

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 12 October – 7.30pm – Italian Supper Night** to celebrate 10 years since the hall reopened. Tickets £15 per person. Contact Margaret to book on 07517 779334. **Friday 18 October – 7.30pm – Halloween Wine & Paint.** £10 per person. **Saturday 26 October – 10am – 12 noon – Pumpkin Day.** £7.50 per person. **Sunday 17 November 12.30pm – 3pm – Christmas Fair.** Now taking bookings for stalls. Contact Claire for these events and to book a stall on 07887 405964. Also available for private, community & business functions, including birthday parties, fund raisers and funeral's Contact 07517779334 or stclareshallbooking@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 Thursday 5 September 2024 Winning Numbers 3 -13 -17-26, Jackpot £2,350, No Jackpot winner. 3 Number winners – No winner's 3 Lucky Dips Dan Moore, Brian Falloon, Declan McGarry Next Week's Jackpot is worth £2,400. The members of St. Joseph's GAC thank you for your support.

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 **SMA Novena 2024 In honour of St. Therèse 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 **Unislim with Nuala** Free Membership available 2-14 September, class fee £6.95. Mondays @ 7pm, Cranagh Hall, Whitehall Road, Aghagallon. Online classes available. For more information visit Unislim.com or message Nuala on Facebook.

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



**Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8 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)
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In the Ordinary

Jesus avoids attention after his work of healing the deaf man. He's not a quarter hour celebrity. He didn't want admiration, he wanted love to flow into and out of ourselves - doing good quietly. The best of things are ordinary. In the ordinary Jesus worked the miracle and in the ordinary we will hear new things.



The theologian Karl Rahner SJ was once asked whether he believed in miracles. His answer: **"I don't 'believe in them', I rely on them to get through each day!"** Indeed, miracles are always present within our lives. Miracles of birth, of love, and hope.

The ways people get over hurts and they forgive. Someone giving a lot from the little they have. It is the world of mystery – of little miracles. A miracle is not against nature – it is something that causes faith and love.

The first reading today sees more in the desert than a wilderness and flowers: we see and hear beyond created things to the healing work and word of the creator. Maybe we might listen to new voices about **God** and life in our conversations - I heard recently a young person talking about the suicide of a friend and how this brought him to realise how much we really need **God**. His chat strengthened my faith.


Can we recover the simplicity of life with the small miracles that get us through every day? i.e. like a sudden burst of sunrays in the midst of trees. All of us have something new to say of **God** and of life. And we get more than we knew out of the simplicity of life.

**Think today of something small that can remind you
of something deeper and of God.**

Praise to you O lord for simple surprises in my life!

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9 – 15 September Mass Intentions

	St. Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue		7.00pm Holy Souls Rosary 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Overnight Adoration 7pm	
Wed		9.30am Holy Souls Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	9.30am In Honour of The Blessed Virgin Mary Adoration 7pm—9pm		
Fri	9.30am P.I.		
Sat		5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.00pm Ethel O'Neill (Months Mind)	
Sun	9.30am Joseph McGann (Anniv) In Honour of Our Lady of Sorrows 12.00pm John Donnelly (Anniv) Peter & Bridie Keenan (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 11am—12pm

Recently Deceased Gerald (Gerry) Conway (*Belfast Rd, Nutts Corner*)

Months Mind Ethel O'Neill

Anniversaries Patsy Moore (1st), Kathleen Maguire, Patsy Burns, Nathan Crean, Hilary McKavanagh, Brigid Trowlen, Jim McGarrell, Liam Brankin, Ernie Thompson, Jean McComb, Frank McGarry, James McGarry, Joseph McGarry, Thomas McPeake, Marie Loughan, Peter & Bridie Keenan, Eddie McMaster.

Sanctuary Lamps F,G & J

Baptism We welcome to God's family Nóra Cáit Kealey, Arthur Parker Whiteway, Olivia Ann Campbell, Briá Gallagher

Collection 1/09/24

Weekly Offering: £2,971
Monthly Offering: £2,066

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2024-25 Week18

Winner £100 Charles Magee (*Aldergrove*)
Winner £50 Louise & Malachy Brennan (*Upper Ballinderry*)

Congratulations to our winners!

The Annual Parish Treasure Hunt, this Sunday, 8th September 2024.

Cars will leave St. Clare's Community carpark from 4.30pm—5.30pm, cost £5 per adult, returning to the hall by 7.30pm. Light supper included. Volunteers needed to assist with hospitality, please call to the hall at 4.30pm.



You are invited to overnight EUCHARISTIC ADORATION In Honour of The Immaculate Heart of Mary, Our Divine Mother.

Commencing at 7pm on Tuesday 10 September 2024 & Concluding Noon Wednesday 11 September 2024 in Mater Dei Church, Crumlin. To pray for peace in our hearts, our families, and our world. There will be chaplets and prayer throughout the night. Come along for an hour and bring a friend.

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.

Season of Creation The next meeting of the Parish Season of Creation team will take place on Tuesday 10 September at 8pm in St Joseph's Presbytery.

Parish Finance Committee The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11 September at 8pm in St Joseph's Presbytery.

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.

The Glenavy Branch of Apostolic Work will meet on Tuesday 10 September at 7.30pm.

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

Weekend Retreat for Mission Supporters and Friends of SMA

Friday 27 September 4.30pm – Sunday 29 September 2.00pm. The SMA community welcomes our Supporters and friends to this **Weekend Retreat and Reflection**, which will be an opportunity to take time aside in the tranquil and relaxed setting of Dromantine. All will join in celebrating Mass each day at the Novena in honour of St. Thérèse. The Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated during the weekend.

SEASON OF CREATION, the ecumenical time of prayer and action for creation takes place from 1 September-4 October. Down & Connor Laudato Si Commission is working with the "Join the Dots Together" network and Corrymeela to organize several events around International Day of Peace & the visit to NI of internationally renowned environmentalist and theologian, Martin Palmer of Faith Invest. Full details www.jointhedotstogether.org. Highlights include the "Peace, Justice & Care of the Earth" Conference, 9.30am-5pm on 19 September in Corrymeela, the "Land & Lough" Forum, 7.30-9pm on Friday 20 September in Glengormley Methodist Church and a Multi-Faith Conference, "Faiths Together for Climate Justice and Peace", 10am-1pm on Saturday 21 September in the Agape Centre, Lisburn Road. All are welcome to these events. For more info and to book, www.jointhedotstogether.org or contact: info@jointhedotstogether.org

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.