

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 stclaireshallbooking@hotmail.com

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! Seasonal staff wanted to work 16-24 hours per week. If you are interested or know anyone who might be interested, contact Maurice (07798924459) or Dominic (07874005422) or email glenavygardencentre@outlook.com."

St. Joseph's GAC: Lotto Results **Thursday 13 March** Winning Numbers; 11-19-20-28. Jackpot £3,700 - No Jackpot winner. 2 Lucky Dip Winners £25 each, Canon McBride, Joanna Campbell. Next Week's Jackpot is worth £3,750. The members of St. Joseph's GAC thank you for your support.

Quiz Night! Gather your friends; bring your own beverages and snacks; and join us for our Quiz night at St Clare's Hall on Friday 11th April. Doors open at 7.30pm and the Quiz will start promptly at 8pm. Come along for your chance to win ballot prizes and a cash prize for our winning team. Book a table ballymacrickettfundraising@gmail.com or send a message to our Facebook/Instagram pages.

Rathmore Grammar School - warmly welcomes you to join us for an evening of fun & games in our Grand Sale for Trócaire on **Wednesday 9 April from 6.30pm to 9pm**. Please join us for amazing prizes on our Ricketty Wheel & Tombola or pick yourself up a bargain in our various stalls including easter eggs, children's books, toys, cakes, buns & bottles galore. If you or your business are in a position to donate or contribute prizes, please contact the school info@rathmoregs.belfast.ni.sch.uk (all donations will be acknowledged on the evening).

Continuing the legacy of Saint Patrick, a group of Christians will gather at 5:45 am at his grave on Saint Patrick's morning, Monday 17 March. We will pray The Our Father/ The Lord's Prayer, one hundred times for peace & unity in Christ among our peoples. Everyone welcome.

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



Second Sunday of Lent 16 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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A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community

The Feast of St Patrick Monday 17 March 2025

Mass Times

St Joseph's 9.30am **Mater Dei** 10.45am

The real Jesus

Things are not always as they seem. Underneath a church that I worked in, are a series of underground passages that go on for about a mile! People are the same - when you are talking to someone and they tell you they are very ill, or recovered from addiction, you see more to them. Or you may find out that someone you thought little of visits an elderly person every week. People are not always as they seem. The mountain visit was the same: the apostles saw Jesus - son of God, radiant in prayer, and in the middle of it all the Passion was announced.


They saw

The big truth of Jesus is that he is intimately united to God the Father. So following him is not just action, but prayer that leads to action. We say someone is a great Christian - he or she helps the poor. Christianity is more - it is also prayer and the Eucharist. While we are thankful for the good lives of many people, we also can say that the full Christian life includes more, e.g. prayer, reflection, scripture reading, faith and Mass. It also involves community - the three were called to witness and help each other remember the Lord Jesus. Community brings the word of God alive in a real way. The community of the Church brings us to fuller faith.

Prayer leads to action for others, and action leads back to prayer. We can be so close to heavenly things that we are no earthly good! Lent brings us into this mystery of the death and resurrection of the Lord - we are part of this, and we try to make life a grace for others. We can either transfigure the lives of others or disfigure them. Let us be people of the transfiguration.

Lord show me your face – in myself and in others. Amen.

17 March — 23 March Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am Mass Feast of St Patrick	10.45am Mass Feast of St Patrick	Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue		7pm Sean Loney (1st Anniv) Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30—8.30pm	
Wed		9.30am Angela & Trevor Winters (Anniv) In Honour of St Joseph Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	9.30am Phyllis McCaugherty (1st Anniv) Adoration 7pm—9pm		
Fri	9.30am P.I.		
Sat		5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.00pm P.P.	
Sun	9.30am Sheila Murtagh (Anniv) May Nelson & Willie Morgan (Anniv) 12.00pm Rosemary Savage (1st Anniv)	10.45am Elizabeth McCullough & Grace Meharg (Anniv) Ita Hyland (Anniv)	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 Patrick Falloon (*Formerly Scroggy Rd*), Anthony Magee (*Formerly Aldergrove*)

Months Mind Anne Leitch

Anniversaries Peter & Thomas McCulough (50th), Moyna McAreavey, Chris McCloskey, Josephine Mulholland, Sean Loney (1st), Angela & Trevor Winters, Phyllis McCaugherty (1st), Seamus & Jim Doherty, Matthew Heatley, Isaac Mulholland, Ambrose Mulholland, Ethel Mulholland, Molly McMaster, Kathleen Marsden, Margaret Maxwell, Patrick Horner

Sanctuary Lamps MMCC, Special Intention

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

Parish Office Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on Monday 17 March 2025

Collection 9/03/25

Weekly Offering: £2,973

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2024-25 (Week 45)

Winner £500 Maureen Loughan (Ballinderry)

Winner £100 Martin McCallion (Crumlin)

Winner £50 James Heatley (Glenavy)

Congratulations to our winners!

Prayer Tree for Lent The Prayer Tree in the Sanctuary of the Church provides us with an opportunity to compose our own personal Intentions/petitions which are then hung on the 'tree'. These will be remembered in prayers and Masses throughout Lent. When you add your intention/petition to the tree, pray also for others and their intentions.

The cards on which you can write your intention/petition are available beside the tree or on the table at the back of the Church. When you have completed the card you then hang it on the tree in the Sanctuary.

Like a tree planted in the house of the Lord, I trust in the goodness of God forever. (Psalm 52)

The Garment of Suffering As a symbol of unresolved pain or suffering in your life, such as bereavement, illness, broken relationships, sexual difficulties, addiction, mental health or other, you are invited to leave a piece of cloth of any colour or fabric type in the basket in the sanctuary of the Church at any time during the Lenten season up to and including Palm Sunday. The piece of cloth should be approximately 10 inches, square. During Holy Week these pieces of cloth will be sown together to make the Garment of Suffering which will be placed before the Cross on Good Friday as an expression of our desire to share in Jesus' suffering so that we may find healing and share in his Resurrection and new life even now.

Mass at Mass Rock on Slemish Mountain. St Patrick's Day 17 March 2025 at 3pm. Family Rosary at 2pm. Mass Rock is 250m from Slemish carpark, up a gradual incline. Free shuttle buses to Slemish car park all day, from Michelin Tyre Factory (free parking available). Make a family day of it – food vans and toilet facilities at Slemish carpark. Contact Owen 07525 166090.

The Glenavy Branch of the Apostolic Work are holding their Annual Spring Sale on Sunday 30 March in St Clare's Community Hall after 9.30am & 12pm Masses. Usual stalls – Baked goods, Ballot, Brica Bra, Tombola etc. Tea & coffee available. A Church door collection for Apostolic Work will be taken up at all the Masses in the parish on Saturday & Sunday that weekend. Come along and support the Missions. Gift Aid envelopes will be available at both churches from Thursday 13 March. Please complete all details required on the envelopes. Many thanks for your support by Gift Aid.

The Living Spirit And with these words: 'You will not be overcome' were said decisively and with great emphasis, for reassurance and comfort against all troubles that may come to us. He said not: 'You will not be caught up in storms, you will not be overstretched, you will not be made to suffer'; but he said, 'You will not be overcome'. God desires us to pay careful attention to these words, and for us to be ever strong in certain faith, in good times and bad. For he loves us and rejoices in us, and so it is his will that we love him and rejoice in him and put our deepest trust in him; and all shall be well. **Julian of Norwich (The Tablet, March 2025)**

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.

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.

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Drumalis Retreat and Conference Centre, Larne "See, I'm doing something new" (Is 43:19) (Saturday, 22 March from 9:30 am – 4 pm). A Lenten renewing with Dr Gráinne Doherty. **The Passion Story: "A Work of Infinite Love"** (Sat 12 April, 9:30am - 4 pm) A Day of Prayer and Reflection with Fr Aidan Troy CP. To book a place(s) or for further details, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm) – email drumalis@btconnect.com or 028 28276455/28272196. For more information : <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

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 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 your local community.

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.

'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@knightsfstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk or +447759496677.

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/>

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

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.