

ST VINCENT DE PAUL Emergency Helpline Crumlin/Aldergrove 07754427088. Volunteers urgently required.

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 **5/12/2019** Winning Numbers **4-23-26-28**. Jackpot £500 **No Winner** . 3 Numbers **.None** **LUCKY DIPS** : **Eithne McLaughlin, Joanne Smit, Mary Patton** Next week's Jackpot £2,000. Visit the club's new website and enter the lotto draw at www.glenavy-gac.com. where you can also keep up to date with club affairs.

ST JOSEPH'S GAC GLENNAVY are holding a **BIG BREAKFAST** on Sunday 22nd Dec from 10.00-1pm. Santa will be there - bring the children along to meet Santa and get a gift also our **ANNUAL CHARITY TABLE QUIZ** in the Fiddlers on Sat 28th Dec at 8.30pm. All proceeds to Parish Funds

CHRISTMAS TREES: McCorry's now open. For more information phone Eamon 07798891971

HOPE MISSION ZAMBIA TABLE QUIZ AND RAFFLE in Lily Johnstons Sat 14th Dec at 9.30pm. Entry £5. Everyone welcome

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.

CHRISTMAS CENTREPIECE MAKING WORKSHOP: Saturday 14th December 1pm-2pm. Tuition from Greenmount Floristry Lecturer Anne Marie. Cost £20 includes floristry quality container, foam, narrow candle, carnations, oranges, lotus heads, cones, cinnamon sticks, ribbon, (BYO baubles)

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP: Saturday 14th December 2pm-3.30pm. Tuition from Greenmount Floristry Lecturer Anne Marie. Cost £25 includes floristry quality Spruce ring, oranges, lotus heads, cones, cinnamon sticks, ribbon and foliage.

COFFEE MORNING every Friday 10.00am—11.00am

YOGA WITH EIMEAR Monday 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 every Wednesday 10.30am.

ST CLARE'S BOWLING CLUB Monday's 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.

Bingo

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

Jackpot £1,000 in **50** Numbers


Line£15 House £25

Scoop £25 Line House £50

Game 9 if Jackpot not won, House £50



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8TH DECEMBER 2019

Very Rev Fr Colm McBride PP: St Joseph's
Presbytery, 59 Chapel Road, Glenavy, BT29 4LY 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
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A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community

THE STRAIGHT WAY

Before the motorways a journey took ages, with twists and turns, corners and hills. Now much has been made straight.

John's message was that we would live along a path where words and actions match, and where kindness matches convictions.

John the Baptist was a man on one mission – to be the messenger of the one he did not know. His life had a vision and a purpose, like when we are really committed to people or to causes or to the poor or to peace in the world. John was the man of desert food and desert dress; he took time out to find what the biggest thing in life was and then kept following it, often not knowing where it would go.

The human heart is complicated and we know that. We need that one who will touch our hearts with love and forgiveness and guide us himself in ways that are straight, and whose hand will guide us along straight paths when we need it.

God's guiding is gentle. John found that Jesus was a gentler guide: no name-calling, no bringing the axe to the tree, but calling each of us his friend, and nourishing the tree rather than cutting it down.

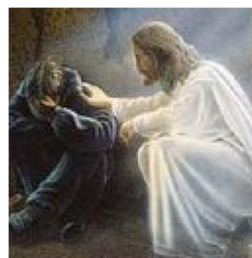
Jesus would melt the snow to make a path, not hack at it and destroy in the process. Our hearts can be melted by the love of God and love of others.

Think of or remember a time when you made a decision to follow the way of Jesus. Offer this to him again.

Lord God, make our hearts like yours.


Donal Neary SJ

Gospel Reflections for Sundays of Year A: Matthew



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER

Masses	9.30am	St Joseph's
	7.00pm	Mater Dei

9 December		15 December	Mass Intentions
	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	
Mon	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9.30am	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 7.00pm	
Tue		7.00pm	
Wed		9.30am	
Thur	9.30am		
Fri	9.30am Sr Miriam O'Brien & Clare Walsh		
Sat		6.00pm vigil Joe Dunican (1st)	
Sun	9.30am DTIM Dearbhla Harbinson 12.00 noon	10.45am DTIM James Turner	

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

RECENTLY DECEASED: Elizabeth (Lily) McCullagh and Michael Kennedy

MONTH'S MIND: Marie O'Neill and Baby Eunan Gerard Owens

ANNIVERSARIES: Amanda McGriskin (1st), Thomas Boyle, Cissie Brazier, Paddy Hickland, Sr Miriam Therese O'Brien, Mary & Mick McCorry, Molly McPeake, Lily Fleeton, Patrick & Kate McCorry, Dessie O'Hare, Mary Murray, Annie Heatley, Clare Walsh.

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:

Special Intentions: EH, Special Intentions, SK, M&H

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET will be recited at 6.30pm on Wednesdays in Mater Dei Church

PERPETUAL NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP: A Perpetual Novena is celebrated at the 7.00pm Mass, Mater Dei Church each Tuesday evening.

ROSARY AT THE GROTTO, Glenavy, on the last Friday of each month at 7.00pm

DO THIS IN MEMORY FIRST EUCHARIST PROGRAMME continues next Sunday at the 9.30am and 10.45 am Masses

THE GLENNAVY BRANCH OF APOSTOLIC work would like to thank everyone who helped to make their Christmas Sale so successful. The sum of £3,420 was raised for the Missions

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

COLLECTIONS 01/12/2019

WEEKLY OFFERING: £2,480

MONTHLY OFFERING: £2,210

Thank you for your generosity

PARISH DRAW WEEK 31

Winner: £100: Sarah McAreavey Upp Ballinderry

Winner: £50 Mary Mooney Upp Ballinderry

Congratulations to our winners

ST VINCENT DE PAUL will be conducting their Giving Sunday Church Door Collection this Sunday 8th Dec. All funds raised will be spent in this community helping those who need it most with food, heating and education costs.

Parish Bazaar:

The Parish Bazaar held last Sunday afternoon raised the sum of **£12,000**. On behalf of our parish community I wish to acknowledge and thank the extra-ordinary generosity of the many individuals and businesses in the Crumlin and Glenavy area and beyond who donated prizes or provided materials to make the Bazaar such a success.

A special thank you to Crumlin Travel and British Airways for their wonderful and generous gift.

The winner of the trip to Las Vegas was Mrs Mona Magennis, of Glenavy

Thank you to everyone, who, from every end of the parish came along on the day and gave their support. All of the proceeds will be used to reduce our parish debt.

This is a outstanding achievement by everyone involved. Thanks to the team of volunteers on the Bazaar Committee and those who assisted on the day. May God bless you all.

Fr Colm Mc Bride P.P.

GRAND TURKEY CHRISTMAS WHIST

St Clare's Community Hall on; Sunday 8th December at 8pm Scorecards £6 (supper included) Ballot. All proceeds in aid of parish debt relief.

YOUTH FOR CHRIST will meet in St John's Hall on Mon 9th Dec at 7pm. Prayer for Youth for Christ and Crumlin

FAITH & FRIENDSHIP GROUP will meet 8pm in St Aidan's Parish Hall, Glenavy. All welcome. Refreshments afterwards

BALLYMACRICKETT PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY UNIT: Open Evening: Monday 9th December 2019. Principal's talk at 7.00pm followed by a tour of the school. Parents/guardians of prospective Nursery and Primary 1 children for September 2020 are welcome to attend.

GLENNAVY AND KILLEAD PARISH invite you to prepare for the Liturgical Year A spend a day with Sr Pamela Thimmes OSC sharing her experience and spirituality on Matthew's Gospel, in St Joseph's Primary School Hall on Saturday 25th January 2020 from 10 am to 4pm. Lunch and light refreshments will be provided A donation will be gratefully accepted Book your place by Friday 10th January with the parish office T: 028 94422278; E: glenavy@downandconnor.org

A CELTIC CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT : Join the award-winning St Agnes' Choral Society for a Celtic Christmas on Friday 13th December at 7.45pm in St. Peter's Cathedral, Belfast. With donations in aid of Belfast City Hospital's Renal Unit, the company will take you on a journey with some beautiful Christmas music, thoughts and reflections. They are delighted to be joined by South Down Choral Society and Schola Cantorum. Tickets are £12 (£6 chn) and are available from St. Peter's Cathedral, online at www.tinyurl.com/agneschristmas or by calling 07786837198.

DEFIBRILLATOR APPEAL UPDATE: The Borough Council has awarded us with a grant towards the cost of an external defibrillator at St James, which will be installed soon. We now have 3 defibrillators in the parish all registered with the Ambulance Service. A course in CPR/First Aid will run in the new year. Anyone interested in attending should call, Joanne White on 94453485. Many thanks again for all your help.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREATS are a beautiful healing opportunity for anyone struggling with the spiritual or emotional pain of an abortion. The weekend helps you to experience the love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness of God. It enables suffering souls to find peace and transform the pain of the past into a future full of hope. For information call Marian in complete confidence on 07814 748 744 or e mail marian-rvni@yahoo.co.uk and check us out on Facebook.

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