

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 **Table tennis** in St Clares Hall is being relaunched next Monday 3 March. Come along and enjoy an hour between 7 & 8pm. 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 27 February** Winning Numbers; 3-9-24-26. Jackpot £3,600 - No Jackpot winner. 2 Lucky Dip Winners £25 each, Patrick McAlister, Bronagh Forrester. Next Week's Jackpot is worth £3,650. The members of St. Joseph's GAC thank you for your support.

Day Retreat Saturday 8 March 2025 St Paul's Parish Centre, Falls Rd, Belfast, 10am-4pm. Speaker Fr Darren Brennan. For further information 07791078453. Please bring a packed lunch, tea & coffee will be provided. Hosted by Down & Connor Charismatic Renewal Committee.

Action for children There is a desperate shortage of foster carers across the UK. For more information in becoming a foster carer please see <https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/fostering/why-choose-us/faith-in-fostering/>

Conclave: Behind the Scenes at Vatican II (Drumalis, Larne – Wednesday, 12 March from 7-9 pm) An evening with Brian McKee, Director at Drumalis. Further information <http://www.drumalis.co.uk> .To book 028 28276455/28272196 Mon-Fri, 9am–5pm or drumalis@btconnect.com

Beginning Experience is offering 'a weekend away for a lifetime of change' at Drumalis Conference & Retreat Centre, Friday 21– Sunday 23 March 25. More information **Pauline 07519289185** or **Marie 078961.19669** or belfastbe@yahoo.com

Parish Bingo

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



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 March 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
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Parish Website: glenavyandkilleadparish.com
www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish
A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community

Ash Wednesday 5 March 2025

Beginning of 40 days of Lent

Distribution of Ashes

Mass Times: Mater Dei 9.30am
St Joseph's 7.00pm

Ash Wednesday is an obligatory day of Fast and Abstinence for all who are members of the Catholic Church (typified as in one meal and 2 collations)

She must have a lovely heart !

Someone said to me of a friend - She must have a lovely heart! The Gospel today is about goodness inside and that we draw much from the store of goodness inside ourselves. **A** way of looking at this is to wonder what makes us feel positive in ourselves about others and about the world. We have days when we feel truly grateful for much in life and in the world, and the store of goodness fills up. There are days when the opposite happens, and **J**esus speaks of the 'store of badness'.

The store of goodness is filled up in many, a good conversation with a loved one, time spent with an infant in wonder of how and what this child is and will be, listening to some good music and admiring good art, taking time to pray and listening to the word of **J**esus in the Gospel, finding time to pray with others at the Mass or in prayer groups.

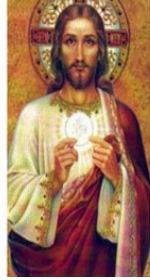
God in many ways increases our store of goodness and we allow this happen. You can find your favourite ways of bringing out the best in yourself.

We know of people we meet whom we always feel the better for meeting. Prayer and faith should always bring the best out of us: Give time each day to allow the total love of **G**od for us to reach us.

Another store of goodness is the goodness of self. We can be too critical of ourselves and if so, we will probably find we are critical of others. Look this day into the mirror and give thanks to **G**od for the man or woman you see there. If you look on ourselves with love, we will look on others the same.

Lord, teach me your goodness.

3 March — 9 March Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James	
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm	
Tue		First Confessions 1.30pm Gaelscoil Ghleann Darach 7pm In Honour of The Holy Face of Jesus Christ Rita Brady (1st Anniv) Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30pm—8.30pm		
Wed	7pm Mass Distribution of Ashes	9.30am Mass Distribution of Ashes Adoration 10am—12pm		Feumore Mass Centre
Thurs	9.30am No Mass Adoration 7pm—9pm	Confirmation 10am & 11.30am St Joseph's P.S.		Sun Adoration 6.30pm—7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary afterwards starts at 6.15pm
Fri	9.30am William Eastwood & Mary Pauline Eastwood (Anniv) 5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation			Mon Adoration 11am—12pm
Sat		6.00pm John & Molly Brankin (Anniv)		
Sun	9.30am Brendan Cormican (Anniv) 12.00pm Sheila Eastwood (Months Mind)	10.45am Catherine Campbell (Months Mind)		

Anniversaries Maud O'Neill (1st), Rita Brady (1st), Pat Mac Creanor, Jack, Alice & Joan Kennedy, William Eastwood, Mary Pauline Eastwood, James Savage, John & Molly Brankin, Jack & Magdalen Kelly, Ita Hyland, George Brown, Joe McPeake, Susan Mailey, Mary O'Loughlin, John Magee (40yrs), John Close, Maisie O'Hara, Charles O'Hara (Snr)

Weddings Congratulations to Ciaran McCullagh & Margaret Topping who were married in Christ.

Sanctuary Lamps Rosemary Mallon, Phelim & Brigid McGarry.

Collection 23/02/25
Weekly Offering: £3,902
Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2024-25 (Week 43)
Winner £100 Deirdre McCloskey (Glenavy)
Winner £50 Fionnuala Saunders (Glenavy)
Congratulations to our winners!

Trócaire Lenten campaign 2025 The Trócaire boxes are located at the back of the Churches. Please take one.

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.

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.

Ghana Fundraising Parishioner I would like to sincerely thank all parishioners for their generous financial support at the church door collections last weekend. The total amount raised was **£2815.27**. All the funds raised will go directly to projects which will deliver real life benefits to the people of Oku. Thank you for helping me to support the work of the St Louis Sisters in Ghana.
Olivia Mulholland.

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

The Glenavy Branch of Apostolic Work will meet on Tuesday 4 March @ 7.30pm

World Day of Prayer Service Friday 7 March at 8pm in St Catherine's Church Killead, RAF Camp Aldergrove. Prepared by the Christian women of the Cook Islands the theme 'I made you wonderful'. Guest speaker Brian Gault. (Author of: - Look no hands). WDP is a women led, global, ecumenical movement. All welcome.

Lenten Challenge & Invitation Pope Francis has invited us this Lent to "journey in hope together". A short-term pledge is available via www.pioneerassociation.org for parishioners who wish to become a "pilgrim of hope" for people who are living under the shadow of addiction.

'Sing for Joy!' - A Day of Music & Ministry Are you involved, or keen to become involved in Church Music in your Parish, School, University? We invite you to join us for 'Sing for Joy!'. Saturday 26 April 25 at Lough Derg. This day is open to young people aged 18-35 & is free to attend (supported by the Knights of St Columbanus). Registration <https://bit.ly/SingforJoy>. For Further information info@knightsstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk or +447759496677.

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.

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.

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.

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

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).

Recharge is a young adult group based in Down and Connor for those aged 18 to 35. The group meet twice monthly on the 1st & 3rd Tuesday each month. Next meeting are on Tuesday the 4 & 18 of March at 7.30pm in St Colmcille's Church, Ballyhackamore. All welcome!

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.