

HEALTH CRISIS: Volunteers Needed: Following a public meeting in Aghalee Village Hall on Tuesday 17 March for representatives of voluntary organisations in our local area, a list of volunteers willing and able to assist the vulnerable in this area during this health crisis is to be compiled. If you wish to add your name go to:

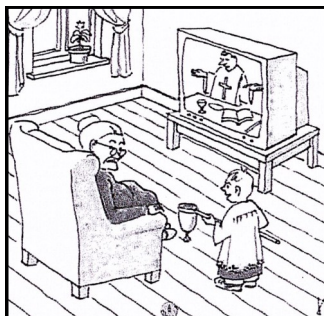
survey123.arcgis.com .

PARISH ENVELOPES: If you normally use parish envelopes please be aware that the boxes for the new year are now available at the back of the Churches. Boxes for parishioners of the northern half of the parish are in Mater Dei and those from the Southern half in St Joseph's. At present we are unable to home deliver.

If you wish to make a one off payment for the year these are the Parish Bank details.:

Parish of Glenavy and Killead
Sort Code 98 04 60 Account 10654677

It has been suggested that parishioners may wish to put their offering aside for the next two months and then leave it in the parish office



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.

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**PARISH BULLETIN ON THE
FOURTH WEEK OF LENT**

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

 www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish

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COVID-19

DIRECTIVES FOR THE DIOCESE OF DOWN AND CONNOR

Effective Wednesday 18 March 2020, until further notice

All Masses in the Diocese are suspended until further notice.

All the faithful are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation. It is hoped to video Sunday Mass and have it relayed live on the parish Facebook page. If you wish to view Mass in some other parishes in Ireland and the UK parish please go to

www.churchservices.tv/whats-on-now/

Funerals: Funeral Masses will continue. You may have noticed that in the Death Notices in the public press families are choosing to announce that the funeral is private. This practice is commended to all families.

Baptisms: will continue but families are asked to restrict those attending to parents and godparents. If parents wish to postpone the baptism please contact the parish office.

Weddings will continue to be celebrated until further notice and couples are asked to consider limiting those attending to immediate family and loved ones. Any couple who wishes to postpone their wedding to a later date should contact Fr McBride.

Opening of Churches

Churches will continue to remain open for private personal prayer. Please remember that Christ is present in the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle.

Sick and Housebound: The weekly visits by the Ministers of The Eucharist to the Sick and Housebound are suspended until further notice, however Fr McBride will continue to visit the Sick and Housebound by arrangement.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: For individuals who wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation please contact with Fr McBride

Please see overleaf Bishop Noel Treanor's Pastoral Letter *Solidarity in a Time of Crisis*

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WEEKLY OFFERING: £1,380

NEEDY PARISHES £675

Thank you for your generosity

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Winner: £100: Patricia Cormican Glenavy

Winner: £50 Rose Crozier Crumlin

Congratulations to our winners

Pastoral Letter from Bishop Noel Treanor
Feast of St Patrick 17 March 2020
Solidarity in a Time of Crisis

My sisters and brothers,

The world-wide outbreak of the coronavirus reveals the fragility of human existence and the reality of suffering. This crisis reminds us that we all part of one global family.

As we face together the physical, psychological, spiritual, social and economic impact of this virus, it is a time to take assurance in the promise of God's presence. The Scriptures recount that in times of plague and human suffering, the promise of God's healing power and strength is present. That divine presence strengthens us in facing such situations with faith and hope.¹

1 Deut. 31:6 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified...for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

I have no doubt that many of you are fearful and anxious as you reflect on the potential personal, familial and societal impact of the virus. You are worrying about your personal health and the welfare of loved ones. You realise the vulnerability of the young, the aged and those with underlying health conditions. As a society, and as brothers and sisters in Christ, we face these anxieties and fears together.

This is a time for us, the People of God to pray, recognizing the broken body of Christ in those who are suffering. This is a time for us to bring a message of hope and to care for those who are feeling isolated and distressed.

We hold in prayer our civic leaders as they face indefinable challenges at local, national and international level. They carry great responsibility and are entrusted with giving courageous direction in addressing the current health situation.

We hold in our prayers our scientists and health-care workers; doctors, pharmacists, nurses, all working in hospitals and health administration, hospital chaplains, counsellors, administrators and volunteers. I pay tribute to the heroic and inspirational work of those in the health service across Northern Ireland. As fellow citizens, we know that changes to current medical provision and to hospital chaplaincy services will be necessary. We also know, however, that such disruption in the short term will enable care to be directed to those most in need.

Ministering Together in a Time of Crisis

As these lines are prepared, I think also of the priests and deacons, religious sisters and brothers, and all who work in the services, agencies and outreach of the diocese. I am deeply conscious that we are now called to give faithful witness in difficult times, as we walk alongside the sick. I ask you to hold all of them in your prayers.

I ask you, my dear people, to care for your clergy and religious as they continue to serve you. Many of our clergy and religious are vulnerable themselves. As Bishop, I have the responsibility to be mindful for their welfare. Changes to the public Celebration of Mass, the sacraments, and pastoral care, alongside the many activities that take place in parishes are necessary to protect society from the transmission of illness. These measures are also necessary to safeguard the welfare of clergy and religious in these changing times.

These times call for extra-ordinary measures. St Paul urges us all in his Letter to the Ephesians, "with all humility and gentleness, with patience, to bear with one another in love" (Eph 4:1-2). We will need to be patient with each other, and supportive of each other, as we struggle together to manage this ever-changing situation and to address emergent pastoral needs.

On this Feast of St Patrick, we are reminded of his prayer of protection. In his prayer, St Patrick assures a despondent Irish people of the ever-present God, especially in times of adversity.

+Noel Treanor

Extract from Saint Patrick's Breastplate

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection,
implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided.
Inspired with this confidence,
I fly to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.
To you I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer. Amen.

Scripture Readings for 4th Sunday of Lent

If you have a Bible why not check these readings out. God speaks to us as we read his Word.

First Reading is from the first Book of Samuel. Chapter 16. verses 1, 6-7, 10-13
David is chosen and anointed.

Psalms 22(23) The Lord is my Shepherd

Second Reading St Paul's Letter to the Ephesians Chapter 5 verses 8-14
...rise from the dead and Christ will shine on you

Gospel: From St John Chapter 9 verses 1-41

He went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.



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 have 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

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