

**MATER DEI FOLK GROUP WILL SOON BE 40!**: Calling all former members – would you like to be part of the 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday event later this year? Can you commit to attending practices for this event? If you can answer “Yes!” to both of these questions, please speak to Eilish Grant for further details. If you have contact with former members who do not live in the parish, please let them know about this opportunity to participate.

**THE ANNUAL APOSTOLIC WORK PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE** will take place this year on Sunday 1st September. Bus leaves St Joseph's Church, Glenavy at 7.30am. Cost £25 per person. For further information and booking please contact 028 9442 2852 or 028 9265 1265

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** Emergency Helpline Crumlin/Aldergrove 07754427088

**GLENNAVY AND KILLEAD BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**: A member of the Bethany Group may be contacted on the following phone number 07746032796

**GH TYRES AND AUTO SERVICES**: 40a Glenavy Road, Crumlin. Punctures repairs, Wheel Balancing, Wheel Alignment, Batteries, General Service and repairs Tel:94423113.

**RELIABLE WOMAN AVAILABLE** to act as a companion to sick or housebound, can stay overnight on occasion. Contact Jane on 07387842951

**ST JOSEPH'S GAC LOTTO** Thursday 22 August Winning Numbers 6,18,25,26 Jackpot £5,600. No winners. 3 Numbers Mary Walls.. **LUCKY DIPS** Danielle O'Neill, Tommy McCarthy, Kevin Thom Next week's Jackpot £5,650 Second Jackpot £2000. **The Annual Francie Doone Cycle race will be held on**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>. Sept @10am. Again we are supporting Chest Heart & Stroke N. I. Charity. Contact 07712 662800 for further details.**

**To book St Clare's Community Hall please PHONE: 075 1777 9334.**

**FUNERAL HOSPITALITY**: Please note St Clare's Hall has it's own team who cater for After Funeral Receptions. They provide a friendly and caring service.

**COFFEE MORNING** every Friday 10.00am—11.00am

**FRIENDSHIP GROUP** will recommence on Wednesday 11th September at 10.30am for AGM and lunch.

**BOOK CLUB** every third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm

**ST CLARE'S BOWLING CLUB** will start the new season on Monday 9th September at 8.00pm New members welcome. Tel 94453972

**PILATES** Tuesday 7.30pm and 8.30pm 07738111281

**ST CLARE'S PARENTS & TODDLER GROUP** Friday's 10.00am—12noon.

**MODERN JIVE** Wednesdays **WHIST**: Last Friday of the Month.

**TRADITIONAL MUSIC SESSION** last Sunday of every month @ 7 pm

**FRIDAY NIGHT FOOD AND FILM** - serving freshly cooked homemade Chinese food and showing A Star is Born. Date: Friday 6th September 2019 Time: 7pm Cost: £12 (includes film, food and a glass of wine). All places must be pre-booked. Contact Margaret 07517779334 to book. All welcome.

**ST CLARE'S HALL CHRISTMAS FAIR** will take place on Saturday 9th November 2019 2pm - 4pm. Mixture of craft/ new items and 2nd hand items perfect for presents. Stalls are limited and cost £10. To book contact Margaret 07517779334.

## Bingo

**in St Clare's Community Hall**  
**Thursdays at 8.00pm sharp-9.30pm approx.**

Jackpot £1,000 in **47** Numbers

Line£15 House £25

**Scoop** £25 Line House £50

Game 9 if Jackpot not won, House £50



**TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR**  
**25 AUGUST 2019**

**Very Rev Fr Colm McBride PP**: St Joseph's Presbytery, 59 Chapel Road, Glenavy, BT29 4LA 94459560  
In emergencies Fr Declan Mulligan P.P. Aghagallon 92651214

**Parish Office at St Joseph's Glenavy:**

Monday - Friday 10am - 3pm.

Office Closed 1.00 - 2.00pm

**Secretary**: Máire Rafferty Tel: 028 94422278

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### Gospel

Again this week we encounter some of the so-called 'hard sayings' of Jesus. However, rather than moving quickly on to find 'nicer' parts of scripture to nourish us, it is good to take time to ponder what such texts are all about. The question put to Jesus is one that many still ask. In his answer Jesus is not interested in talking about salvation as a matter of numbers or statistics. He seeks rather to make his hearers realise that being saved is not something to be taken for granted. If we imagine that being Irish and Catholic is enough then maybe we had better think again. It is not about having a casual familiarity with the Lord. It is rather about the urgent and serious business of trying to live the way he has asked us.

### Reflection

People sometimes think that the Old Testament is a cruel book in which a vengeful God sends arbitrary punishments on whomsoever he wishes. However, such a view is completely at odds with the idea of God which is to be found in today's first reading and in many books of the Old Testament. We need to remember that in the Old Testament there is a development in the understanding of what God wants for the world, and in this reading from Isaiah we see a very inclusive and universal vision of salvation. There can be no doubt that texts such as these helped to form Jesus' view of the kingdom of God where there would be a welcome for all who are true to their conscience.



*Sean Goan*  
*Let the reader understand*

26 August —01 September		Mass Intentions
	St Joseph's	Mater Dei
Mon	NO MASS	
Tue		NO MASS
Wed		9.30am Johanna Gallagher
Thur	NO MASS	
Fri	9.30am Irene Cormican	
Sat		6.00pm vigil Sean Doherty
Sun	9.30am George & Mary Alice Grant 12.00 noon	10.45am Brigid McAreavey (Month's Mind)



### REQUIESCENT IN PACE

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Eilish O'Brien

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Sean Smith (1st), Mira Loney (1st), Francis O'Brien, Joan Kane, Dermot Lewsley, John & Maureen Mulholland, Helena & Patrick McPeake, Michael McClean, David Bradley, Michael McClean, Tony Maguire, Jimmy O'Loughlin, Johanna Gallagher, Louis Moore, Elizabeth Murphy, Georgina Brankin, Sean McKavanagh, Irene Cormican, Thomas McGarrell.

**SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS:** A Sanctuary Lamp burns for a week in each of our four 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. This Week's dedications:

**Protect the Sanctity of Life & Marriage, George & Mary Alice Grant, Special Intentions PN & KM**

**SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** Fr Colm makes the First Friday visits to the sick and housebound in the northern and southern halves of the parish on alternate months. This month, August, Fr Colm visited the Northern half on First Friday week and he will visit the Southern half in September on First Friday week. In the case of an emergency i.e. a sudden death, if Fr Colm is not available, please contact Fr Declan Mulligan. PP Aghagallon Parish. Tel. 92651214.

**MATER DEI FOLK GROUP** resumes singing at the 10.45 am Sunday Masses on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019. New members are always welcome. There are no auditions and you do not have to be able to read music. So, if you can sing a bit or play an instrument, please come and join us. Speak to any Folk group member for further information.

**OUR PARISH RETREAT AT DRUMALIS** will be from 6pm Saturday 7th September until 5pm Sunday 8th September 2019. This year focuses on being more open to the word which God speaks in my daily life, and considering how to tune in and listen attentively to the gentle whisper of God.

For further information, please contact Clive Duffield - 07967704592.

COLLECTIONS 18/08/2019		PARISH DRAW WEEK 16
WEEKLY OFFERING:	£2,360	Winner £100: Eugene Cienaghan Upper Ballinderry
DIOCESAN CATHEDRAL	£1,170	Winner: £50: F&L McKenna Glenavy
Thank you for your generosity		Congratulations to our winners

**FAITH AND LIFE CONVENTION 2019:** Online bookings for this year's **Faith and Life Convention** are now open. We hope that you will be able to join us on Saturday, 28 September 2019 at Our Lady and St Patrick's College in Belfast.



This year our theme for the convention is Faith in a Better World and our Keynote Speaker will be Michel Camdessus. Michel is the former Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and a member of the Pontifical Council on Justice and Peace. Our keynote speech will be followed by a panel discussion where together we can reflect on the variety of issues that we face in society today.

The highlight of the day for many people is the variety of workshops on offer and this year we have an impressive line-up of local and international speakers. The convention is an excellent opportunity to network with others from the Diocese and beyond. We look forward to welcoming you and having an enjoyable day where we can encourage one another to be people of active faith in our society.

**RCIA (THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS)** is a process to introduce the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church to individuals who wish to learn more about Catholicism, including the opportunity to become Catholic through the Sacraments of Initiation. RCIA is a time of teaching, formation and conversion to come to know, love and develop a relationship with God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Programme commences 24th October 2019. St Mary's 25 Marquis Street, Belfast BT1 1JJ. Email: rcia@downandconnor.org or contact Fionnuala Tel 07702073895

**ST FRANCIS PRIMARY SCHOOL FEUMORE:** The parish trustees have sought and secured planning approval for two buildings on the site of the former Primary School, 14a Feumore Road. Ballinderry. These sites have now been put up for sale. All enquires should be made to: Bill McCann Estate Agents. 66 Antrim Street, Lisburn BT28 1AU. Tel. 92666222. The proceeds from this sale will be applied to the reduction the parish debt which currently stands at £750,000.

**ROSARY FEUMORE:** Holy Hour with rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed in Feumore Mass Centre each Sunday at 7pm. Rosary in **Mater Dei Crumlin** at 6.30pm on Tuesday. All welcome.

**ROSARY AT THE GROTTO:** Rosary for Life, Faith and Love takes place on the last Friday of each month at 7pm at St Joseph's Church.

### ADORATION

Feumore	Mon	11.00am—12noon	St James	Mon	5.00pm—8.00pm
Mater Dei	Wed	10.00am—12noon and 5.00pm—9.00pm			
St Joseph's	Thurs	6.00pm—9.00pm			

**Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed in Mater Dei 6.30pm on Wednesday**

**APOSTOLIC WORK, ONE DAY RETREAT IN DRUMALIS**—Saturday 7th September 2019: Cost £40. Fr Martin McKavanagh SMA will conduct the retreat. Come and join our members and friends in a day of reflection. Registration 9.30am—finishing at after Mass around 5pm. Please contact Pauline on 90351912 Monday-Wednesday 9.00am—2.30pm for more details.

### PARISH SUMMER TREASURE HUNT:

Sunday 8th September . Registration and Clues to be collected  
at Mater Dei Car Park 4-5pm. Finishing at  
St Clare's Community Hall followed by results and light supper  
£10 per car



**A MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND** offers married couples (of all ages ) private time to rekindle the joy of their love. The next Weekend (residential) will be from 13th to 15th September in the Dro-mantine Conference Centre, Newry and The Lake Hotel Killarney, on 15th -17th November 2019. For info. and to book, visit [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie) or call [+44 770 281 2321](tel:+447702812321) or [+353 87 784 0408](tel:+353877840408).

**RACHELS VINEYARD RETREATS** are a beautiful healing opportunity for anyone struggling with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. The retreat weekend is a very specific process designed to help you experience the love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness of God. It allows you to surface and release repressed feelings of anger, shame, guilt and grief. It enables suffering souls to find a voice and transform the pain of the past into love and hope. Each weekend is held in a confidential setting. Our next weekend will be held in June. To find out more information contact Marian on 07814 748 744 or e mail [marianrvni@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:marianrvni@yahoo.co.uk) or call Sheila on 0790 286 9646. You can also look up [www.rachelsvineyardni.org](http://www.rachelsvineyardni.org). All queries are treated in strictest confidence.

**OVERSEAS VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED!** Volunteer IT/HR Admins, Montessori/Primary/Secondary Teachers, Physios, Accountants, Social Workers...all required for funded placements on Missions in Africa, SE Asia and the Caribbean. No previous overseas exp required, no upper age limit! Contact Viatores Christi +353-1-8689986 or email [apply@viatoreschristi.com](mailto:apply@viatoreschristi.com) for more info.

**ADOPTION: Family Care Adoption Services** is presently seeking to recruit adoptive families for babies and young children. For free information pack please contact us at: **Telephone:** 028 71 368592 or 028 90 691133. Monday to Friday 9 – 5 p.m. **Email:** [anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org](mailto:anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org) **Website:** [www.familycaresociety.co.uk](http://www.familycaresociety.co.uk) Thank You

**"GET TOGETHER", a community of bereaved families, invites you to our "From Inside Out" Conference on 19-9-19 at Riddel Hall, Queen's University, Belfast:** Featuring first hand insights from children and families on grief and trauma recovery, and Keynote address by Brid Carroll, Psychotherapist and Chair of the Irish Childhood Bereavement Network. If your work or volunteering brings you into contact with bereaved children, young people and families, this conference is for you. CPD certificates issued. **For more information or to register, click here:** <https://www.cruse.org.uk/from-inside-out-conference>