

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

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

LOST AND FOUND: A lady's handbag was found in after the Parish Bazaar in St Clare's Hall. Please contact the Parish Office.

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 **12/12/2019** Winning Numbers **3-17-19-20**. No Winner. Jackpot £600 **No Winner**. 3 Numbers. **None LUCKY DIPS : Mark Trowlen, Patricia Henry, Tom Kearney.** 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.

The winners of the 100 club draw for November and the £300, are Patricia and Cormac Green.

Congratulations

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

BLESSED TRINITY COLLEGE warmly invites you to our Open Evenings on Tuesday 14th January and Wednesday 15th January. From 6.00pm -6.45pm, there will be a tour of Sports and Technology Facilities on our Antrim Road Site. There will be an address by the Principal at 7pm followed by a tour of the Somerton Road Site. The Opening Evening will be a great opportunity to come and experience life in Trinity and see all we have to offer. Please come along and be part of our journey.

ST DOMINIC'S OPEN DAY, Saturday January 11th 2020, 9.30- 1.00 pm Principal's Address – 9.30 and 11 am Primary 6 and 7 pupils are 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.

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.



Christmas Bingo

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

Jackpot £1,000 in **50** Numbers

Line£15 House £25

Scoop £25 Line House £50

Game 9 if Jackpot not won, House £50

No Bingo Thursday 26th December
Happy Christmas to all our Patrons



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
15TH DECEMBER 2019

Very Rev Fr Colm McBride PP: St Joseph's Presbytery, 59 Chapel Road, Glenavy, BT29 4LY 94459560
(In emergencies Fr Dedan 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

 www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish

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GOOD NEWS OF GOD

John the Baptist was a man of passionate commitment to what he believed in. He strongly believed in the coming of the Christ. This man of faith was being tested in that Jesus was a different type of Christ or Messiah from what he expected. He often won-dered who the Messiah would be.

John was a man with a lot of conviction and truth. He preached what he believed. He practised what he taught.

But he seemed to miss the point sometimes. He seemed to miss that Jesus would be found, not in preaching only but in help-ing others. John preached repentance for sin; Jesus preached the coming of the kingdom.

The blind would see, and the lame would walk – these were to be signs of the coming of the 'One to come'.

Pope Francis says: 'There is no prayer in which Jesus does not inspire us to do something/ Our faith in Jesus is seen in strong action. The poor are helped at our pre-Christmas collections. We might ask not what we might get for Christmas, but how our Christmas might help others. We might ask that Christmas will be happy for others because of us – happy in body, with enough food for every family, happy in mind that we know the truth of God's coming into the world, and happy in for-giveness, as that is one of God's biggest gifts.


What is the good news of Jesus for you just now?

Lord, let me believe that your life is good news and share this good news with all I meet in word and action.

Donal Neary SJ

Gospel Reflections for Sundays of Year A: Matthew



	16 December	22 December	Mass Intentions
	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	
Mon	9.30am Baby Jodie Lee, Gerard Cormican		
Tue		7.00pm Sally McGarry (1st) & Seamus McGarry	
Wed		9.30am Pat McLornan	
Thur	9.30am		
Fri	9.30am Kathleen May		
Sat		6.00pm vigil	
Sun	9.30am 12.00 noon Cathal Clenaghan & Heloise & James Mulholland	10.45am Hugh Faloon, Ena White, Gerardine Cummins	

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Rooney, Fr Brendan McHugh, Michael Kennedy

ANNIVERSARIES: Joe Dunican (1st), Sally McGarry (1st), Fiona Scott (1st), Dearbhla Harbinson, James Turner, Family of Baby Jodie Lee, Sr Miriam Therese O'Brien, Kevin Armstrong, Maureen Armstrong, Mary Gaffney, Trea Grant, Dr Colm Armstrong, James & Mary Doone, Gerard Cormican, Seamus McGarry, Pat McLornan, Kathleen May,

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: JH, Gerard Stafford, B,F,J,V,M, Maria Mooney

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

THE GOVERNMENT HAS A CONSULTATION DOCUMENT asking how abortion services should be provided here. The closing date is the 16th Dec 2019. We can ask for things like time limits, the provision of a scan for all mothers, provision of Life counselling, a conscience clause for doctors and nurses for all actions related to abortion. Please take time to fill in this survey on-line. Here's the link.

<https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/nio-implementation-team/a-new-legal-framework-for-abortion-services-in-ni/>

MATER DEI FOLK GROUP : We would like to thank all those who helped and supported our 40th birthday celebration. The sum of £337.00 was raised and has been donated to help with the parish debt.

GRAND TURKEY CHRISTMAS WHIST : A big thank you to everyone who supported the Parish Whist. A total of £450 was raised in aid of Parish Funds

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

A Penitential Service will be held in Mater Dei Church on Sunday 22 December at 3.00pm.

A number of visiting priests will be available. Please take this opportunity to make final spiritual preparation for Christmas.

ST JAMES PRIMARY SCHOOL: The former St James Primary School on the Diamond Road at Aldergrove has been put up for sale by the Diocese. Details have been available on the estate Agents Website(OKT) for several weeks. All enquires should be made to OKT Estate Agents Tel. 90248181. Closure date 20 December 2019

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING: There will be a meeting of the Crumlin and Aldergrove Eucharistic Ministers on Monday

GLENVY 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

ANNUAL COMMUNITY CAROL SERVICE: This annual Service will take place in St Aidan's Church of Ireland in Glenavy on Sunday 22 December commencing 6.30pm. Parishioners are encouraged to lend their support to this community event.

THE LIVING CHURCH OFFICE will host the **second of three** Development Days for leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word on, **Saturday 25th of January**, here in our offices at, **120, Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT14 6LA**. The day will commence at **9.30am** and finish at **3.30pm**. Development Days are designed to nourish, support, and resource, all those involved in leading Children's Liturgy of the Word in their parish. Due to the popularity of these days, early registration is advised. As usual, there will be time for prayer, input, discussion and activities. There is no charge for the day and lunch and all necessary resources will be provided. To book your place, please contact Caren at c.collins@downandconnor.org or ring the **Living Church Office on 02890690920**

HEALTHCARE VISITOR TRAINING: Are you a lay person who might be interested in healthcare visitation either within your local parish context or within a chaplaincy context? Are you a lay person who visits healthcare facilities as part of your church responsibilities? Do you sometimes feel unsure what to do, what to say or how to react to the different pastoral situations you meet or could meet in a healthcare setting? Please consider attending training for healthcare visitors: Venue: Edgehill House, 9 Lennoxvale, Belfast BT9 5BY; Dates: Thursday 23rd to Thursday 19th March 2020, 7-9pm. Fee: £75. Contact Parish Office for details.

MASS TIMES FOR THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY

CHRISTMAS EVE: 24 DECEMBER

St Joseph's	7.00pm
Mater Dei:	7.00pm
St Joseph's	10.30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY: 25 DECEMBER

St James	9.00am
St Joseph's	9.30am&11.30am
Feumore	10.45am
Mater Dei	10.00am &11.30am

COLLECTIONS 08/12/2019

WEEKLY OFFERING: £2,215

Thank you for your generosity

PARISH DRAW WEEK 32

Winner: £100:	Brenda McCloy	Crumlin
Winner: £50	Una Dearnaley	Upp Ballinderry

Congratulations to our winners

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 marianrvni@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