

MINISTRY OF THE WORD: There is a need to recruit additional Ministers of the Word for service particularly in St Joseph's Church. This is an essential Ministry in the Church. Once you are accepted training will be given. Please contact Fr Mc Bride if you would be interested.

THE ANNUAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS AND VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE will take place on Friday 28 February 2020, the first Friday of Lent. The diocese will mark this day with a Mass in St Patrick's Church, Donegall Street, Belfast, at 1 pm on Friday 28 February.

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE will be held in The Moravian Church, Lower Ballinderry, on Friday 6th March at 8.00pm. The Service has been prepared by the women of Zimbabwe and the theme is 'Rise! Take your Mat and Walk'. All welcome to attend.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2020: Full board in hotel: 7 nights (7-14 July) for £725 or 5 nights (8-13 July) for £650. Full board for sick or infirm pilgrims with medical and nursing care in Accueil Notre Dame: 5 nights (8-13 July) for £550. Youth Team (5-14 July) £590. All flights from Belfast Int'l Airport. Application form now available from the Parish Office or for further information contact the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 9077 0162, email: Lourdes@downandconnor.org or visit www.downandconnor.org/Lourdes

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

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

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, Glenavy, on the last Friday of each month at 7.00pm

DIOCESAN VOCATION WEEKEND: Have you ever considered the possibility that God is calling you to the priesthood? If so, take this opportunity to gather with other men who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood. This retreat will create the time and space to help you discern God's calling in your life. The retreat will take place in Drumalis Retreat Centre, from Friday 6th – Sunday 8th March 2020. If you wish to attend this retreat or would like further information contact: Fr. Kev k.mcguckien, 23 Hannahstown Hill, Belfast, BT17 0LT (02890614567) Email: k.mcguckien@downandconnor.org.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED IN PARISH WORK e.g. visiting the elderly. If so why not join the legion of Mary. Tel Patricia 07751345760

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.

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 results for **20th Feb. 20 Winning nos. 1-7-17-23. Jackpot £1050**— No Winners. **3 Numbers.** Fergal Cienaghan.. **Lucky Dips:** Megan McGarry – Joanne Cormican – David Honeyford. **Next week's Jackpot £1100.** Visit the club's new website and enter the lotto draw at www.glenavygac.com. You can also keep up to date with all club affairs here.

GLENNAVY'S GOT TALENT: Auditions Saturday 14th March 1-4pm in St Clare's Community Hall, Glenavy. Final 21st March Doors open 7pm. Audition Fee £5. Tickets for the FINAL £10 or 2 for £15— Under 12's Free. Under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. If interested contact Sharon 07788435950 E:sharonheatley@hotmail.com All proceeds to help with costs for Nismat students representing Northern Ireland in Rome June 2020@Dance World Cup.

CLADY VINTAGE MOTORCYCLE CLUB are holding their Annual Auto Jumble Sale in St Clare's Hall on 28th Feb at 5.00pm—10.00pm and Saturday 29th Feb 9.00am—3.00pm.

Stew and soup available Friday evening, breakfast baps, stew, soup, tea coffee and tray bakes available on Saturday.

KILLULTAGH HISTORICAL SOCIETY will meet in St John's Church Hall on Monday 24th February at 8.0pm. This month's topic: 'The story of the Local Suffragette Movement. Guest Speaker: Josephine Harbison.



**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
TEMPERANCE SUNDAY
23RD FEBRUARY 2020**

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

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UNITED IN PRAYER IN THE COMMON PURPOSE OF CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE


The liturgical season of Lent helps us prepare for the great feast of Easter, and for the forty days of Lent (where Sundays are excluded in the counting of the days), we commit ourselves in a special way to prayer, almsgiving, denial of self and ego, and acts of penance. It is, essentially, an act of prayer extended for forty consecutive days that takes us on a spiritual journey that, hopefully, will bring us closer to God. The number 'forty' is mentioned well over a hundred times in the Bible as it held special spiritual relevance in both the Old and the New Testaments with regard to periods of preparation, testing or probation. Think of the forty days and nights Moses spent on Mount Sinai before God gave him the Ten Commandments and, in the New Testament, the forty days that Jesus spent in the desert before He began His public ministry.

Aside from the fast and abstinence days of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, anything we give up or taken on to do during Lent may be considered self-disciplinary in nature and are often more effective if we see them through every day of Lent, including Sundays and the Irish 'free pass' of St Patrick's Day! Our sacrifices for Lent are not Church or law-governed, but a matter of individual conscience.

As part of its apostolate, the Pioneer Association has a Short-Term Pledge section for adults over the age of eighteen years. This enables a person who does not wish to make a life commitment to total abstinence to take a pledge for a limited period of time. Many people who have problems with alcohol over-consumption have used this pledge to help them, while others want to do something uplifting or challenging for themselves or for others for a particular season of the year, i.e., for Lent, for the month of the Holy Souls in November or for Advent, in preparation for Christmas. Many of these 'Short-Term Pledgers' have gone on to become longer-term and frequent members. Many have used it to buttress their resolution to stay 'dry' for a particular month for their own personal reasons.

If you feel that you can and would like to take the pledge for the six weeks of Lent, please go online at www.pioneerassociation.ie and follow the links to join. A small fee applies if you wish to have the Pioneer emblem and the registration card.



24th February		1st March	Mass Intentions
	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	
Mon	9.30am		
Tue		7.00pm James Donnelly, Mary McStay, Grace Meharg	
Wed	Ash Wednesday A day of Fast & Abstinence 7.00pm	Ash Wednesday A day of Fast & Abstinence 9.30am	
Thur	9.30am		
Fri	NO MASS		
Sat		6.00pm vigil Brian O'Neill, Alice Kennedy	
Sun	9.30am Holy Souls, William & Mary Pauline Eastwood 12.00 noon James Savage, Roy Connolly	10.45am	

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

RECENTLY DECEASED: Rev Gerard McConville, May Lenaghan

MONTH'S MIND: Rose Cormican & Janet Lunnon

ANNIVERSARIES: Natalie Greig, Susan Mailey, John & Molly Brennan, Joe & Mina Mooney, Bridie & Jim O'Neill, James Donnelly, Mary McStay, Grace Meharg, Rosemary Barber, John Magee, Mary Hughes, Betty Mulholland, Eddie Heatley, Joe McPeake, Anne & Bill Collins, Sally and James Mulholland, Len Martin, Patrick Cardwell, John Close

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS: A Sanctuary Lamp burns for a week in each of our 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:

HD, Eddie Heatley,

DONATION: I wish to acknowledge the generous gift to the parish of £1000 from a parishioner to meet the cost of some equipment which will be used to present faith development programmes in the parish.
Fr Colm Mc Bride

LENTEN DAILY REFLECTIONS BOOKLETS are now available in St Joseph's Church and Mater Dei Church: 'My Day by Day' booklet £1 and Bible Alive £2.50

THE PARISH BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT invite all parishioners who have been bereaved at any time to Mater Dei Parochial House for a 5 week Bereavement Healing Programme commencing at 7pm each Wednesday from 4th March to 1st April 2020. This free Healing Programme is a very gentle set of 5 sessions during which we will look at the grieving process and the impact of loss and loneliness in our lives. Looking at coping strategies and self-care in a warm and confidential environment. Although the course will not heal the grief, it will give the tools to help on the journey through grief and loss. Places on the course can be booked through the Parish Office. For more information please call 07746032796.

COLLECTIONS 16/02/2020

WEEKLY OFFERING: £2,325
SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS: £1,455

Thank you for your generosity

PARISH DRAW WEEK 42

Winner: £100: Mildred Doran Glenavy
Winner: £50: Hugh Brankin Upp Ballinderry

Congratulations to our winners

Ash Wednesday

26 February

Ashes will be distributed during Mass at 9.30am in Mater Dei and at 7.00pm in St Joseph's.



*Turn away from sin
and be faithful to the gospel*

A day of obligatory fast and abstinence for all who are members of the Catholic Church

We try to reduce the amount of food or drink or some other pleasure, in atonement for our sin, or/and in solidarity with those in the world who don't have any choice in the matter.

Parish Lenten Programme—No Greater Love: Thousands sought Jesus during His life. Only a few journeyed with Him to Calvary. Will you walk step-by-step with Jesus from His Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane to his Seven Last Words on the Cross? No Greater Love is a 5 week biblical pilgrimage through the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ that reveals His amazing love for us. This faith development programme is delivered in prayer with short video presentations and small group discussions. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be handouts and Scripture references for you to study and pray with at home so as to deepen your experience of Christ's love in your life.

It begins on Thursday 5th March at 7pm in Mater Dei Parochial House, Crumlin, until Thursday 2nd April. We encourage you to come along, enrich your Lenten journey and be open to encountering the compassionate love of Christ. For further information or to register to join us over the 5 weeks please contact the Parish Office 028 94422278.

BELOVED DISCIPLES: This is a short 4 week faith development programme for the over 60's in our parish. It's about spirituality in the Autumn of life and the issues which arise among seniors and how they can be enriched through our faith. The course will be held in St Clare's Hall at 11.00am on Friday mornings with each of the four sessions lasting about 1 hour 15 minutes. It will involve watching parts of a DVD followed by talking and listening to each other. The programme will be facilitated by a member of the Diocesan Living Church Office. Please consider this opportunity. It is very enjoyable and non-threatening. Contact the Parish Office for more information and just come along to the first session on Friday 6th March for 11.00am or come earlier and have a cup of tea and a scone beforehand in the tea bar.

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL HAVE PROVIDED 'SUGGESTION BOXES' at the back of St. Joseph's and Mater Dei churches. Parishioners are invited to provide feedback and make suggestions for discussion at the Council's monthly meetings. In addition to the suggestion boxes the Parish Pastoral Council remains contactable through the Parish Office and the Facebook page or by speaking to one of the Council Members in person



ACCORD provides a counselling service for any couple who may be experiencing difficulties or challenges in their relationship. The Belfast Centre is situated in Twin Spires Centre, Northumberland Street, Belfast. Tel No-02890339944. Email-belfast@accordni.com

KILMORE AND KILLYLEAGH PARISH: Join us and follow in the footsteps of Padre Pio on this, our first Parish pilgrimage to San Giovanni Rotondo Italy. Return flights from Dublin, 4-nights from 13th September, accompanied by a Spiritual Director and includes a fully escorted religious programme. Tour package £595 per person. £200 deposit to be paid by 7th February 2020 to secure places For additional details visit the website www.kilmoreandkillyleagh.com or contact Joe Walsh tours Tel: 00353 1241 0800.

CLARE LODGE 16TH-18TH MARCH 2020 2 nights full board £90 per person sharing £110 single room occupancy. For further details please contact Clare Lodge 02843722849 or email clare.lodge@svpni.co.uk

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

SPECIAL BELFAST CHRISTMAS PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND €1,899 and 20th July for 8 nights €1,725 Taking in Bethlehem, Jerusalem Mount Tabor, Cana, Nazareth, Jericho, River Jordan, Dead Sea and Sea of Galilee. Contact James Treacy 00353860572216 or 0035361921470 or office 0035318783111 ex Dublin

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA 2020: 12th / 19th Aug'. 7 Nights Full Board, Hotel Avenida. Spiritual Director Fr. Martin Graham. Full Religious Program. with Optional Tours. £719 inclusive of Tax and Insurance. For Further details contact Joe Catney 90714001 or 07776425631

LENT AT TOBAR MUIRE. ASH WEDNESDAY. A conversation on forgiveness between Alan McBride and Jude Whyte, two people who been faced with the challenge of forgiving those who perpetrated awful deeds upon their loved ones. Session begins at 7.30pm. Voluntary donation towards Belfast Welcome Centre.

LENTEN SCRIPTURE COURSE WITH FR. OLIVER TREANOR. A four week series on the Wednesdays of Lent, in which Fr. Oliver Treanor invites us to see the meaning of the Cross in God's plan and as a way of achieving the fullness of life. Begins at 7.30pm and concludes at 9.00pm sharp. Voluntary Donation.

TAKE OFF YOUR SHOES – YOU ARE STANDING ON HOLY GROUND! A three week course, March 1st; March 8th; March 15th, to explore the beauty of Eucharistic Adoration and ways of developing best practice in our personal lives and in our parishes. **Led by:** Fr Tom Scanlon CP. **Time:** 3.00pm – 5.30pm each day. **Voluntary Donation.**

HSC Northern Ireland Foster Care: You are warmly invited to join us as we launch HSC Northern Ireland Foster Care on Tuesday 25 February 9.30am-11.30am at Girdwood Community HUB, BT14 6EG. Throughout Northern Ireland there has been an increase in the number of children coming into the care system and there is an increased demand for foster carers and foster families. This event will give an insight into different types of fostering and will provide accurate information about who can foster. Foster carers and fostering colleagues will be on hand to answer any questions. We will hear first-hand from Foster Carer of the Year 2019 and we will hear from a young person who has experienced foster care. We would be delighted if you could join us. Kindly RSVP by Friday 31st January to karen.carson@belfasttrust.hscni.net or phone 028 9504 0302 for catering purposes. *Kerrylee Weatherall* Co Director Corporate Parenting & Regional Emergency Social Work Service, Belfast HSC Trust