BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: Are you still thinking about joining your parish Bethany Bereavement Support Group or perhaps forming a new team? Just to remind you that the final date to return application forms in order to facilitate interviews is Friday, 13 September. Completed forms should be sent to: Bethany Bereavement Support, 120 Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT 14 6LA Or, for any information regarding this, please contact Claire Dowds on: 075 5788 2183 or email: bethanybereavementni@gmail.com **GH TYRES AND AUTO SERVICES:** 40a Glenavy Road, Crumlin. Punctures repairs, Wheel Balancing, Wheel Alignment, Batteries, General Service and repairs Tel:94423113.

<u>ST JOSEPH'S GAC LOTTO</u> Thursday 29 August Winning Numbers 7-13-18-24 Jackpot £5,650, Martin Nelson. 3 Numbers May McCorry, Clare Cormican, Joe Mulholland, Oonagh Mclaughlin, Tanya Gilbride. <u>LUCKY DIPS</u> Donard Shannon, Seamus Smith, Mary Patton. Next week's Jackpot £2,000. The Annual Francie Doone Cycle Race will be held on Sunday 8th. Sept @10am. Again we are supporting Chest Heart & Stroke N. I. Charity. Contact 07712 662800 for further details.

JOIN RUN-ANON COUCH 2 5K Beginners starting Monday 2nd September at Crumlin High School, Mons and Thurs 7-8pm. Train once a week (£15 every 4 weeks) or twice a week (£25 every 4 weeks). Can you run already join our improvers group. Contact Aidan 07954142045

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

YOGA WITH EIMEAR recommences Monday 2nd September6.45pm—7.45pm. £5 drop-in or £25 for 6 weeks.

BOOK CLUB every third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm

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

<u>ST CLARE'S PARENTS & TODDLER GROUP</u> 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.

<u>ST CLARE'S HALL CHRISTMAS FAIR</u> 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 **48** Numbers Line£15 House £25 **Scoop** £25 Line House £50 Game 9 if Jackpot not won, House £50



TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 8TH SEPTEMBER 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 Email:glenavy@downandconnor.org Parish Website: glenavyandkilleadparish.com

Gospel Notes

Once again in Luke's gospel a meal forms the backdrop to some important teaching of Jesus about the values of the kingdom of God. In ordinary society the normal practice is to be self promoting, always seeking to be one step ahead or to find ways to have one's reputation enhanced. Jesus sees this as evidence of shallow behaviour, guided by a mistaken notion of a person's true worth. The value of humility as taught by Jesus is that our understanding of our worth is not dependant on being better than or more important than somebody else. It is not about comparison at all. Our true sense of self worth comes from within. Hence the significance of Jesus' command to the man who had invited him to the meal. The next time he has a dinner, instead of using it as an occasion to further himself, why doesn't he invite all those people who can't repay him? No doubt that suggestion ensured that Jesus was not invited back, but it gently exposes the often shallow ways in which people deal with each other.

Reflection

Humility is a virtue not much spoken about today. This is the era in which self esteem is promoted, sometimes to the detriment of all other aspects of a person's development. Of course there is no conflict between true self esteem and the value of humility as taught by Jesus. The problem may be that nowadays humility might be seen as weakness, the humble person might be regarded as a pushover. That would be a mistake and we only have to look to Jesus to see how big a mistake. The philosophy that might is right is capable of unleashing dreadful violence and of inflicting untold damage on human society. It represents the opposite worldview to that preached by Jesus and brings about no real change. However, to live as gently and humbly as Jesus did is to commit oneself to a better world, armed only with a deep conviction that God is love.

Sean Goan Let the Reader Understand



	02September	08 September	Mass Intentions
	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	
Mon	9.30am		IC IN XC
Tue		7.00pm Kevin & Pat Loughan	
Wed		9.30am	
Thur	9.30am		
Fri	9.30am		
Sat		6.00pm vigil	
Sun	9.30am Special Intention 12.00 noon Hilary McKavanagh	10.45am Bridget Trowlen	

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

MONTH'S MIND: Brigid McAreavey

ANNIVERSARIES: Sean Doherty, George & Mary Alice Grant, Paddy & Emma O'Neill, Paddy Lewsley, Kevin Loughan, Angela Owen (nee Cushnahan), Paddy O'Hara, Rita Crossen, George Walsh, Jim McGarrell (30th)

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 \pounds 5. This Week's dedications:

Special Intentions

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, September, Fr Colm visited the Southern half on First Friday week and he will visit the Northern half in October 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.

<u>CONFESSIONS</u>: St Joseph's Church 6.00pm 6th September (First Friday)

MATER DEL FOLK GROUP resumes singing at the 10.45 am Sunday Masses on 1st 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.

<u>OUR PARISH RETREAT AT DRUMALIS</u> 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.

<u>ST VINCENT DE PAUL</u> Emergency Helpline Crumlin/Aldergrove 07754427088 <u>GLENAVY AND KILLEAD BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:</u> A member of the Bethany Group may be contacted on the following phone number 07746032796

	PARISH DRAW WEEK 17		
	Winner £100: Winner: £50:	Nora Lavery John Kearney	Crumlin Aldergrove
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.

<u>RCIA (THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS)</u> 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 Mc Cann 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

FeumoreMon11.00am—12noonSt JamesMon5.00pm—8.00pmMater DeiWed10.00am—12noon and 5.00pm—9.00pm5.00pm—9.00pmSt Joseph'sThurs6.00pm—9.00pmDivine Mercy Chaplet is prayed in Mater Dei 6.30pm on Wednesday

THE GLENAVY BRANCH OF APOSTOLIC WORK are holding their Annual Afternoon Tea in St Clare's Hall on Sunday 6th October at 3pm sharp till 5pm approx. Entertainment, Ballot, Tombola, Tickets: £5 available from any member or contact 02894422852 or 02892651265

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

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION OF REPARATION as requested by Our Lady of Fatima will take place in St Joseph's Church, Killough, Chapel Street, BT30 7QJ on **Saturday 7th September**: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 8.30am; Sacrament of Reconciliation from 8.45 to 9.45am; Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 9.00am; Meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary at 9.30am, Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 10.00am.

GROWTH IN PRAYER AND REFLECTIVE LIVING: In association with the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, Glasgow. This is a one-year programme (30 x 2.5 hour sessions) for those who want a closer relationship with God, who struggle with prayer, who want to make choices that are in tune with God's dream for the world. No expertise in prayer or reflection is required. The first session is on Monday, September 16th beginning at 7 pm. For further details, please contact Drumalis during office hours (02828 272196) or email <u>maura@drumalis.co.uk</u>

<u>A MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND</u> 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 Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry and The Lake Hotel Killarney, on 15th -17th November 2019. For info. and to book, visit <u>www.marriageencounter.ie</u> or call <u>+44 770 281 2321</u> or +353 <u>87 784</u> <u>0408</u>.

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 or call Sheila on 0790 286 9646. You can also look up <u>www.rachelsvineyardni.org</u>. 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 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 **Website:** 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: <u>https://</u> www.cruse.org.uk/from-inside-out-conference