

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** 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.

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.

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

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

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

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

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

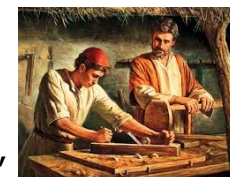


The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph 29 December 2024

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)
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Celebrating Family Life

Various aspects of family life are highlighted in the readings today. They are chosen with family life in mind - the old, the young and the child - and in praise of family life with both Elkanah and Hannah, and then Mary and Joseph coming close to God in their family life. Today is a day in praise of family marriage, sexuality, birth and of prayer for families. And in the family, we learn about **God** - more by example than by words. Most families manage well even in times of stress. Daily and ordinary love can overcome a lot else.




While praising the great efforts of parents today, and the strong family life which exists among us, we also look at contemporary problems: the stresses on the one-parent family; children unsure of the commitment of the parents; the effects of divorce on the children, and admitting that marriage breakup has a confusing or damaging effect on children; the long life of elderly who are very ill and require a lot of loving but difficult attention; the effects of addiction to drugs and alcohol; prison and crime.

Faith, prayer, Mass and the Church can bring us through a lot in bad days. Some prayer at night or in the morning, before a meal or leaving the house; Mass, and including prayer at high points of family life are ways of including prayer in family life. Family is the school of faith and the place of God in the ordinary everyday world.

'Jesus, Mary and Joseph, help us in our family life.'

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30 December — 5 January Mass Intentions

	St. Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue		7pm Mass Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30pm—8.30pm	
Wed		11.00am New Years Day Mass	
Thurs	9.30am P.I. Adoration 7pm—9pm		
Fri	9.30am P.I. 6.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation		
Sat	11.00am Sacrament of Baptism	6.00pm Vincent & Julia McKavanagh (Anniv) Sally & Seamus McGarry (Anniv)	
Sun	9.30am P.I. 12.00pm Joseph Hendron (1st Anniv)	10.45am George Walsh (Months Mind)	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 Margaret Kane (Gawleys Gate)

Months Mind Mary Kane, George Walsh

Anniversaries George Brankin, Hugh Brankin, Colette Burke Mary Feeny, Pat McGrandles, Eileen McGrandles, Elizabeth Grant, Kathleen Brankin

Sanctuary Lamps Pat & Eileen McGrandles, Elizabeth Grant, Kathleen Brankin

Collection 22/12/24

Weekly Offering: £3,142

Thank you for your generosity

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.

Canon McBride wishes all Parishioners a very
Happy, Holy and Peaceful New Year



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

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

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

St Joseph's Cleaning Team urgently need volunteers to help clean St Joseph's Church. If you can spare time to help, please contact the Parish Office.

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. _16/17, year 13/14 and are interested in joining JPPII, 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.

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

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 or 028 9080 8033.