

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. **Lisburn jobs and benefits office** will be providing advice on universal credit information sessions in St Clare's community hall Glenavy on Friday 26 April, 10am – 12pm. Drop in no appointment necessary.

St. Joseph's GAC: Lotto Results Thursday 18 April 2024. Winning Numbers; 7-9-13-23. Jackpot £3,000, 2nd Jackpot £1,350. Jackpot Winner Sarah Duffy. No 3 Number winners. 3 Lucky Dips Hazel McGarrell, Bridie Magill, Anne Shannon. Next Week's Jackpot is worth £1,400 The members of St. Joseph's GAC thank you for your support.

Visit of Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis 13 May St Nicolas Church, Ardglass, 9.30am – 10pm 13 & 14 May 2024, St Mary's Church, Dunsford, 9.30am – 1pm. Confessions available throughout. Everyone welcome. dunsfordandardglassparish.com

Called to be a Monk? A Monastic Come and See Day on 23 June 2024 at Our Lady of Bethlehem Abbey Portglenone, Co Antrim. The monks at the Cistercian monastery invite men between the ages of 20 & 50 to join us at the Abbey. Tel 028 25821211 or email frmagee@yahoo.co.uk, to leave your contact details.

Poor Clares in Carlow invite women from age 22 to 40 years for a cuppa and a chat to find out more about our life. If interested, please contact us poor-claradvoc@gmail.com before the event on Saturday 4 May 2.30—4.30pm

The Annual All Ireland Rosary Rally is scheduled to take place at Knock Shrine on Saturday 1st June 2024 starting @ 1 pm with a talk by Mother Adela Galindo (Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary), and the Main Celebrant will be Bishop Phonsie Cullinan, Bishop of Waterford, and Lismore. For more information www.allirelandrosaryrally.com

National Pilgrimage for Life The first *National Pilgrimage for Life*, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will be celebrated on Saturday 4 May in Knock Shrine with Mass at 3.00pm in the Basilica. Anointing of the Sick will take place during Mass. Main celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop Francis Duffy. We invite you to join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.

PARISH BINGO
in St Clare's Community Hall
Every Thursday at 8.00pm sharp-9.30pm approx.
Jackpot £1,000 in 52 Numbers



Fourth Sunday of Easter Day of Prayer for Vocations 21 April 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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A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community

Annual Diocesan Parish Census 27 & 28 April 2024.

As you enter the church next weekend (27 and 28 April) please lift a coloured counter, **Red (Female)** or **Blue (Male)** and place the counter in the relevant basket according to your age. The baskets will be located at the back of the church.

This is the first of what will become an Annual Parish Census.

Called at Baptism

Following one's vocation is a response from within to the needs outside us. A decision to work for the poor or assist people in need is not necessarily a vocation. A vocation meets the human needs of the world but with a motivation from within. We care for our children and grandchildren not just because they are sick or insecure, but because we love them. this love will move us out to help them in various situations.

We find a call to be '*people for others*' because our heart teaches us that with Jesus, we are all brothers and sisters, and that God wants to save the world, and needs our help to do so.

This is the Sunday we all pray that our particular vocation in life may become clear and may become stronger.

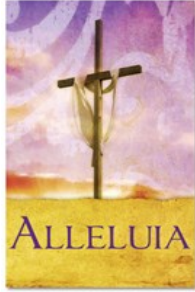
God calls each of us to love God and love our neighbour. This is the first Christian calling at our Baptism; we then find the best way for each of us with our own particular set of gifts, talents and even weaknesses to live out that call to love.

We think especially today of religious life and priesthood. There are needs for priests, sisters, and brothers in most parts of the world. as a community in families and parishes we thank those who have given their lives in these vocations and pray they may increase.

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22 April — 28 April Mass Intentions

	St. Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue		7.00pm Joseph Mulholland (Anniv) Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30pm—8.30pm	
Wed		9.30am Arthur Kinney (Anniv) Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	9.30am Moyna McAreavey (Months Mind) Adoration 7pm—9pm		
Fri	9.30am P.I.		
Sat		6.00pm P.P.	
Sun	9.30am Mary Devlin (Months Mind) 12.00pm Teresa McAlister (1st Anniv)	10. 45am Ciaran Heffron (Anniv) Helen Moore (Anniv)	

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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 Adrian Loney (*Hartswood*)

Months Mind Moyna McAreavey, Mary Devlin

Anniversaries Teresa McAlister (1st), Joseph Mulholland, Arthur Kinney, Ciaran Heffron, Helen Moore, Marie Doone, Phylis Brankin, Mary O'Brien, Patrick Nelson, Sarah Harvey, Kenny Jordan, Gavin Hickland, Annie McGurnaghan, Hugh McGurnaghan, Denis McGurnaghan, Gerald McGurnaghan, Francis McGurnaghan, Ann Hickland (1st), PatMcGleave

Sanctuary Lamps Isaac Nelson, F.H.

Rosary in Honour of Our Lady at the Grotto of St Joseph's Church on Friday 26 April @ 7pm

Rosary in Honour of Our Lady throughout the month of May, every evening at 7pm at the Grotto of St Joseph's Church.

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 14/04/24

Weekly Offering: £2,798

Thank you for your generosity

New Parish Draw 2024/25 The Parish Draw is a valuable source of income for our parish and there are generous prizes to be won. The new Parish Draw for 2024/25 begins on 6th May, just £10 per month. Renewal forms are being distributed to existing members and we hope you will continue to support the Draw. New members are encouraged to join. If you haven't been a member before, please pick up a form from the back of the Churches or the Parish Office. For further information about joining and the options on how to pay, please contact the Parish Office on 02894 422278.

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. **Please note that the closing date for applications is 30 April.**

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

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!

Our Lady of Fatima Rosary 11 May @4pm, St Joseph's grotto, Glenavy, in reparation for sins and blasphemies committed against her Immaculate Heart and for the conversion of Ireland back to the Catholic faith as part of the nationwide Ireland Needs Fatima Campaign. Contact Luke 07368200802 for more information. All 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 email lourdes@downandconnor.org or call the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 9077 0162 Youth Team (10-17 July): applications now open.

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.

Silent Retreat: Theme: "If you but knew the gift of God.. Preached by Fr. Kilian Byrne, Foyer of Charity at Carmelite Retreat Centre, Termonbacca, Derry, 3 – 9 June, £350 full board. Contact: Helen 00353 86 1678027, www.foyerofcharity.ie or hellywilliams@gmail.com or A privileged time to come away from noise and distractions, and listen to the Spirit of God, - Who is Love. Silence, prayer, teachings & liturgy of the Church.

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.

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

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).

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

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.

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.

"Big Band for a Big Cause" In aid of Marie Curie charity, an evening with Dana and the PM Big Band, Friday 31 May 31, The Theatre at the Mill at 7:45pm. featuring songs of Sinatra, Glen Miller, Michael Bubl , Tom Jones and Amy Winehouse. Tickets £25 from theatre box office 0300 123 7788.