

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.

St Joseph's GAC: Lotto Results Thursday 25 April 2024. Winning Numbers; 1-3-8-26. Jackpot £1,400. No Jackpot winner. 3 Number winners J O'Boyle (Jnr). 3 Lucky Dips Ambrose O'Neill, David Steenson, Joanne Brazier. Next Week's Jackpot is worth £1,450 The members of St. Joseph's GAC thank you for your support.

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

Down and Connor Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima 2024 Led by Bishop Alan McGuckian S.J Spiritual Directors Fr G McCloskey, Fr M Graham, Canon S Gilmore 20 Aug 2024. 7 Nights £799 per person sharing 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. For further information please contact: Joe Catney 07776 425 631/02890714001.

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).

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.

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 Easter
28 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
www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish
A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community

Lay Led Funeral Ministry.

We congratulate three of our parishioners who, having completed their training and formation, were commissioned by Bishop Alan Mc Guckian at a Diocesan ceremony on Thursday 25 April as Lay Funeral Ministers to assist Canon Mc Bride. Their role will be to assist in caring and consoling the bereaved and accompanying them in funeral prayers and the church's funeral liturgy.

We offer our gratitude to **Pauline Deazley, Oliver Mc Daniel** and **Claire Wright** for their generosity. May God's grace and guidance be with them.

ANNUAL PARISH CENSUS 2024

The count of attendance will take place this weekend, **27 and 28 April 2024**. The census will capture valuable information about the numbers, ages, and gender of people attending Mass. This information helps the Diocese and parishes to identify pastoral priorities, make plans to address them, and provide support to our faith communities.



29 April — 5 May Mass Intentions

	St. Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James	
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm	
Tue		7.00pm Rita Brady (Months Mind) Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30pm—8.30pm		
Wed		9.30am Bess McCleave (Anniv) In Honour of St Joseph The Worker Adoration 10am—12pm		
Thurs	9.30am Jason Magerr (Recently Deceased) Adoration 7pm—9pm			Feumore
Fri	9.30am P.I. 6.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation			Sun Adoration 6.30pm—7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary afterwards starts at 6.15pm
Sat		6.00pm John & Bridie Kerr (Anniv) Phylis Brankin (Anniv)		Mon Adoration 11.00am—12.00pm
Sun	9.30am Kathleen Mooney & Theresa Brankin (Anniv) 12.00pm Maud O'Neill (Months Mind)	10.45am Therese Burke (Anniv) James Keenan (Anniv)		

Recently Deceased Mary McCorry (*Glen River Pk*), Francis Creagh (*Ballydonaghy Cottages*)

Months Mind Mary Devlin, Rita Brady, Maud O'Neill

Anniversaries Teresa McAlister (1st), Ciaran Heffron, Helen Moore, Bess McCleave, John & Bridie Kerr, Phylis Brankin, Sean Henry, John McNally, Gerald Crossan, Maureen Hunter Ferguson, Jimmy & Ellie Nelson, Kathleen Magee, Louis Courtney

Sanctuary Lamps G.D., Deceased members of the Hendron family.

Baptisms We welcome to God's family Eireann Jade Hanna, Myla McGlade, Louis Alexander Fernandes, Farah Loretta Miskimmin

Weddings Congratulations to Aine Forester & Brendan Kerr who were married in Christ.

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

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!

Collections 21/04/24

Weekly Offering: £3,359

Thank you for your generosity

AN INVITATION TO: OREMUS - LET US PRAY

In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope', Pope Francis has designated 2024 as a Year of Prayer: 2024 will be dedicated to a great 'symphony' of prayer. First of all to recover the desire to be in the presence of the Lord, to listen to him and to adore him, and, to rediscover the great value and absolute need for prayer, prayer in personal life, in the life of the Church, prayer in the world. (Pope Francis) To participate in this great "symphony of prayer" the Parish is running the Oremus- Let Us Pray- course to be delivered in two parts. Part One will be held in May in Mater Dei Parochial House after the 9.30am Mass on Wednesdays 8, 15, 22, 29 May. Part Two will be held in October. All are welcome. Refreshments will be provided. Oremus teaches the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life; you will learn the simple yet profound steps of Catholic prayer, learn to talk to God and hear his voice in Scripture, in your heart, and in ordinary moments. As you grow closer to God, you will also grow in your relationship with those around you.



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.

First Holy Communion Please keep the girls and boys of Gaelscoil Ghleann Darach in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on 4 May 2024.

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.

The Annual Blessing of Graves

St Joseph's , Sunday 30/06/24 @ 3.00pm,
St James Sunday 7/07/24 @ 3.00pm,
Crumlin Cemetery Sunday 7/07/24 @ 4.15pm

Please bring a small container with holy water to bless your grave.

New Parish Draw 2024/25 The new Parish Draw for 2024/25 begins on 6th May, just £10 per month. Renewal forms have been 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.**

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

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.

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.

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 helly-williams@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.

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.

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.