

**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**, 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 – 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. **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!

**St. Joseph's GAC:** Lotto Results Thursday 28 November 2024. Winning Numbers 9-13-26-28, Jackpot £2,950, No Jackpot winner. 3 Number winners – Paddy McAlister 3 Lucky Dips David O'Neill, Josephine O'Boyle, Gerry O'Neill. Next Week's Jackpot is worth £3,000. The members of St. Joseph's GAC thank you for your support.

**Open Evening – St. Joseph's Primary and Nursery School, Crumlin** Everyone including parents/guardians of prospective Nursery or P1 children are invited to our Open Evening on **Tuesday 3 December at 6pm – 7.30 pm**. You will be able to tour the school, meet the staff and children and find out about all the extras we have on offer. Current parents and parishioners are welcome. If you know of any new families who are interested in finding out more about our school or the P1 application process, please share these details with them. We look forward to seeing you then!

**St Patrick's Academy Open Night Thursday 12 December 2024**, 6.30pm – 8.30pm. Principal's address @ 6.30pm. [www.stpatsni.co.uk](http://www.stpatsni.co.uk), Ballinderry Road, Lisburn, BT28 1TD. Tel 028 9266 4877.

**Please join us on 14 December for 10am Mass in Saint Peter's Cathedral Belfast**, followed by a retreat led by Fr. Darren Brennan, in Saint Peter's Parish Hall until 3pm. No advance booking required. £10 registration fee. Lunch & refreshments provided. For more information email [legioneventsdc@gmail.com](mailto:legioneventsdc@gmail.com) or Tel 07590 026628

**All are welcome to join the Down and Connor Lourdes Youth Team** in St Bride's Hall on Friday 6 December 7pm for a Christmas themed quiz to raise essential funds for our 2025 pilgrimage. All are welcome. There will be music, minced pies, mulled wine & plenty of craic on the evening. A suggested donation of £20 for entry is encouraged.

**Anam Cara**, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Monday 9 December @ 7.30pm in the Crowne Plaza, Shaws Bridge, Belfast. You do not need to register in advance. Online support group meeting - To find out more call 01 4045378 or email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

## Parish Bingo

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



## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 1 December 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)  
[www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish](https://www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish)  
**A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community**

### Slow waiting

The four weeks of **Advent** are a slow wait: one candle this week, the empty crib. With **Mary** and **Joseph**, we wait for **Christ**. The candles light the way for them - and for us, one each week of Advent.

**Christmas** should come quickly - the message of the ads. We could be excused for thinking it is nearly over. The Christmas parties are well under way. Some dinners for the elderly have been held already. The carols have been playing for weeks now.

The best waiting, like waiting for birth, is slow. Parents wonder about their child - who will he/she be like? The mother needs support and love; the children look forward to another baby; grandparents wait in pride. Even when the family situation is limited, we wait in joy and hope for the child – like **Mary** and **Joseph**, **Elizabeth** and **Zechariah** and all the bible parents who waited, often for many years.

**How** is my faith this year from last year? And what would I be asking for?

Would I promise anything to help me wait actively for **Jesus**~Mass more often than Sunday,~ the Angelus every day, ~to read the gospel each day, to be kinder and more just, ~to care for the poor and needy at home or away in war torn or climate challenged countries.

Let my Advent bring me closer to **God** and effect for the best the lives of those close to me. If we wait in faith and in hope, then everything, even the carols being sung and the celebrations begun too early, can remind us of the **God** who is coming soon in **Jesus Christ**, to be born of **Mary**.

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**The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** As 8 December falls on a Sunday of Advent, the feast is transferred to the following day. The Holy See has confirmed that the obligation to attend Mass is also transferred. Therefore, Monday 9 December, is to be observed as a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass details in next weekend's bulletin.

**Parish Office will be closed** on Friday 6 December 2024

## 2 December — 8 December Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue		7pm — Eugene McConnon (Months Mind) Rosary 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7pm -8.30pm	
Wed		9.30am John McCann (1st Anniv) Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	9.30am P.I.		Feumore Mass Centre
Fri	9.30am P.I.		Sun Adoration 6.30pm— 7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary after- wards starts at 6.15pm Mon Adoration 11am—12pm
Sat	11.00am Sacrament of Baptism	6.00pm P.P.	
Sun	9.30am Dearbhla Harbinson (Anniv) In Honour of Our Lady 12.00pm John Hanna (1st Anniv)	10.45am Aaron Webb (Anniv) Kathleen Brankin (Anniv)	

**Recently Deceased** Isobel O'Neill (The Beeches), George Walsh (Orchard Hill)  
**Months Mind** Thomas (Tom) Smyth, Eugene McConnon,  
**Anniversaries** Eunan Mulholland (1st), John McCann (1st), Marie, Jim & Hope Mulholland,  
 Jack O'Brien, Margaret O'Brien, Terence Kennedy, Thomas Marsden, Brian Marsden, Eileen  
 Moore (1st), Ellen Moore, Hugh Brankin, Elizabeth Fleeton  
**Baptisms** We welcome to God's family Méabh Glendinning, Sonny McFarland, Reuben  
 Pennie, Cohan Conlon McKernan  
**Sanctuary Lamps** Daniel & Ellen McCorry, Eileen & Matthew Doone

**The Glenavy Branch of Apostolic Work** would like to thank everyone who supported our Annual Christmas Sale on 24 November 2024 and all who contributed to our Church Door collection on Saturday and Sunday. The amount raised was £4,077.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL** The St James' Aldergrove/Crumlin and St Joseph's Glenavy Conferences of St Vincent de Paul are holding their Annual Christmas Appeal at the weekend Masses on **7 & 8 December 2024**.

### Collection 17/11/24

Weekly Offering: £2,561

**Thank you for your  
generosity**

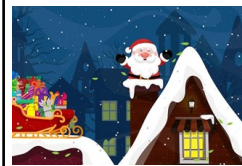
### Parish Draw 2024-25 Week 30

Winner £500 Helen McCusker (Glenavy)

Winner £100 Sandra Kelly (Crumlin)

Winner £50 Brenda Morgan (Glenavy)

**Congratulations to our winners!**



## Grand Parish

### Christmas Bazaar

**This Sunday 1 December 2024**

**St Clare's Community Hall.**

**Doors open 1.15pm, Bazaar 2pm—5pm.**



Magnificent Prizes on the Rickety Wheel, Santa will be making a visit, Christmas Stalls & Tombola. Mulled Wine, Tea, Coffee & Biscuits.

Come Along, Meet Friends & Neighbours, Enjoy the Craic, Everyone Welcome.

The Bazaar Committee would like to thank all who donated to and prepared for the Bazaar.

**THE JOY OF BEING CATHOLIC** How beautiful it is to encounter the Lord, and when we have done so, we must transmit the joy of this to others (Pope Francis). Following on from our Parish Pastoral Plan we would like to establish a Parish Faith Development Group that would help bring people together to learn about our faith, to deepen our relationship with Christ and to experience God's love in action more fully in our lives. We invite all who love their faith and have a desire to encourage, nurture and inspire others, to volunteer for this group. The commitment involved would be to meet periodically as a group to coordinate and facilitate two or three of faith development activities throughout the year. Support, training and resources are available through the Parish Pastoral Council and the Diocesan Pathways to the Future Team. If you would like to help re-ignite the spiritual life of our parish community, encourage people in faith, develop our prayer life and bring the joy of knowing Christ to all generations of believers, and have fun doing so, please come forward, God is calling you!! You can leave your name and contact details in the Parish Office.

**ADVENT— Approaching the Dawn as Pilgrims of Hope** Pope Francis has encouraged us to prepare as pilgrims of hope for the upcoming Jubilee Year which will begin on Christmas eve, when the Holy Father opens the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica. With this in mind, we are excited to offer a new Advent programme during this time of spiritual preparation which will be an opportunity to gather to pray, share and reflect on the Sunday gospel readings during the 4 weeks of Advent as well as be inspired by a selection of art connected with the readings. Everyone is welcome so please come along. We look forward to welcoming you with tea/coffee on Wednesday 4, 11 & 18 December @ 10am (after the morning Mass), in Mater Dei Parish Centre (formerly the Parochial House).

**Overnight Adoration for Advent PREPARING THE WAY** You are invited to overnight Eucharistic Adoration commencing at 7pm on Tuesday 10 December concluding Noon on Wednesday 11 December 2024 in Mater Dei Church, Crumlin. There will be chaplets and prayer throughout the night. Come along for an hour and bring a friend.

**Date for your Diary—Parish Carol Service** will be held in Mater Dei Church on Wednesday 18 December 2024 @ 7pm. Everyone welcome.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Trocaire School Volunteers** to support our 2025 Lent Appeal in the Down & Connor Diocese. Are you a retired teacher or someone who has experience presenting to groups of school children? Full training and ongoing support will be provided. More information call Naomi Purnell 028 9080 8033 or email [naomi.purnell@trocaire.org](mailto:naomi.purnell@trocaire.org).

**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. For more information about what you can do to help over the Advent and Christmas period, please email Mark McMahon at [infoni@trocaire.org](mailto:infoni@trocaire.org) or call 028 9080 8030.

**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.

**Enrolment of the Pope John Paul II Award Group**. If you are aged 16/17, year 13/14 and are interested in joining JP II, please contact Brenda Gallagher on 07928979292.

**Youth Alpha Course**, Tuesday, 7.15 to 8.15pm, St Joseph's Annex for all 16 to 20 year olds. Fun, Friendship and Food, while exploring the love of God. All welcome.

**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.

**St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards** now available after the weekend Masses in Mater Dei.

**CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS CONCERT** - 22 December @ 7.30pm Christmas concert in St Malachy's Church Castlewellan starring Margaret Keys & Fr Eugene O'Hagan. Tickets £20 each & can be booked online @ [eventbrite.ie](http://eventbrite.ie), or Tel 02843778259

**RADIO MARIA IRELAND Christmas Fundraiser!** Thursday 5 December in the Balmoral Hotel, Belfast. Doors open at 6pm followed by a four-course meal, live music & information. Tickets recommended £60/€65 per person, go to [Eventbrite.ie](http://Eventbrite.ie) or for more information, call 00353 1 4 123456 or [www.radiomaria.ie](http://www.radiomaria.ie)

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**Recharge a young adult group based in Down & Connor** for people aged 18 to 35. The group meet twice monthly on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month to "recharge" the spiritual batteries through Adoration, intellectual formation & social gatherings. Next meeting Tuesday 3 & 17 December @ 7.30pm, St Colmcille's Church, Ballyhackamore. All welcome!

**St Vincent De- Paul Parish** invite you to our Misa De Gallo (Mass of the Rooster.) 16-24 December.' This year on Christmas Eve we welcome Bishop Alan for the first time as our main Celebrant.

**Mary's Meals – Double the Love.** At this time, all donations made to Mary's Meals are being doubled by a group of generous supporters, up to £900,000. Please keep us in your prayers during this Advent season that we can reach even more children around the world. There are many ways to give, including our gift cards and online Christmas Trees of Hope. More information at [marysmeals.org.uk](http://marysmeals.org.uk) or freephone 0800 698 1212 .

**Pilgrimage to Fatima.** 7 nights F/B Hotel Avenida, 30th July/6th August. Spiritual Director Fr. Martin Graham. Adm. £885. Early booking discount of £100. For further details contact Joe Catney 07776425631

**Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi - QUB Alumni and Friends**

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University Belfast will lead a Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi for alumni and friends. Departing 25 August 2025 for 7 nights, Spiritual Director Fr Dominic McGrattan, with dedicated tour guide, private coach travel & group meals included. For more information email Chaplaincy Director, Shannon Campbell, at [catholicchaplaincy@qub.ac.uk](mailto:catholicchaplaincy@qub.ac.uk)

**NI CANCER PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** Sat 10 - Thurs 15 May 25, £859 (with price reduction for Cancer Patients) includes: Return flights from Belfast International Airport, (Northern Star Travel Ltd & Joe Walsh Tours). Full board, Hotel Agena, Lourdes, 5 nights based on twin/double/triple rooms. The party will consist of patients, ex-patients, relatives & friends accompanied by medical, nursing & other staff. For more information or to book contact, Mrs Jean Clarke, NI Cancer Pilgrimage, 67 Ballynahinch Road, Carryduff, BT8 8DL, Tel. 078746 88388, or [mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk](mailto:mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk)

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