

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. **Lisburn jobs and benefits office** will be providing advice on universal credit information sessions in St Clare's community hall Glenavy on Friday 17 May, 10am – 12pm. Drop in no appointment necessary.

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.

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

Annual Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help will be celebrated in St Gerard's & The Holy Family Churches. Holy Family Parish Church Limestone Road 13 - 17 May 9:30am & 19:30, 20 May & 21 May 9:30am & 19:30 St Gerard's Parish Church, Antrim Road 18 May @ 9:30 & 18:30, 19 May @ 9:30, 11:30am & 19:30 Everyone warmly welcome.

'Come Follow Me' Weekend Workshop, 7th–9th June: An introductory training weekend to teach children (ages 7–11) about the Catholic faith using the 'Come Follow Me' catechetical programme, for use in parishes and schools. Presented by the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph at St Mary's Church, the Claddagh. No previous experience required! For more information and to register, please contact Ruth on (087) 4090344 or email comefollowmegalway@gmail.com.

Foster Care Fortnight runs from Mon 13 - Sun 26 May 2024, & highlights how fostering transforms lives. As the number of children coming into care each year increases, more foster homes are needed across Northern Ireland. **For more information, call HSC NI Foster Care on 0800 0720 137 or visit adoptionandfoster-care.hscni.net.**

Parish of Dunsford & Ardglass Visit the Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis. St Nicholas Church, 13 May, 9.30am – 10pm & St Mary's Church, 14 May, 9.30am – 1pm. For more information www.dunsfordandardglassparish.com Everyone welcome, especially schools.

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



The Ascension of The Lord 12 May 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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Going Out or Going Up?

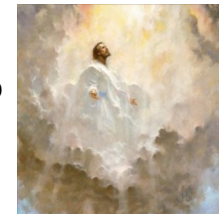
The feast of the Ascension seems to be more about the apostles going out than Jesus going up! As Jesus goes to his Father, the message is for us now, and to be witnesses to him, sharing what we have received, and heard.

Witnesses to a road accident can often contradict each other. They get mixed up in what they saw or heard. Or they may have only glanced at the event and moved on. We can be witnesses of Jesus who stayed with the event, not just with a glance. We have seen and heard the best story ever told, and the most influential life ever lived.

We witness to Jesus in prayer, in reading the gospel and in service of others in love. Prayer means being in touch with God who is reaching out to us. The gospel is what feeds us, a daily opening to the words and deeds of Jesus. Loving service brings us to witness the care of God as we give and receive care.

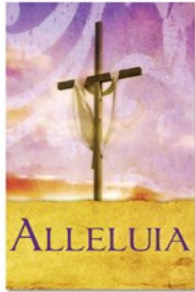
This is what we give to the ascended Lord and receive from him. The word of God is the divine word in human words. In our work for him, God is linking heaven and earth, and we are sharers in his divinity as he is in our humanity. Far from being the absence of Jesus, the *Ascension* is his presence in a new way among us.

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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 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.

13 May — 19 May Mass Intentions

	St. Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue		7.00pm Paul Condie (Anniv) Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30pm—8.30pm	
Wed		9.30am Harold Seiwen Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	9.30am Holy Souls Adoration 7pm—9pm		
Fri	9.30am P.I.		
Sat		5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.00pm Mairead & John Bartley (Anniv) Patricia Morgan (Anniv)	
Sun	9.30am P.P. 12.00pm Patricia Rogan (Months Mind)	10.45am Karen Taggart (Months Mind)	Feumore 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 Vincent Lavery (Ballinderry)

Months Mind Paul Condie, Karen Taggart, Patricia Rogan

Anniversaries Michael & Dolores Armstrong, Harry Brazier, Terence Maguire, Kevin Nelson, Meta Nelson, Frank Loughan, Pat O'Rourke, Paddy McGarry, Deceased members of Falloon Family, Gerry McCaffrey, Mary McCaffrey, John Murray, Brendan & Margaret Phillips, Paddy & Betty Kerr, Noel McGarry, Fergus & Elizabeth Phillips and deceased family members

Sanctuary Lamps Intention for JM, Falloon Family

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

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 5/05/24

Weekly Offering: £3,344

Monthly Offering £2,103

Thank you for your generosity

Sacrament of First Holy Communion Congratulations to the girls and boys of Ballymacrickey PS who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on 11 May 2024.

New Parish Draw 2024/25 There is still time to join the new Parish Draw for 2024/25, just £10 per month. 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 & the options on how to pay, please contact the Parish Office on 02894 422278.

Parish Growing in Faith. Together (G.I.F.T.) is an exciting program designed for young people aged 11 to 16 (1st – 5th years) If you are or would like to become a parish leader this is an excellent opportunity to guide and inspire young people in their faith journey. To join and for more information please contact livingchurch@downandconnor.org or telephone 028 9069 0920. The Program Orientation Morning will take place on Saturday 22 June, 10am – 1pm.

Prayer for those in our parish who are doing Examinations This month of May going into June, is a very important time for many people. It is exam time! It can be a time of anxiety and worry. Much depends on these few weeks the outcome of which can have a huge effect on the direction of the rest of their lives. During the month of May, at the back of each Church in our parish a book is available in which the names of those taking exams may be entered. You can also add the name of their school, college, university, or company, if you wish. This book will be placed in the sanctuary of the Church during each Mass when we will acknowledge all those listed in the book and pray for their success and peace of mind. Our Lady seat of Wisdom, pray for them.

Donation to the Parish Parishioners will be delighted to learn that the parish recently received a most generous donation towards the costs of renovation of Mater Dei Church. The sum of **£20,000** was donated by a member of our parish. The donation is accepted with sincere gratitude.

Pentecost Ireland Saturday 18 May 2024, 10am – 10pm, at St Joseph's Church, Greystone Road, Antrim. A family day to experience the power of the Holy Spirit through talks, worship, confession, adoration, workshops prayer ministry, fellowship, and Mass. Our main speaker is from Oisín Martin CFR and Bishop Alan will celebrate the vigil Mass for Pentecost at 5.30pm!

A Biblical Walk Through the Mass – Training session for Parish Leaders The Mass is nothing short of amazing. **A Biblical Walk Through the Mass (Edward Sri)**, explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and reflect on their profound significance. The Living Church Office will be holding a **training session** for parish leaders who would like to deliver this programme in their parish. There is a choice of two sessions to attend: **Thurs 30 May 7-9pm (in person)** Venue: Living Church Office 120 Cliftonville Road, Belfast or **Mon 3 June 7-9pm** online via zoom. To book your place please contact Aishling Steen telephone 02890690920 or email: a.steen@downandconnor.org. We have also provided an online booking link: <https://forms.office.com/e/54ArRs9xb>

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.

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.

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.

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

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 and Connor Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima 2024 Led by Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ 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.

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.

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.

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.chuchservices.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.

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.

Summer Concert with Canticle, the Choir of the Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University Sunday 2 June at 7pm in Fitzroy Presbyterian Church. A programme of sacred & traditional music, with contributions from our student string quartet, Irish traditional ensemble & Eilis Fox. Hosted by Rev Steve Stockman, refreshments afterwards, cost £10. All monies raised to help support the choir tour to Italy in June. <https://fixr.co/event/canticle-summer-concert-tickets-82467491>