

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 3rd Tuesday 7.30pm – 9pm, Traditional night 1st Sunday 7pm – 9pm, Whist Last Friday 7pm – 9pm. **St Clare's Bowling Club** Aour practice n invitation to all new and past bowlers. We welcome new members, young or old to on Mondays & Wednesday at 8pm. Come along and have fun!
Christmas Whist Want to win a Turkey for £6! There are two up for grabs at the Parish Christmas Whist on Sunday 15 December @ 7pm in St Clare's Hall. Score-cards are only £6 (includes supper) & there will also be a ballot. Everyone welcome'

GH Tyres and Auto Services: 40a Glenavy Road, Crumlin. Punctures repairs, Wheel Balancing, Wheel Alignment, Batteries, General Service and repairs Tel: 0289 4423 113.

St. Joseph's GAC: Lotto Results Thursday 5 December 2024. Winning Numbers 3-7-8-24, Jackpot £3,000, No Jackpot winner. 3 Number winner's – Brian Rice, Elaine Smith, Hazel McGarrell 3 Lucky Dips Margaret Magennis, Raymond O'Neill, Damien Mulholland. Thursday 12 December 2024. Winning Numbers 5-17-23-24, Jackpot £3,050, No Jackpot winner. 3 Number winner's – No winners. 3 Lucky Dips: John Phillips, Bernadette Nelson, Sean Frazer Next Week's Jackpot is worth £3,100. The members of St. Joseph's GAC thank you for your support.

St Joseph's GAC Annual Quiz Monday 30 December 2024 @ 9pm (sharp) in Lily's. All welcome.

A Great Big SVP Thanks Many thanks to all our parishioners who gave so generously to the St James' Conference of St Vincent de Paul's Annual Christmas Appeal. The total raised was £1408.10. All proceeds will be spent helping those experiencing poverty in our community.

Radio Maria Ireland is available on digital television via Saorview, Freeview, website www.radiomaria.ie, or on the App 'Radio Maria Ireland', via Alexa, Facebook, Google or via landline phone broadcast on 01 437 3277.

Give blood in #Crumlin on Tuesday 31st December, you could save 3 lives. Book your appointment by tapping on the link - <https://bit.ly/GiveBloodNI> #GiveBlood #SaveLives #DonateBlood #BloodDonor #Lifesavers #NorthernIreland

CHRISTMAS PARISH BINGO
in St Clare's Community Hall
Thursday 19 December at 8.00pm sharp-9.30pm
Jackpot £1,000 in 53 Numbers
Refreshments & Free Ballot
Please remember to wear your Christmas jumpers.



Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday 15 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
 Parish Website: glenavyandkilleadparish.com
www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish
A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community

Parish Carol Service

The combined choirs of Mater Dei and St Josephs will join together to lead a traditional Carol Service on **Wednesday 18 December 2024 @ 7pm in Mater Dei Church.** Please join us for this wonderful evening of praise and song. Everyone welcome.



Advent Penitential Service

Mater Dei Church, Crumlin on Thursday 19 December 2024 @ 7pm

Brings Out Our Best

This mid-point of **Advent** alerts us to issues of justice and equality. The prophet **John** has been asked as a sort of trick by people who exploited others with tax bills, and soldiers who often used their brute force on others how they should repent. His words were tough but quite ordinary - don't overcharge, share your surplus with the needy and don't exploit people. It's another, but more figurative way, of stating the basic demands of '*Love one another*'.

Christmas can bring out the best in us to care for the needy. We are surrounded by charities looking for aid. We know that **Jesus** hears the cries of the poor, and he joins every carol singing group trying to help.

Christmas also asks us to consider our honesty and integrity, for we know that many are poor, at home and abroad, because of the greed of others.

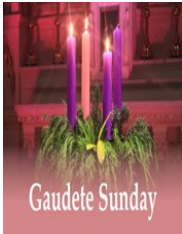
Christmas is a reminder and a challenge that all can live with the dignity we have come to regard as human rights - education, safety, shelter, food, water, employment, freedom. **The Christ child** who was born poor represents all the poor of the world, especially children. As he was born ordinary, he represents that **God** who meets, greets and helps us in the ordinary aspects of life. The one who is to come is the one who will live and love according to these truths of human dignity and equality.

16 December — 22 December Mass Intentions

| | St Joseph's | Mater Dei | St James |
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| Mon | 9.30am Communion Service | | Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm |
| Tue | | 7pm John & Patricia Rooney (Anniv) Bridget Loney (Anniv) Rosary 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7pm— 8.30pm |  |
| Wed | | 9.30am P.I. Adoration 10am—12pm 7.00pm—Carol Service | |
| Thurs | 9.30am Seamus O'Neill (Anniv) | 7.00pm—Penitential Service | |
| Fri | 9.30am Mary Riordan (Anniv) | | |
| Sat | | 6.00pm P.P. | |
| Sun | 9.30am Donald & Rosetta Jordan (Anniv) James & Eloise Mulholland (Anniv) 12.00pm Hugh Faloon Anniv Cathal Clenaghan (Anniv) | 10.45am Patrick, Seamus & Thomas Boyle (Anniv) Patrick McConnon (Anniv) | |

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



The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ Mass times 24 & 25 December 2024

Mater Dei

Christmas Eve Vigil 6.00pm & 8.00pm
Christmas Day 10.45am

St Joseph's

Christmas Eve Vigil 6.00pm & 10.00pm
Christmas Day 9.30am

St James

Christmas Day 9am

Liturgies in St Joseph's & Mater Dei will be live streamed on our church webcams. www.churchservices.tv/stjosephglenavy or www.churchservices.tv/materdeicrumlin

Faith Development Group Thank you to all who came forward to express an interest in the faith development group. Your enthusiasm in growing in your faith & sharing it with others is a joy to witness. You are invited to a meeting on Thursday 9th January at 7pm in Mater Dei Parochial House to discuss the next steps on our journey. We look forward to seeing you there.

Invitation to Opening of Jubilee Year- 29 December 2024

On Christmas Eve 2024, Pope Francis will open the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica and the Jubilee of Hope will begin in Rome. The theme the Holy Father has chosen for this year of special graces is 'Pilgrims of Hope' and he invites the whole People of God – clergy and laity – to celebrate God's Gift of Grace through their expressions of Deep Faith, Lively Hope and Active Charity. The Holy Year in the Diocese will begin on the Feast of the Holy Family. Parishioners are warmly invited to join Bishop Alan McGuckian at the Solemn Opening Mass of the Jubilee Year of Hope on Sunday, 29th December at 3pm in St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast. We encourage you to be part of this celebration for the Jubilee Year. The webcam will allow people to view the Mass from home: www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral

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 18 December @ 10am (after the morning Mass), in Mater Dei Parish Centre (formerly the Parochial House).

St Dominic's Grammar School Open Day Saturday 11 January 2025, 9am – 1pm. Principal's address 9.30am & 11am. Primary 6 and 7 pupils are welcome. **St Malachy's College, Belfast** will be holding Open Nights on Wednesday 15 January & Thursday 16 January 2025 from 7pm—9.30pm. Guided tours from 7pm. Principals address 7.45pm AND 8.30pm in the College Hall **St Louise's Comprehensive College** The Board of Governors, Principal, Staff & Students invite all P6 & P7 boys and girls to join us for our Open Night on Thursday 9 January 2025. Principal's address 4pm and 6.30pm

Recently Deceased Catherine Campbell (Glenavy Road)

Months Mind Rosemary Cardwell

Anniversaries Willie Brankin, Gerardine Cummin, John Rooney, Patricia Rooney, Bridget Loney, Seamus O'Neill, Mary Riordan, Joseph & Larry Dunican, Baby Jodie Lee, Sister Miriam Therese O'Brien, William McAteer, Annie Heatley, James Doone, Mary Doone, Annie Lorgan

Sanctuary Lamps Eamon, Theresa & James Moore, Ann & Patricia Moore

Collection 9/12/24

Weekly Offering: £3,495

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2024-25 Week 32

Winner £100 Eileen Gilmore (Crumlin)

Winner £50 C. R. & S. Maguire (Crumlin)

Congratulations to our winners!

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 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.

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.

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

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

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, or Tel 02843778259

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

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 email naomi.purnell@trocaire.org or 028 9080 8033.