

SPRED: Our parish **SPRED** meetings will begin again, Wednesday 25th September, 6:45 - 8:30 p.m., in Ballymacrick P.S. If you would like to join us, either as a new member or volunteer with the group, we will be delighted to see you.

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.

ST JOSEPH'S GAC LOTTO: Thursday 5 Sept Winning Numbers 9-22-25-28 Jackpot £2,000 No Winners. 3 Numbers Ethel Bushe, Robert Colburn. **LUCKY DIPS** Desmond McCann, Maura McCorry, Kieran O'Neill. Next week's Jackpot £2,050. Visit the club's new website and enter the lotto draw at www.glenavygac.com. where you can also keep up to date with club affairs.

REGISTERED CHILDMINDER available for pick-up from Ballymacrick P.S. Contact Shaneen 07713489575

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

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

COFFEE MORNING every Friday 10.00am—11.00am

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING 9am—12noon Friday 27th September

YOGA WITH EIMEAR recommences Monday 2nd September 6.45pm—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

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

TABLE TENNIS every Monday 8pm. Beginners welcome.

QUIZ: Friday 18th October £5 entry Tea/Coffee or bring your own. All proceeds to St Clare's Hall.

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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR
15TH 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

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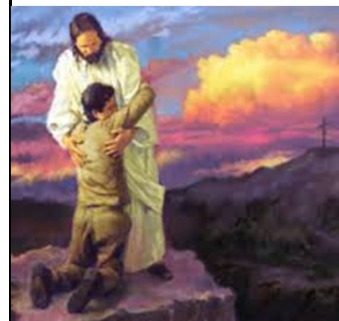
GOSPEL

We have already heard the story of the Prodigal Son this year (in Lent) so why again? The simple answer is that we can't hear it enough, for the image of God that is put to us here is one that we do not easily believe in. While it may be the best known of Jesus' parables it is frequently thought of as being a story for sinners to persuade them to repent. However, in its context in ch 15 of Luke the story is told by Jesus to the Pharisees who are grumbling and complaining about him keeping company with such people. The parable is as much about the relationship between the father and the older brother. He is the one who feels hard done by and is probably the person that most of us would identify with in the story. We like the idea of a merciful God but we get upset when that mercy is shown to those we consider undeserving.

REFLECTION

The gospel and readings for today all point us in the direction of the mercy of God that this wonderful parable celebrates. The temptation of the Israelites in the wilderness was to forget the God of the Covenant who wanted them to go forward in faith, and to opt rather for the familiar religions which appeared to offer security and prosperity. These readings are a reminder that the story of biblical faith is not one of riches and prosperity for those who believe but one of developing a loving trust in the God who wants us to walk in his ways and who lifts us up when we fall.

Sean Goan
Let the Reader Understand



	16 September	22 September	Mass Intentions
	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	
Mon	9.30am		
Tue		7.00pm	
Wed		9.30am Rita & Jimmy O'Dowd	
Thur	9.30am Jim Nelson		
Fri	9.30am Patrick O'Boyle		
Sat		6.00pm vigil Joseph Dean	
Sun	9.30am 12.00 noon John Loughan	10.45am Terry Murray & John Donnelly	



REQUIESCANT IN PACE

RECENTLY DECEASED: Teresa McAtamney (mother of Paula McLaughlin)

ANNIVERSARIES: John & Magdalene Henry, Joseph McGarry, Gerald Doherty, Patrick O'Boyle, Jim Nelson, Sheila Hall, Fergus Phillips Jnr, Rita & Jimmy O'Dowd, Austin Crossen, Kathleen Corr,

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: **DM, Vocations, JM**

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 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.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE: There will be a meeting of the Finance Committee on Tuesday 17 September in St Joseph's Presbytery at 8.00pm

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The Parish Pastoral Council will meet at 7pm on Wednesday 18th September 2019 in St Joseph's Parochial House. All existing members and new members are asked to attend. Agenda items from parishioners should be passed to the Parish Office for consideration at least a week before the meeting.

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.

FIRST COMMUNION MEETING: Parents of children hoping to receive their first Eucharist next year in the parish are asked to attend a meeting in their school on Thursday 19 September. St Joseph's P.S. meeting is at 6.15 pm. Ballymacrickett P.S at 7.30pm. Parents of children attending other schools should attend which ever is convenient.

SAFE GUARDING MEETING: The leaders and deputy leaders of all parish groups are requested to attend a meeting in St Joseph's Annex on Thursday 19 September at 7.00pm

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

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

THE GLENNAVY 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

MATER DEI FOLK GROUP WILL SOON BE 40!: Calling all former members – would you like to be part of the 40th 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.

SEPTEMBER ON LOUGH DERG: Standard One Day Retreats in September: Sat 21, Sun 22 & Sun 29. Special Living with Suicide Day Retreat, Sat 28 September. Advance booking is essential for any of these dates. Tel 071 9861518 or email info@loughderg.org

COLLECTIONS 08/09/2019

WEEKLY OFFERING: £2,615

Thank you for your generosity

PARISH DRAW WEEK 19

Winner £100: Bernadette McGrandles Glenavy

Winner: £50: Michael McAlister Glenavy

Congratulations to our winners

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 maura@drumalis.co.uk

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 Killamey, on 15th -17th November 2019. For info. and to book, visit 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 or call Sheila on 0790 286 9646. You can also look up 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 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:** <https://www.cruse.org.uk/from-inside-out-conference>