

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. **Other events in St Clare's Community Hall: Friday 27 September, 9am – 12noon –**

World's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.
Saturday 26 October – 10am – 12 noon – Pumpkin Day. £7.50 per person. Also available for private, community & business functions, including birthday parties, fund raisers and funeral's Contact 07517779334 or stdareshallbooking@hotmail.com.

Community Development Outreach & Funding Clinic – Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council, to help community & voluntary groups setting up, governance, finance, funding, volunteer engagement & training on Tuesday 1 October from 6pm – 9pm in St Clare's Community Hall, Glenavy. For more information or to register, email community.services@lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk or 028 9244 7713.

St Joseph's GAC: Lotto Results 12 September 2024 Winning Numbers 12 -15 -24-25, Jackpot £2,400, No Jackpot winner. 3 Number winners – No winner's. 3 Lucky Dips Ailish Cormican, Danny Doherty, Mark Cormican. Next Week's Jackpot is worth £2,450. The members of St. Joseph's GAC thank you for your support.

SMA Novena 2024 In honour of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Patroness of the Missions. Monday 23 September - Tuesday 1 October. Daily Mass & Novena Prayers. at 10am & 7.30pm. SMA Chapel Dromantine. All Welcome. Also, via webcam (www.sma.ie) African Missions, Dromantine, Newry, BT34 1RH

Columban Way Walk for Peace, Healing and Wellbeing. A group of walkers are walking 361-mile Columban Way from Carlow to Bangor Abbey, Bangor County Down. Arrival at Bangor Abbey on Saturday 21 September, International Peace Day. To join the group on the final stage from Helen's Bay to Bangor (4.5 miles) register in advance <https://www.visitardsandnorthdown.com/whats-on/columban-way-peace-walk-helens-bay-to-bangor-p916111> Limited places.

The Climate Crisis – what can we do? In response to the Climate Crisis, you are invited to a Webinar facilitated by Jane Mellett of Trocaire on Thursday 19 September at 7.30 pm. To register for this webinar, click the following link <https://bit.ly/3XDKJct> and enter your name & address

Celebration of Mass & Blessing with Holy Relic of St Pade Pio on Sunday 22 September in St Vincent De Paul Parish, Ligoniel Road.

St Louis Grammar School - Centenary Gala Ball 2024 marks one hundred years since St Louis Grammar first opened its doors to Catholic girls from Ballymena and the surrounding areas. As part of the school's Centenary celebrations a Gala Ball is being held at the Tullyglass House Hotel on Saturday 9 November. More information & to book a ticket www.friendsofstlouisballymena.com

Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on 3 Saturdays (28 Sept, 26 Oct & 30 Nov) Contact Pauline 07519289185 or Marie 07896119669 or email belfastbe@yahoo.com

Parish Bingo
in St Clare's Community Hall
Every Thursday at 8.00pm sharp-9.30pm approx.
Jackpot £1,000 in 53 Numbers



Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
15 September 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
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Losing and Finding

Giving up is part of life – you give up your time and money for your children and grandchildren. Parents say it was worth it for the joy in their faces. A person goes to work for the poor and gives up a better job. You want to do more study and know you have to leave some leisure aside that



you like. In sport we sacrifice a lot to train and to do well. But something else comes through for us when we give up. If it's real and true we get back a lot. It seems strange for Jesus to say – lose your life to save it. He's talking about losing good things, to get better.

This can be a big challenge in a culture today that is very 'me' conscious. We can find that personal concerns take total precedence, without enough care for others. But as long as one person on this globe is hungry or homeless or seeking refuge, the work of Jesus is never done.


Losing life and saving life with Jesus is a call to community, to neighbourhood and the world, to make our part of the world a better place.

My own life may be my main concern, my circle of care may extend just as far as myself, ignoring care in a sustained way for the stranger or the outcast, then I am called to the challenge of the gospel to lose selfishness, and find the generosity given in my heart by God.

*Think ahead to today or this week.
 Offer love and service to God.
 Lord, teach me to be generous in your service*

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16 – 22 September Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue		7.00pm Brendan McGarry (Anniv) Joseph Donnelly (Jnr) & Joseph Donnelly (Snr) (Anniv) Rosary 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7pm -9pm	
Wed		9.30am P.I. Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	9.30am In Honour of Our Lady of Ransom Adoration 7pm—9pm		Feumore Mass Centre
Fri	9.30am Patrick O'Boyle (Anniv)		Sun Adoration 6.30pm—7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary afterwards starts at 6.15pm Mon Adoration 11am—12pm
Sat		6.00pm Margaret Cullen (1st Anniv)	
Sun	9.30am P.P. 12.00pm Liam Mulholland (Anniv) John Loughan (Anniv)	10.45am Frank & Patsy Gibson & Edmund Connolly (Anniv) John McNeice (Anniv)	

Months Mind Ethel O'Neill

Anniversaries Margaret Cullen (1st), Joseph McGann, John Donnelly, Brendan McGarry, Joseph Donnelly (Snr), Joseph Donnelly (Jnr), Patrick O'Boyle, Jim Nelson, Gerald Doherty, Sheila Hall, Patrick Kell

Sanctuary Lamps Thomas Stafford, MB

Weddings Congratulations to Geraldine Topping & Mark Walsh who were married in Christ.

Collection 8/09/24

Weekly Offering: £2,766

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2024-25 Week 19

Winner £100 Paula Hillman (Crumlin)

Winner £50 Mary Mulholland (Glenavy)

Congratulations to our winners!

The Annual Parish Treasure Hunt. Thank you to everyone who took part in the Annual Parish Treasure Hunt. A total of £313 was raised towards Church funds.

Parish Office will be closed on Friday 20 September 2024

Season of Creation (1 September – 4 October)

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration inviting us to respond together to the 'cry of the earth and the cry of the poor' as identified by Pope Francis in his encyclical letter *Laudato Si'* (2015) and more recently in *Laudato Deum* (2023). As we journey through the Season of Creation from 1 September through to the feast-day of St Francis of Assisi on 4 October, let us each take action to care for our planet, our common home. The theme for this season is 'To Hope and Act with Creation' and the symbol is the first fruits of hope, inspired by Romans 8:19 – 25.



To celebrate the Season of Creation 2024, Blessing of Pets will take place on **Saturday 21 September 2024** at 3pm in Mater Dei church. Everyone welcome.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Blessing of Crewe Burn at Lyle's Bridge on Friday 13 September at 11.15am, especially Mrs McAlister's P7 class from Ballymacrocket PS. Please see the parish Facebook page for photographs of the ceremony.

Children's Liturgy We are delighted to announce the return of Children's Liturgy (for all children nursery to P5) at 9:30 Mass at St. Joseph's Church. We also call members of our parish family aged 18+ to join our Children's Liturgy team in passing on our faith to the children. If interested, please come and speak to us after Mass.

SPRED offers people with learning disabilities friendship, spiritual development, and a sense of belonging to a Parish group. Our Parish SPRED group is meeting again on Wednesday 25 September in Glendare Community Hall, 7pm to 8.30pm. New friends and volunteers are welcome. If you want to find out more about the group, please come along to this session or contact the Parish Office.

The Glenavy Branch of Apostolic Work are holding their Annual Afternoon Tea in St Clare's Community Hall on Sunday 22 September 3pm – 5pm. Entertainment, Ballot and Tombola. Tickets £5 each, available from any member of Apostolic Work or phone 07764797963. Entry by ticket only.

Calling all Musicians and Singers! New Musicians and Choir Members needed in St Joseph's, Glenavy. Please share with anyone aged 18+ who might be interested. Very keen to have any instrumentalists join our team. For more information contact Ciara 07938914190 or c.mooney.3@hotmail.co.uk

Columban Missionaries Navan extend their gratitude for the warm welcome received by Fr Pat Colgan when he visited the parish the weekend of 27 & 28 April 2024. They also extend their gratitude to parishioners for their generosity in support of the Columban Missions, a total of £1,500 was collected.

You are Invited to; Veneration of the Relic of St Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, St Patrick's Church, Aghagallon, 21 September immediately following 7pm Mass. Council 49 (*Serving the Parish of Aghagallon and Ballinderry*), The Order of the Knights of St Columbanus

Special Belfast Pilgrimage (Limited availability) to Fatima EX Dublin **Easter 2025**, Flying with TAP airlines, Also 13th June 2025 for Feast of Saint Anthony, 13th October 2025 for Miracle of Sun Contact James Treacy 00353 61921470 jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com Payment by instalments acceptable LAST REMAINING SEATS

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.

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.

CCTV Camera's Please be aware that St Joseph's Church and graveyard and Mater Dei Church and grounds are monitored by CCTV.

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.

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.

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.. There is a separate account for the Parish Draw.

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 SVDP 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.

Trocaire Christmas fundraisers needed to help respond to the urgent need of poor communities around the world, including the millions of children and families caught in conflict in Sudan and Gaza. You can take action and make a difference through a range of activities, including the promotion of our Gifts of Change – training and support will be provided. If you would like to find out more about what you can do to help now or over the Advent and Christmas period, then please email Mark McMahon at infol@trocaire.org or call 028 9080 8030.