

**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. Clare's Hall will be closed** from 6th – 26th January to allow for the installation of a new floor in the main hall. The wood of the old floor will be made available for collection from Tuesday 7th January to any interested parties.

**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 19 December 2024. Winning Numbers 2 -5-8-16, Jackpot £3,100, No Jackpot winner. 3 Number winner's – Emma Phillips, Joan Breen 3 Lucky Dips Michelle Patton, Miguel Guerreid, Alison Brankin. Next Week's Jackpot is worth £3,150. The members of St. Joseph's GAC thank you for your support.

**The Glenavy Branch of St Vincent de Paul Society** wish to thank everyone who contributed so generously to their Church Door Collection after both Masses on Sunday 8 December 2024. The sum of £1,800 was raised.

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

**Kilimanjaro Water Project - Quiz night** on Friday 27 December 2024 in the Ballymac, 8pm to late. Raffles and light bites. All for a good cause. Everyone welcome.

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

**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.

**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.

## PARISH BINGO

There will be no Bingo on Thursday 26 December 2024.

Bingo will return on Thursday 2 January 2024



## Fourth Sunday of Advent 22 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](http://www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish)  
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## 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](http://www.churchservices.tv/stjosephglenavy) or [www.chuchservices.tv/materdeicrumlin](http://www.chuchservices.tv/materdeicrumlin)



## Christmas Message from Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ

As we celebrate the joy of Christmas, I send heartfelt greetings to all the faithful of our diocese, embracing the hope that Christ brings into our world. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, may the tender love of God shown by the birth of Jesus guide us, inspiring renewal and deepening our faith. I extend my deep gratitude to the clergy and our dedicated parish volunteers whose selfless service brings the warmth of God's love to life in our community. May God's abundant blessing be with you and your loved ones this Christmas and throughout the coming year.

## 23 December — 29 December Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue	Christmas Eve 6pm Vigil 10pm Vigil	Christmas Eve 6pm Vigil 8pm Vigil	Christmas Day 9am Mass 
Wed	9.30am Christmas Day	10.45am Christmas Day	
Thurs	9.30am St Stephen's Day		Feumore Mass Centre
Fri	9.30am Communion Service		Sun Adoration 6.30pm— 7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary after- wards starts at 6.15pm
Sat		6.00pm George Brankin (Anniv) Hugh Brankin (Anniv)	Mon Adoration
Sun	9.30am Mary Kane (Months Mind) 12.00pm P.P.	10.45am Colette Burke (Anniv) Mary Feeney (Anniv)	

**Recently Deceased** John Carson (*Bramblewood*)

**Months Mind** Mary Kane

**Anniversaries** Joseph Hendron (1st), Mark Hendron (1st), Sheena Fox nee O'Neill(1st), Donald & Rosetta Jordan, James & Heloise Mulholland, Patrick Boyle, Seamus Boyle, Thomas Boyle, Patrick McConnon, Hugh Faloon, Cathal Clenaghan, George Brankin (Snr), Patrick McLorman, Gerald Cormican, Jean, Daniel & John Johnson, Bernard McCorry, Kathleen Strickland, Nora McCann, James Cooley, Margaret Hendron, Margaret Sweeney, Kathleen Wilkinson, Rosaleen O'Brien, Trea Grant, Eileen Sheppard

**Sanctuary Lamps** Hugh & Eilish Weldon, Gerard & Bernadette McKnight, Trea Grant

### Collection 15/12/24

Weekly Offering: £2,793

**Thank you for your generosity**

### Parish Draw 2024-25 Week 33

Winner £100 Charles O'Neill (Crumlin)  
Winner £50 Matthew Nelson (Glenavy)

**Congratulations to our winners!**

*Canon Colm wishes all parishioners a very Holy, Happy, Peaceful and Safe Christmas.*

### 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](http://www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral)

### The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.  
Amen

**Christmas Whist** Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Whist, £660 was raised towards Parish Funds. The next Whist will be the annual charity whist in St Clare's Hall on Friday 27th December at 7.30pm. We will also have the presentation of the Whist league prizes. Scorecards £5, all welcome.

### Christmas Parish Draw 2024-25 (Week 34)

Winner £1,000 Cecilia Doherty (Crumlin)  
Winner £500 Gerard Doone (Tullynewbank)  
Winner £100 Ann McCourt (Ballydonaghy)  
Winner £50 Margaret Nelson (Glenavy)



**Congratulations to our winners!**

**Parish Office** will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and St Stephen's Day

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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](mailto:mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk)

**Trócaire 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](mailto:naomi.purnell@trocaire.org) or 028 9080 8033.

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**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)