

**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** We welcome new members, young or old to on Mondays & Wednesday at 8pm. Come along and have fun! **THE MONTHLY WHIST** resumes on Friday 31st January in St Clare's hall at 7.30pm. Scorecards £5 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.

**FEAST OF ST BRIGID** There will be workshops to make St Brigid's Crosses on Wednesday 29 January after 9.30am Mass in Mater Dei, and later in St Joseph's Annex at 7pm. All materials & refreshments provided Everyone welcome.

**THE GLENAVY BRANCH OF APOSTOLIC WORK** will meet on Tuesday 28 January @ 7.30pm .

**HOST FAMILIES REQUIRED FOR LANGUAGE HOMESTAY PROGRAMME IN NORTHERN IRELAND 2025** We are a local company & since 2008 we have been arranging the visit of boys & girls from France, Spain and Italy to Northern Ireland. They normally travel for 2-3 weeks during the summer holidays. The main objective of their stay is to improve their English conversation and learn about our culture and traditions. They are hosted by local families in Northern Ireland. As our visitors are normally aged between 12 -17 it would be ideal for the host family to have boys or girls at home around the same age. Families are vetted and visited during the registration process and are paid expenses as a thank you for taking part. If you are interested contact Judi via WhatsApp on 07955232563. Further Information [www.northernislandhostfamilies.com](http://www.northernislandhostfamilies.com)

**NEW HORIZONS: SHAPING THE DIGITAL FUTURE ETHICALLY** Join the **QUB Catholic Chaplaincy** on **Tuesday, 28 January, at 6pm** in the **Canada Room, Lanyon Building, Queen's University Belfast** for a thought-provoking keynote talk on the ethical implications of artificial intelligence, led by **Rev Dr Philip Larrey**, a leading philosopher and ethicist from **Boston College**. **Everyone is welcome**. Refreshments afterward. **To attend see** <https://catholicchaplaincyqub.churchsuite.com/events/y3lzx7s8>

**CALLING ALL KNITTERS!** The Big Knit is back for 2025! So grab your needles and your brightest yarn and get knitting for Age NI. For every hat knitted, Age NI receives 30p, and that money helps the Charity support older people who have no one else to turn to. To register & find out more, email [bigknit@ageni.org](mailto:bigknit@ageni.org) or visit [www.ageni.org/thebigknit](http://www.ageni.org/thebigknit) or 028 9024 5729.

**Parish Bingo**  
**IN ST CLARE'S COMMUNITY HALL**  
**EVERY THURSDAY AT 8.00PM SHARP-9.30PM APPROX.**  
**JACKPOT £1,000 IN 50 NUMBERS**



## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 26 JANUARY 2025

**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)  
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**A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community**

### Faith beyond words



Jesus' religious beliefs grew on the word of **God**. Through boyhood and family life, visits to the synagogue and prayer, he heard the word of **God**. Gradually he knew what it meant. Now was his time to speak that word, and to begin his ministry.

For **Mary** and **Joseph** this was a proud moment. They had given their time and love to **Jesus'** upbringing and now it would bear fruit. Today parents worry about the faith of their children. They see a different attitude to religion, prayer, morality and many other aspects of life. They wonder did they do their job well.

Much of the culture today goes against **God** and religion. **Parents** cannot fight the culture. But they can hand on the best of the gospel by their own faith and by the way they live their lives, by their love and by speaking the truth as they see it. What is handed on in faith is beyond words.

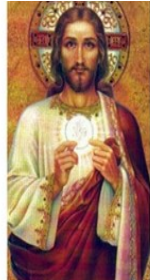
Teachers and Chaplains play a big role in handing on our faith. The Church owes a huge gratitude to teachers, chaplains, priest and lay, who have held that role in very difficult times over the last forty years.

**We** are all part of the '*faith ministry*' of **Jesus**. By our own prayer we can help a new generation find their way to faith. We hand over worries to the **Lord**. Prayer gives us the encouragement to support a younger generation in their ways of faith - meditation groups, prayer groups, folk and gospel music Masses, work for and among the poor. **God** loves our younger generation more than we do!

*Lord may my own faith grow deeper by my relationship with you.  
 Help those who search for you, especially the young.  
 Help us all to find your love in our lives, Amen.*

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**27 JANUARY — 2 FEBRUARY MASS INTENTIONS**

	St.Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue		7pm P.I. Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30pm—8.30pm	
Wed		9.30am P.I. Adoration 10am—12pm	Feumore Mass Centre
Thurs	9.30am P.I. Adoration 7pm—9pm		Sun Adoration 6.30pm—7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary afterwards starts at 6.15pm
Fri	9.30am Lily Cormican (1st Anniv) 6.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation		Mon Adoration 11am—12pm
Sat	11.00am Sacrament of Baptism	1pm—2pm Adoration 6.00pm Mary Maguire (25 Anniv) Paul & John Magee (Anniv)	
Sun	9.30am P.P. 12.00pm Margaret Kane (Months Mind)	10.45am Jennifer Magee (Anniv) Ann Stevenson (Anniv)	

**RECENTLY DECEASED** Mary Heaney (*Landgarve*), Bridie Beck (*nee Devlin*)  
**MONTHS MIND** Terence McGrath, Margaret Kane  
**ANNIVERSARIES** Lily Cormican (1st), Molly Corr, Dermot Falloon, Mary Murray, Paul Magee, Winifred McGarry, Tony Flynn, Betty McCann, James & Mary Heatley  
**SANCTUARY LAMPS** Deceased Members of the Devereux Family, Special Intention for M.L.  
**BAPTISMS** We welcome to God's family Dominic Armstrong, Conlath Burke, Aoife McCorry, Dualta Trowlen  
**ROSARY AT THE GROTTA** in Glenavy on Friday 31 January 2025 @ 7pm

**COLLECTION 19/01/25**  
 Weekly Offering: £3,002  
 Living Church: £1,031  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

**PARISH DRAW 2024-25 (WEEK 38)**  
 Winner £100 Barney Henry (Glenavy)  
 Winner £50 Anne Irvine (Ballinderry Upper)  
**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!**



**Lent 2025 - Calling You To Discover Christ Anew**  
**Jesus said, I came that they may have life and have it abundantly** (John10:10)  
 This Lent you are invited to participate in our Discovering Christ course, an opportunity to take some time out to consider who Christ is for you, to revitalise your spiritual life. **Discovering Christ is a 7-week course** for anyone and everyone, regular church goer or not, who seeks to explore, connect and grow in faith; taking place on **Thursday evenings from 20 February to 3 April 7-9pm in Mater Dei Parochial House** & includes a **retreat day** in Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne on **Saturday 22 March 10am-4pm. Discovering Christ is fun, relaxed and free** (although donations are accepted). Participants gather each week to share some food, watch a thought-provoking video presentation & discuss it in small groups. It is all done **in a warm, friendly, open and respectful environment.**  
 Please **book your place by Friday 7 February** as numbers are limited and let us know if you have any special dietary requirements by contacting the parish office: [glenavy@downandconnor.org](mailto:glenavy@downandconnor.org) or Tel. 02894422278

**SPECIAL HOUR OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** 1 February, from 1pm - 2pm in Mater Dei. You are warmly invited by Bishop Donal McKeown to a special time of prayer in unity with the Eucharistic Procession which will take place through the city of Derry. The hour will start with the Rosary which will also be taking place across Ireland and the world. Come along even for a short time and pray for renewal & hope in our world.

**Parish Pastoral Council Formation Training** As we move forward with the reconstitution and formation of our Parish Pastoral Councils (PPC), I would like to invite parishioners interested in becoming part of the PPC to the following information evening. **Monday 3 February 2025, St Anne's Parish Centre, Kingsway, Belfast BT10 ONE**  
 Tea/coffee served 6:30 pm, meeting begins promptly at 7pm. This evening session will provide an overview of the context, role, and responsibilities of a PPC. It will also explore the gifts, skills, and qualities required to be a PPC member. These sessions will help those who may be interested in this leadership role to understand what it entails and to discern if this is a role for them in the life of their Parish. Please contact the Parish Office to note your interest in attending this meeting.

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL—ST JAMES, ALDERGROVE & CRUMLIN CONFERENCE** would like to thank parishioners for their kind support throughout the year. With your support we were able to help the most vulnerable in our parish, see the detail below for 2023—2024.

Income		£15,644		Expenditure		£16,835	
Oil	White Goods	Furniture	Assistance	Uniforms	Total		
£5,893	£2,036	£2,106	£5,500	£1,300	£16,835		

**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.

**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)

**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.

**THE LEGION OF MARY IS BACK IN THE PARISH.** We meet on Thursdays at 7.30pm in the Annex of St Joseph's church, Glenavy for further info call or text 07581292226 (Emma). Join us.

**PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA.** Now flying direct from Belfast. 7 nights F/B Avenida Hotel. 28 May/4th June. Spiritual Director Fr. Antony. CP £849 Full religious programme. For further information contact Joe Catney 07776425631.

**A BLESSED STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA** is available through The Legion of Mary to any sick parishioner for one week. If you would like to avail of the statue, please contact the parish office.

**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 SVPD** 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.