

**PRAYER RESOURCES:**

[www.Pray-as-you-Go.org](http://www.Pray-as-you-Go.org) Daily prayer whenever you need it  
[www.churchservices.tv/whats-on-now](http://www.churchservices.tv/whats-on-now) Daily Mass Live & Other Services

**PARISH ENVELOPES:**

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.

**REQUIESCANT IN PACE**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Edward Hesketh

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Vincent McKavanagh, James & Kathleen Brankin, Jimmy & Elizabeth Heatley, Raymond McCormick, Rev John Sloan, , Charles McCambridge, Brigid McGarry, Isaac Mulholland.

**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:

**Patricia Armstrong, Sarah & Jim McGarry,,**

**RTE WILL BROADCAST MASS** every weekday at 10.30 from St Eunan's and St Columba's Cathedral, Letterkenny, on RTE News Now. The broadcasts will continue at least until 29th March, when current public health measures will be reviewed by the Government.

Mass will be followed each day by a short religious message from representatives of Ireland's other faith communities and Christian traditions.

**PARISH DRAW WEEK 48**

**Winner: £100:** Margaret Gallagher Crumlin  
**Winner: £50** Orna Coyle Glenavy

**Congratulations to our winners**



**PARISH BULLETIN ON THE  
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD**

**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

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Parish Website: [glenavyandkilleadparish.com](http://glenavyandkilleadparish.com)

 [www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish](https://www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish)

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**COVID-19**

**REVISED DIRECTIVES FOR THE DIOCESE OF DOWN AND CONNOR**

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COVID-19: DIRECTIVES

**Public Health Advice**

The Government has issued new and strict directions restricting public movement. We call on every person in the Parish to adhere strictly to these instructions.

**Churches, Parish Offices and Parochial Properties**

All Churches are now closed The Parish Sunday Mass is streamed on the Parish Facebook page on alternate Sundays at 9.30 in St Joseph's and 10.45am in Mater Dei. Next Sunday 12th April, Easter Sunday, Mass will be stream live from Mater Dei at 10.45am

**Holy Week Services: Times and dates of possible Services will be posted on our Facebook page.**

The Parish Office and all Parochial Properties, and Graveyards are closed to public access. The Parish will continue to be contactable by telephone 94459560 or email. Mass will continue to be celebrated (in private) and streamed where possible via webcam and social media.

**Baptisms**

No Baptisms can take place

**Weddings**

No Weddings can take place

**Funerals**

Funeral services will be restricted to a service of committal at the graveside and limited to immediate family only.

**These directives will be kept under regular review**

### ***Gospel Reflection***

The long gospel reading (including the gospel preceding the entrance procession) in the Palm Sunday liturgy provides us with an introduction to the scandalous events of Holy Week. These events range from the people's adulation of Jesus to their demands that he suffer a humiliating and shameful death at the hands of the Romans. Palm Sunday and Holy Week present us with bewildering contradictions in how the people treated Jesus.

At first, the people treated him like a king. There was tremendous joy and excitement among them when he entered Jerusalem — triumphantly in their estimation. They greeted him as the Messiah. In John's Gospel, the crowd is portrayed as having heard Jesus refer to himself as the 'Resurrection and the Life' and they knew that he was 'the one who is to come'.

Less than one week later, however, the crowd, according to Matthew's Gospel, insisted that Jesus be crucified. Their attitude towards him had changed fundamentally and irrevocably. We might well ask: Why? The reason was that he had challenged them to change their lifestyles in imitation of his example, although some scholars suggest that the basis for Jesus' death was his actions in the Temple which had infuriated them. In any event, what a fickle and unreliable people!

Many of us today would not admit to being fickle or to having a superficial faith. We claim to be very different from those people who demanded Jesus' death because we think that we would have behaved differently towards him. However, we forget that it was our sins and the sins of all people that Jesus took on himself when he was crucified.



***Lord have mercy. We have all sinned***

Therefore, each one of us is partially culpable for Jesus' betrayal and death. We cannot blame his Jewish contemporaries for the scandal of his death. We too are God's beloved people. Yet we have betrayed God's love when we have sinned

In contrast to us, God is loyal, steadfast and completely dependable. Fortunately God's love for us is not dependant on our positive response to him. God's love for us in Christ is unfaltering. Jesus died 'for our sins' (1 Cor 15:3). In doing so, he emptied himself totally for our sake, and for the sake of all people of every time and place — although his self-emptying also includes the Incarnation (see Phil 2). Thus he brought us life on the cross even though he lost his own life there. In the face of human betrayal he proved that God's love for us is endless.

The crucial questions for us during Holy Week are: How do we treat Jesus? In what ways do we praise him and welcome him when we meet him in our churches and as we celebrate the sacraments? Sometimes we betray him as we quickly return to our sinful ways. As we accompany him on his final journey to Jerusalem, will we stay with him or will we abandon him like many other people? Can we accept the challenge to become repentant or will we avoid the discomfort of God's will leading us where God wants us to be instead of where we want to be?

There are so many questions. But, then, Holy Week is the week for questions in the lives of Christians everywhere.

### ***For meditation***

***My Father, if it possible, let this cup pass from me.  
Nevertheless, let it be as you, not I, would have it. (Jn 26:39)***

Dear Guardian Angel, go for me to the church, there kneel down at Mass for me. At the Offertory, take me to God and offer Him my service: What I am, what I have, I offer as my gift. At the Consecration, with your seraphic strength, adore my Saviour truly present, praying for those who have loved me, for those who have offended me, and for those now deceased, that the blood of Jesus may purify them all.

During Holy Communion bring me the Body and Blood of Jesus uniting Him with me in spirit, so that my heart may become His dwelling place. Plead with Him, that through His sacrifice all people throughout the world may be saved. When the Mass ends, bring home to me and to every home, the Lord's blessing

**Traditional: included by Cardinal Vincent Nichols in his Pastoral letter for the Fourth Sunday in Lent. 'I was given this prayer a few days ago', he wrote. 'It touched me deeply. It is a prayer of our times.'**

### **Palm Sunday Scripture Readings**

#### **First Reading**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

**50:4-7**

*I did not cover my face against insult- I know I shall not be shamed*

**Psalm 21 : 8-9. 17-20.23-24.**

*My God my God, why have you forsaken me?*

#### **Second Reading**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 2:6-11**

*He humbled himself, but God raised him high.*

#### **Gospel**

**The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 26:14-27:66**

**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](http://www.kilmoreandkillyleagh.com) or contact Joe Walsh tours Tel: 00353 1241 0800.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:anne.ohagan@familycaresociety.org) **Website:** [www.familycaresociety.co.uk](http://www.familycaresociety.co.uk) Thank You

**SPECIAL BELFAST CHRISTMAS PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND** €1,899 and 20<sup>th</sup> 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