations to our winners

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

Lourdes Pilgrimage As a parish community we would like to help or assist several parishioners who have a disability with a donation of £500 per person towards the cost of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 10 – 17 July 2024. A Down and Connor Lourdes application form is available from the parish office for anyone interested in availing of this support. If you are interested, please contact the parish office as soon as possible. All completed applications will be forwarded to the Down and Connor Medical Team who will be in contact with all applicants.

PERMANENT DIACONATE Information evenings for those wishing to explore the Permanent Diaconate or to hear more about the work of permanent deacons will take place in **Belfast on 20 March 2024 @ 7.30pm**. Further relevant information can be found on the Diocesan website <https://www.downandconnor.org/living-church/diaconate/> 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 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 [Matt Fradd from Pints with Aquinas in Belfast - Events - Universe](#)

The Diocese is planning to take a group of young people to MOVE. MOVE is a five-day summer residential event for teenagers aged 14-17yrs. It is an all-inclusive experience that not only provides food, lodging, fun and games, activities and sports, community discipleship and an age-intentional programme. It also aims to provide encounters with Jesus that leads young people to embrace Him and the purposes they've been called to, on 29th July – 2nd August 2024, at Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co. Kildare (Free return transport from Belfast), Cost: £250pp (Early Bird).

The Apostolic Work would like to thank everyone who supported us – Church Door collections and sale - last weekend. The sum raised was £3,550 which will be much appreciated by Missionaries for their work.

PRESENTATION ON THE HOLY SHROUD OF TURIN As part of our Holy Week devotions, an hour-long presentation on the Holy Shroud of Turin will take place on Monday 25 March, 7pm in Mater Dei Crumlin. All welcome.

Parish Pastoral Council The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will take place on Wednesday 20 March in St Joseph's Presbytery.

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

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 JPPI, please contact Brenda Gallagher on 07928979292.

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.

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 centers: N. Ireland Regional Office, Armagh, Ballymena, Belfast, Derry, Enniskillen, Maghera, Newry & Omagh info@accordni.com or www.accordni.com

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.

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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.

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.

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