

**St Clare's Hall, What's on?** – **Monday** Bootcamp with CM Fitness 6am – 7.20am, Table Tennis 7pm – 8pm, Pilates 7pm – 9pm, Bowls 8pm – 10pm **Tuesday**, Brazil 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 – 7.45pm, 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, Flip Fusion 5pm–7pm **Saturday** Slimming World 7.45–11am **Monthly Events** Book club 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 7.30pm – 9pm, Traditional night 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 7pm – 9pm, Whist Last Friday 7pm – 9pm. **Other events in St Clare's Community Hall:** 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 stclareshallbooking@hotmail.com.

**St Clare's Bowling Club** An invitation to all new and past bowlers. We welcome new members, young or old to our practice on Mondays & Wednesday at 8pm. Come along and have fun!

**Pause for Hope** Bringing together in prayer those who have and have had cancer and their loved ones, and those who care for them. Clonard Church on Sunday 27 October @3.30pm

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

**Pilgrimage to Knock on the Feast of All Souls**, 2 November, bus leaving St Agnes @ 7.30am, bring packed lunch, price £26 (includes tea and scone). Tel Pat 07946917354 or Harriet 07812098901.

**Anam Cara**, next meeting Monday 14 October at 7:15pm in the Crowne Plaza, Shaws Bridge, Belfast. This event is free & open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age. You do not need to register in advance. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

**Accord NI** We find that many couples defer seeking support during holiday periods until children have returned to school and we want to let them know we are here. We now have seven new trainee counsellors who will begin practice later this autumn across all the dioceses.

**ABIDE in His Love Women's Conference. 15th-17th November 2024** *The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, Co. Donegal.* To register, visit [Eventbrite.ie](http://Eventbrite.ie) and search for "Abide in His Love." Further information, including accommodation details, will be sent via email upon registration.

**Handel's Messiah** This production was created in the UK in 2011 by the Merry Opera Company. It has been brought back by request almost every year since. As a part of this tour there will be a performance of the Messiah in the Great Hall at Stormont on Friday 6 December 2024 and at Portico Arts and Heritage Centre on Saturday 7 December. All are welcome. Tickets are available through [www.merryopera.com](http://www.merryopera.com) or by phone 03336 664466 (Ticketsource), £25 or £16 for under 16s.

## Parish Bingo

in St Clare's Community Hall

Every Thursday at 8.00pm sharp-9.30pm approx.

Jackpot £1,000 in 53 Numbers



**Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
6 October 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](mailto:glenavy@downandconnor.org)  
Parish Website: [glenavyandkilleadparish.com](http://glenavyandkilleadparish.com)  
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**A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community**

## Reaching Out to Family

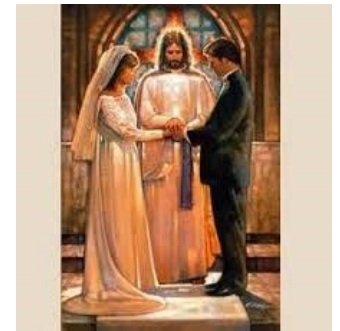
The followers of Christ can be caught between valuing the commitment of life's promises in marriage, and compassion for people whose marriages have broken up. Jesus values the commitment too: adultery is condemned as a sin against justice – of tampering in some way with the commitment made of one person to another.

Why is this followed by a comment about children that they should come to him? Obviously from love for children, and also for love of the child inside each of us, the child of God that we all are. So for the child of God who is suffering through the breakdown of commitment, Jesus is saying to come to him, be welcomed into his arms and be blessed.


While trying to value commitment in marriage and also in religious life, he is also reaching out to people who are in difficult, personal situations. We follow him in this, letting go of judgements about people's relationships. We never know people unless we have walked in their shoes and at their pace.

The church has tried in many ways to reach out to people who need care, protection and healing in Pope Francis' Letter on the Family, *The Joy of Love*.

In situations where there are differences in people's attitudes, especially in the family, it is good to keep doors of communication open. This is the way towards greater love and healing, and allowing Jesus be part of every aspect of life. Many parents have been happy in later years that they kept lines of communication open with children whose lifestyles may have been different from theirs.



## 7 October— 13 October Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue		7.00pm James Delaney (Months Mind) Rosary 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm	
Wed		9.30am In Honour of the Holy Souls In Honour of the Guardian Angels Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	9.30am In Honour of St Therese of Lisieux Adoration 7pm—9pm		
Fri	9.30am P.I.		<b>Feumore Mass Centre</b> Sun Adoration 6.30pm— 7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary afterwards starts at 6.15pm
Sat		5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.00pm Gervase O'Neill (1st Anniv)	
Sun	9.30am P.P. 12.00pm Baby Beth Duddy & her little cousin (Anniv) Stephen McAlister & Anne Agnew (Anniv)	10. 45am Jackie Brown (Anniv) Isaac Nelson (Anniv)	<b>Mon Adoration</b> 11am—12pm

**Recently Deceased** Thomas Smyth (Chestnut Grange), Mary Leader (nee Heatley)

**Months Mind** Patrick Boyle, Seamus Boyle, James Delaney

**Anniversaries** Gerard McKavanagh (1st), Luarena Rice, Peter Keenan, Bridie Keenan, Ethne McGuinness, Margaret Mulholland, Colette McCready, Samuel Heatley, Margaret Burns, John Eddie Bartley, Elizabeth Bartley, Tracy Mekdade .

**Weddings** Congratulations to Ellen Conlon & Andrew Gilmore who were married in Christ.

### Collection 29/09/24

Weekly Offering: £2,636

**Thank you for your generosity**

### Parish Draw 2024-25 Week22

Winner £100 Bernadette McKeivitt (Glenavy)  
Winner £50 Mary Brady (Glenavy)

**Congratulations to our winners!**

## 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 "Oremus", (Let Us Pray), a course delivered in two parts. Part One was held in May of this year. Part Two will be held over four weeks in October in Mater Dei Parochial House; starting on Monday 7 October, followed by Wednesdays 16, 23, 30 October. The event will commence at 7.30pm each evening with refreshments. All are welcome.

*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.

**Trócaire 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 [infoni@trocaire.org](mailto:infoni@trocaire.org) or call 028 9080 8030.

**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.

**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.

**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](mailto:c.mooney.3@hotmail.co.uk)

**Knock Marian Shrine Faith Renewal Autumn/ Winter programme 2024.**

Uplift Your Spirit. Nourish Your Soul. For more information [knockshrine.ie/support-programmes/faith-renewal](http://knockshrine.ie/support-programmes/faith-renewal), email [faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie](mailto:faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie) or Tel (094) 93 88100 or see the poster in the church porches.

**Saint Bernadette Relic Pilgrimage Ireland 2024** St Mary's Church, Chapel Lane. Belfast. Tuesday 15 & Wednesday 16 October 2024. Be part of this once in a lifetime event and share in the joy and special message of Our lady of Lourdes. For more information visit [www.downandconnor.org/stbernadette](http://www.downandconnor.org/stbernadette)

**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.

**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](http://www.churchservices.tv/stjosephglenavy) or [www.churchservices.tv/materdeicrumlin](http://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 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.

**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](mailto:info@accordni.com) or [www.accordni.com](http://www.accordni.com)

**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.

**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.

**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.