

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!
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'

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

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.

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 or freephone 0800 698 1212 .

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

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CHRISTMAS PARISH BINGO

in St Clare's Community Hall

Next 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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8 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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A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community

ADVENT REMINDS US GOD IS NEAR

A poet wrote: *"when I am an old woman, I shall wear purple"*, to remind her that life can be different day by day or that she might be personally noticed and change her life. This time of the year the Church wears purple, and we remind ourselves that Jesus is near, that life can be different and that we can change our lives.



The gospel from John the Baptist encourages a change in our lives. We would look on ourselves and regret what we should regret - our sins, our meanness, our minor faults and failings, our injustices and hurt of others. In his time the people would immerse themselves in the river and be forgiven. We can immerse ourselves in the healing and forgiving love of God in many ways, including the sacrament of reconciliation (penance, confession). We can immerse ourselves in the mood of waiting for Christmas and take this on the spiritual level and well as the ordinary.

All the weeks of Advent can be a preparation for the way of the Lord, which we will hear of during the readings of the coming year. This is a time of joyful waiting, knowing we cannot be let down. The purple of Advent is not the purple of mourning but of joyful anticipation - like when we dress in the football team's colours early in the morning to look forward to a match.

If we take time for the spiritual preparation with some prayer, sacraments (maybe go to Mass once or twice a week, or daily for Advent), and if we help our neighbour a bit more than usual, then nothing of all the preparations can be just secular. Everything of this month can remind us of God... trees, lights, carols, parties, Santa hats, cards, gift-buying - all reminders that God is near.

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9 December — 15 December Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue		7pm — Paddy & Mary McCorry (Anniv) Lily & Seamus McCullagh (Anniv) Rosary 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Overnight Adoration 7pm	
Wed		9.30am Special Intention Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	9.30am Special Intention In Honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe		
Fri	9.30am Joseph & Larry Dunican (Anniv) Clare Walsh (Anniv)		
Sat		5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.00pm Willie Brankin (Anniv) Gerardine Cummin (Anniv)	
Sun	9.30am P.P. Do This in Memory 12.00pm Rosemary Cardwell (Months Mind)	10.45am Do This in Memory	



Feumore Mass Centre

Sun Adoration
6.30pm—
7.30pm
Divine Mercy
Chaplet, Chaplet
for Holy Souls &
Rosary after-
wards starts at
6.15pm
Mon Adoration
11am—12pm

Grand Parish Christmas Bazaar

A big thank you from the Organising Committee to everyone who donated their time, gifts, money and to those who attended this year's Christmas Bazaar in aid of our Parish Building Fund. Special thanks to the local Businesses in Crumlin, Glenavy and surrounding area for your generosity. The amount raised was £7,712.

Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

Do This in Memory Programme The children and their families who have joined the Do This in Memory Programme are invited to attend the Mass next Sunday 15 December 9.30am in St Joseph's or 10.45am in Mater Dei.

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.

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.

Recently Deceased Terence McGrath (Glen Road, Glenavy), Vincent Slane (Yorkshire)

Months Mind Kevin Boyd (Lisburn Road), Rosemary Cardwell

Anniversaries Aaron Webb, Dearbhla Harbinson, Kathleen Brankin, Paddy & Mary McCorry, John Hanna (1st), Lily & Seamus McCullagh, Joseph & Larry Dunican, Clare Walsh, Maggie & Tommy Millen, Mary Murray, Anne Marie McGrity, Doris Mulholland, Molly McPeake, Cissy Brazier, Vera Magee, Harry Magee, Seamus O'Neill, Bill McCleave

Baptisms We welcome to God's family Croia Margot McKeown, Kelsie Gigi Doris, Sonny Patrick Doherty, Sienna Giorgie Doherty

Sanctuary Lamps Donald & Rosetta Jordan, Alice, Jack & Joan Kennedy

Collection 1/12/24

Weekly Offering: £2,856
Monthly Stipend: £2,124

**Thank you for your
generosity**

Parish Draw 2024-25 Week 31

Winner £100 Margaret Nelson (Glenavy)
Winner £50 Malachy Mulholland (Aghalee)

Congratulations to our winners!

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 11 & 18 December @ 10am (after the morning Mass), in Mater Dei Parish Centre (formerly the Parochial House).

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

Pastoral Council The next meeting will be on Wednesday 11 December @ 7pm in St Joseph's Presbytery.

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