

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, **Saturday** Slimming World 7.45–11am, Flip Fusion 5pm–7pm **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** We welcome new members, young or old on Mondays & Wednesday at 8pm. Come along and have fun! Also available for private, community & business functions, including birthday parties, fund raisers and funeral's **Contact 07517779334** or stclareshallbooking@hotmail.com **This month's Whist** is on **Friday 28th February at 7.30pm** in St Clare's hall 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.

"Join the Glenavy Garden Centre Team! We are looking for seasonal staff to work 16-24 hours per week. If you have interest or know of anyone who might be interested, please get in contact with Maurice (07798924459) or Dominic (07874005422). Interest can also be expressed by email to glenavygardencentre@outlook.com."

St.Joseph's GAC: Lotto Results **Thursday 13 February** Winning Numbers; 13-18-22-25. No Jackpot winners. 2 Lucky Dip Winners £25 each, Mary Burke, Joe O'Boyle (Sen). **Thursday 20 February** Winning Numbers 9-11-19-26 Jackpot £3,550 No Jackpot Winner. Lucky Dip Winners £25 each A Gilmore, Liz Doone. Next Week's Jackpot is worth £3,600. The members of St. Joseph's GAC thank you for your support.

Dromantine Summer Camp 2025 Registration for Camp 2025 goes live on Saturday 1 March for players (11-16) and the leadership team (17+). For more information about camp and how to register please visit our website at www.dromantinesummerncamp.co.uk. 2025 Camp dates are as follows: Boys week 1: 20 - 25 July, week 2: 27 July-1 August. Girls' week 1: 3–8 August, Girls' week 2: 10-15 August.

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's Glenavy Conference SVP** 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 your local community.

Parish Bingo

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



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time **23 February 2025**

Very Rev Canon Colm McBride PP: St Joseph's Presbytery, 59 Chapel Road, Glenavy, BT29 4LY Tel: 94 422278
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

Walk in the Shoes of the Other

A compassionate heart reaches out to many; the Gospel today reaches beyond our own circle to reach many others. This will be the constant call of Jesus. When he wants to say what His father is like he says *'Be compassionate like him.'*



Compassion is when we can walk in another's shoes, and try to see, hear and feel the world of another, particularly in bad times. It flows from mercy, which is the biggest quality in Jesus.

We like when another can enter into our world without judgement and can accept us in love - Jesus tells us to note this and then practice the same.


The call is to be compassionate to each other and the earth! The letter of Pope Francis, *Lauditio Si* calls for a compassionate care of the earth, as we hear the cry of the poor: that we treat the earth with the love it deserves.

Compassion for others and the earth includes our gratitude. We can look deeply into the people we are close to and thank **God** (for them!) and for what we like in them and value. We can look long at creation's beauty in the highest Himalayan Mountain and the smallest plant and recognise that all is the gift of **God**. We are to care for the earth and till it and accept the care of the earth for giving us food, drink and refreshment. We are to care for each other to bring out the best in each other. This is one of the Pope Francis's central themes about care of creation.

*Lord, thank you for the beauty of the earth and of humanity;
 may we reverence that beauty for it is from you.*

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24 February — 2 March Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue		6pm Service of Light St Joseph's P.S. 7pm Emmanuel Kaweesi (RIP) Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30pm—8.30pm	
Wed		9.30am In Honour of The Holy Souls Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	9.30am P.I. 11am & 1pm Confirmation Ballymacrick P.S.		
Fri	9.30am Special Intention		
Sat	12pm Wedding	6.00pm P.P.	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
Sun	9.30am Pat MacCreanor (Anniv) 12.00pm Maud O'Neill (1st Anniv)	10.45am James Savage (Anniv) Jack, Alice & Joan Kennedy (Anniv)	

Recently Deceased Carol McConnell (nee McLoman, formerly Aldergrove)

Months Mind Mary Heaney, Bridie Beck

Anniversaries Mary Devlin (1st), Sean Devlin, Seamus Stafford (1st) Michael Maguire, May Lenaghan, Jim Lenaghan, Rosemary Barber, Patricia Devereux, James, Elizabeth, Seamus, Dan & Kathleen McKavanagh, Pat Nelson, James Moore, Thomas McGarrell, Eddie Heatley, Betty Mulholland

Baptisms Hailey Kate Taylor, Erin Lucy McKee

Sanctuary Lamps Rosemary Mallon, Special Intention

Collection 16/02/25

Weekly Offering: £3,322

Sick & Retired Priests: £1,211

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2024-25 (Week 42)

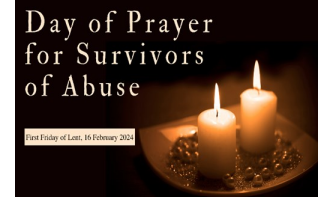
Winner £100 Catherine Galloway (Crumlin)

Winner £50 May McCorry (Glenavy)

Congratulations to our winners!

Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse

Pope Francis has invited Bishops around the world to establish a special day of prayer in the Church year to support the journey of human and spiritual recovery. This day is not only for victims and survivors who have been so severely injured, either inside or outside our Church, but also for the families and communities affected by grief for their loved ones. Within Down and Connor, mass will be celebrated on **FRIDAY 7 March 2025 in Saint Patrick's Church, Donegall Street, Belfast at 1pm** to pray for and remember victims and survivors of abuse within our Church. At this mass the Candle of Atonement will be lit. You are invited to attend this important Diocesan event. In addition, all parishes are invited to organise their own service or moment of prayer and include a prayer for victims.



"Hope" – A Retreat for Those Discerning the Priesthood Are you considering the call to the priesthood? Join us for a Vocation to the Priesthood Retreat from 7th–9th March at Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne. This year's theme, "Priests as Men of Hope," invites us to reflect on the joy and strength that come from trusting in God's plan. To book a place or for more information, contact the Vocations Director: Fr Conor McGrath at c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org.

Let us all continue to pray for vocations in our diocese:

Prayer for Vocations

Heavenly Father,

You are the source of all hope and the giver of every good gift.

Raise up men with hearts open to your call,

ready to serve your Church as priests,

bringing hope, healing, and the light of Christ to the world.

Give them courage to say "yes" to your will,

and bless our diocese with holy and faithful shepherds.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Deacons Those who are discerning a vocation to the permanent diaconate are encouraged to make contact with the Diocesan Director for the Permanent Diaconate, Rev Brett Lockhart on b.lockhart@downandconnor.org

Ghana Fundraising Parishioner Olivia Mulholland, currently a lower sixth pupil at St Louis Grammar School, Ballymena, will be travelling to Ghana, West Africa to work alongside the St Louis Sisters in their local community of Oku. Support is needed at the local school and clinic & Olivia asks for your financial support to help raise the much needed funds to make improvements. All funds raised will go directly to these projects, your support will make a real difference to the community. If you would like to make a donation, Olivia will be collecting after each Mass this weekend.

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.

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.

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.

Shrines of Italy Pilgrimage San Giovanni, Loreto, Assisi & Cascia 17 – 24 September 2025, 7 nights. Spiritual Director Fr Ciaran Dallat. Cost £1,229 p.p. sharing, £300 Deposit to secure a seat. Further details contact Jean Reynolds 07729402311 or jeanreynolds@hotmail.co.uk

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

Singer-songwriter Dana will sing Our Lady of Knock, and her new songs for St Patrick (Light The Fire) & St Brigid at a special evening at The Saint Patrick Centre, Downpatrick, on Friday March 14 at 7:30. Dana will also share stories of her life & faith journey, & perform songs. Tickets £20 and can be obtained from Eventbrite. More information from The Saint Patrick Centre 02844 619000.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION You are invited to overnight Eucharistic Adoration commencing at 7pm Tuesday 11 March 2025 concluding Noon 12 March 2025 in Mater Dei Church, Crumlin, in union with the whole church in the Jubilee year, for hope and renewal in our lives, families and Parish. There will be chaplets and prayer throughout the night. Come along for an hour and bring a friend.

Down & Connor Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025: Celebrating the Jubilee Year and our 40th Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage: 9/10 – 15/16 July. 5 & 7 Night options available. Please visit www.downandconnor.org/lourdes for more information or call the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 9077 0162 or email lourdes@downandconnor.org Youth Team (9-16th July): applications now open (see website for details).

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.

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.

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.