

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 **Lisburn jobs and benefits office** will be providing advice on universal credit information sessions in St Clare's community hall Glenavy on Friday 15 March, 10am – 12pm. Drop in no appointment necessary.

JOB OPPORTUNITY IN NARON 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**. **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.

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.

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.

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.

Anam Cara Belfast, for bereaved parents, next meeting Monday 11 March at 7:30pm in the Balmoral Hotel, Belfast. Online meeting's take place 2nd Thursday. Tel 028 95213120.

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.

Fatima Pilgrimage 9-14 August EX Dublin. For more information contact James Treacy 061921470 or email jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com.

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 of Lent 3 March 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
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God's building

Why is Jesus angry? – they have missed the point, and the religious leaders are allowing this to happen! Religion has come down to ritual, and the centre is missing. Jesus was not much at home in the temple. He went there sometimes, and always caused trouble. The finding in the temple, the words – my body is the temple. Jesus is more at home at the table – the loaves at the lake, the fish on the beach, the last supper in a home. This is where he is most himself.



The falsity of the occasion was the using of the temple to be entrapped by riches. The poor were being overcharged to pay for the materials for sacrifices. This caused the anger of Jesus.

The temple has disappeared. We are God's building. If we do not make God's presence real in our area, then maybe we should knock down the church! Only if God is alive in us all the time, will he be alive in the building. If God is not alive all week in us, God will not be alive on Sunday. If he is not alive in our hearts – well, maybe that's sometimes why religion can be so boring – it's religion only from the neck up.

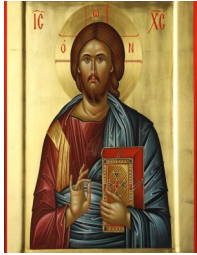
The forty-six years are over, and the three days of the rebuilding have been going on for years, in the hearts of all who are faithful to God's love. The building continues still, and we are the living stones.

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Lenten Reflection "Jesus Christ is the Personified Truth who attracts the world to himself. The light that shines out from Jesus is the splendour of the truth. Every other truth is a fragment of the Truth that he is and refers to him." Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI

Extract from Walking with Jesus along the Via Dolorosa

4 March — 10 March Mass Intentions

| | St Joseph's | Mater Dei | St James |
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| Mon | 9.30am Communion Service | | Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm |
| Tue | | 7.00pm P.I. Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30pm—8.30pm |  |
| Wed | | 9.30am Lily Cormican (Months Mind) Adoration 10am—12pm | |
| Thurs | 9.30am Holy Souls Adoration 7pm—9pm | | |
| Fri | 9.30am Patrick Shane O'Neill (Anniv) | | |
| Sat | | 5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.00pm Dan McGarry (Anniv) Lorna Doone (Anniv) | |
| Sun | 9.30am Joseph Mulholland (Anniv) Ita Hyland (Anniv) 12.00pm Brendan Cormican (Anniv) Isaac, Ambrose, & Ethel Mulholland (Anniv) | 10.45am P.P. | |

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 Sean Loney (*Lurgan Road*), Maud O'Neill (*Lurgan Road*) Therese Douglas (*Cairn Walk*), Mary Devlin (*Old Forge*),

Months Mind Molly Corr, Lily Cormican

Anniversaries Roy Connolly, William & Mary Pauline Eastwood, Patrick Shane O'Neill, Phillip & Daniel McKavanagh, Mary O'Loughlin, John Henry (Jnr), Charles O'Hara (Snr)

Sanctuary Lamps Brigid & Phelim McGarry, For Gods Divine Mercy & Peace in the World,

Baptisms We welcome to God's family Tadhg Jock McBrien, Odran James McGarry

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

Collections 24 & 25/02/24

Weekly Offering: £2,777

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2023—24, Week 44

Winner £100 Aine Murtagh (Ballinderry Upper)

Winner £50 Mary Mulholland (Glenavy)

Congratulations to our winners

Sacrament of Confirmation Congratulations to the girls and boys of St Joseph's P.S. who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on 29 February in Mater Dei Church.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Please keep the girls and boys of St Joseph's P.S. and Gaelscoil Ghleann Darach in your prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on 5 & 6 March 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

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 taking place in **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**

Parish Finance Committee The next meeting of the Finance Committee will take place on Tuesday 5 March 2024 @ 8pm in the Parochial House.

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 **Downpatrick 7 March @ 7.30pm** in the Parochial House beside St Patrick's Church. Also, All Saints' Church Broughshane Road **Ballymena 12 March at 7.30 pm** & St Brigid's Church in the Parochial Hall, Derryvolgie Avenue **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.

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 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.

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

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.

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

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.

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.

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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. **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. .

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.*"