

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

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 6 March** Winning Numbers; 19-20-23-28. Jackpot £3,650 - No Jackpot winner. 2 Lucky Dip Winners £25 each, Canon McBride, Mary Ferguson. Next Week's Jackpot is worth £3,700. The members of St. Joseph's GAC thank you for your support.

St Patrick's Academy, Lisburn will be selling Shamrock after masses on 15/16 March. This is to support the invaluable work of our PTA. We are currently fundraising for a bike shelter for our pupils. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

Eve of St Patricks Day Eucharistic Procession Athlone Starts at 3 pm with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at St. Mary's Church Athlone N37 XP66. Jubilee Eucharistic Procession for The Renewal of Ireland's Faith! 5pm Adoration and Mass at 6pm.

You are invited to Crumlin Youth for Christ's Big Quiz Saturday 29 March, St. John's Hall (5 Lurgan Road), Starting at 7pm

Parish Bingo

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



First Sunday of Lent

9 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
Email: glenavy@downandconnor.org
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A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community

Jesus tempted off course

Jesus was brought out of the ordinary into a place where he was tempted off course with three temptations - to comfort, power, and wealth - three things that can take us over.

Money, power and comfort can lead us astray when we want wealth, to be no. 1 and prioritise comfort in various ways. **H**e goes back to the word of **G**od to find strength and insight to fight off evil - to the words he learned at home, and at school. **A** big source of energy for us is the word of God. On **Ash Wednesday** the invitation was to believe the good news. That is where we may find life and strength.

We remain in the **C**hurch because of **J**esus **C**hrist. The word of **G**od in his gospel remains life-giving and strong. Today's scripture shows us that temptations happen often to take us off the path. So too does the unexpected, and scandals have happened in many of the national institutions. **C**hurch life may leave us down and weak, but the spirit who kept **J**esus strong in the desert will do the same for us.

A Lenten thing to do could be to


- *read a bit of the gospel every day.
- *Look up Sacred Space.ie. on the web and pray from that.
- *Or Pray-as-you-go. Pray your own favourite gospels.
- *Read the gospel to the children.
- *Hear the word at weekday Mass or check it on: www.catholicireland.net/readings/saints
- *We look to the word of God to build us up as God's children and community and find strength to use all in the service of God and others in love.

Speak your word O Lord, and we shall be the better for it.

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10 March — 16 March Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue		7pm Mary Mooney (Months Mind) Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Overnight Eucharistic Adoration	
Wed		9.30am Robert Barton (Anniv) Mary Bridget Brazier (Anniv) Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	9.30am P.I. Adoration 7pm—9pm		Feumore Mass Centre
Fri	9.30am Bernadette Nelson (Anniv)		Sun Adoration 6.30pm—7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary afterwards starts at 6.15pm
Sat		5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.00pm Anne Leitch (Months Mind)	Mon Adoration 11am—12pm
Sun	9.30am P.P. Do This in Memory 12.00pm Moyna McAreavey & Chris McCloskey (Anniv) Josephine Mulholland (Anniv)	10.45am Peter & Thomas McCullough (Anniv) Do This in Memory	

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 16 March at 9.30am in St Joseph's or 10.45am in Mater Dei.

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.

Prayer Tree for Lent You are invited to compose a prayer and an intention and place it on the Prayer Tree in the church during Lent.

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.

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.

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. The weekly envelopes will be issued very shortly, if you would like to donate using envelopes and don't already do so, 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 the parish secretary or Canon McBride in confidence. Please note that there is a separate account number for the Parish Draw and this should not be used when making a weekly donation.

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

Recently Deceased Margaret Scott (*Landgarve Manor*), Anne Cormican (*Portadown*)

Months Mind Catherine Campbell, Sheila Eastwood, Mary Mooney,
Anniversaries Brendan Cormican, John & Molly Brankin, Robert Barton, Mary Brazier, Bernadette Nelson Lorna Doone, Michael Hearty John Henry (Jnr), Eleanor Henry, Bridie McCorry, Michael Loney, Mary Lightsey, Patrick McAlemon, Paul & Brenda Loney, John Henry

Sanctuary Lamps Rosemary Mallon, Samuel & Bernadette, Isaac & Kenneth Nelson

Collection 23/02/25

Weekly Offering: £3,042
Monthly Offering £2,300

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2024-25 (Week 44)

Winner £100 Sean McGarry (Glenavy)
Winner £50 Ambrose O'Neill (Glenavy)

Congratulations to our winners!

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

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.

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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 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@knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.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/>