

PARISH BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: A member of the Bethany group may be contacted on Tel 0774603279

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 GRAVEYARD: Please be aware that dogs are not permitted within the graveyard at any time, with the exception of registered guide dogs. Notices to this effect have been posted at the entrances. The graveyard is not a public park. It is private property, a sacred place, blessed and consecrated.

St. JOSEPH'S GAC: Lotto results 21st. Jan. 21. Winning nos. 3 – 11 – 21 – 26
Jackpot £3000 — No Winners. 3 Numbers: Kevin Hagan - Una Dunaley—Mark Trowlen – David Fox – Sinead McKeag. **Lucky Dips:** Alana Morrison – John Cor-
mican—Margaret Fyfe. Next week's Jackpot £3000. 2nd Jackpot £900.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

CRUMLIN/ALDERGROVE CONFERENCE Emergency helpline **07754427088**. Crumlin/Aldergrove SVP conference continues to help the needy and vulnerable in our local community during the Covid-19 pandemic and those needs have very sadly been heightened by the pandemic. As a community-based charity, we rely solely on charitable donations, but owing to restrictions the community has been unable to make donations via the red box collections. We would appreciate any and all donations and which can be made via the Crumlin/Aldergrove SVP conference bank account. Account number 41965035, sort code 980460. Your ongoing support is very greatly appreciated during what continues to be a very troubling time for the needy in our community". New volunteers urgently required

ST JOSEPH GLENNAVY CONFERENCE continues its local charitable work during the Covid pandemic. Emergency helpline **07784955647**. Our usual red box for collections has not been available to those who support our work due to on-going restrictions. Anyone wishing to make a regular or one-off donation can do so directly to our bank account, Sort Code 98-04-60. Account Number 41966009. Your support is very much appreciated as we support those most vulnerable in these challenging times in your local community.

AMAZON. You may be aware that when you purchase goods from Amazon, the company gives you the opportunity to select a charity to which Amazon will donate a portion of the value of your purchase. **Drumalis Retreat Centre** in Larne is commended to you for your consideration The retreat centre is a wonderful facility in our Diocese.

PARISH OFFICE.

**Please note that the parish office will have limited opening hours for the next few weeks.
Monday—Friday 10.00am—12.00noon**



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 31 JANUARY 2021

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)
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A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community

GOSPEL NOTES

A dominant aspect of Jesus' work in proclaiming the good news of the kingdom in Mark is his role as a teacher and this is particularly evident in the early chapters. Here we see his teaching making a deep impression on his hearers and they respond with wonder and astonishment. In this teaching Jesus was, no doubt, speaking of God's will for the world in terms that were easily understood by his hearers. Added to this, his action of exorcising demons can be understood as a way of indicating the triumph of good over evil and showing that now is the time to respond with faith to God's action in the world. The prevalence of exorcisms in the gospels is not to be taken as suggesting there was more demonic possession then than now. It is more likely that these accounts reflect ancient views around a range of illnesses that are more easily diagnosed nowadays.

Reflection

In this age of information technology and instant access to information and entertainment, we probably appreciate more than ever the worth of a really good teacher. It is an aspect of Jesus' ministry that can easily be lost sight of, and that is a pity because it is more important that we understand his message than that we believe he was a miracle worker. As disciples we are challenged to continue to grow in understanding, to sit at the feet of Jesus the teacher and to take steps to make our own the wonderful good news of the kingdom. By being properly informed, we are less likely to be led astray by the whole range of 'false prophets' who today compete for our allegiance.

*Sean Goan
Let the Reader Understand*



1 FEBRAUARY —7 FEBRUARY MASS INTENTIONS CELEBRATED PRIVATELY

Saturday 6th February Live streamed from Mater Dei, Mary Maguire

FIRST READING: Deut 18:15-20. To listen to God's Word is the beginning of prophecy, ministry and witness.

SECOND READING: Cor 7:32-35 an invitation to be attentive to the Lord and not to worry.

GOSPEL: Mk 1:21-28 Jesus teaches by example and frees us from the paralysis of fear, anxiety and doubt

RECENTLY DECEASED: Seamus Kane, Brian Carter (England)

ANNIVERSARIES: Tony Flynn (1st), Mary Josephine (Josie) Kealey (1st), Paul Magee, John Magee, Maureen Morgan, Jim Mulholland, Sarah McGarrell, Henry Brazier, John Kerr, Vinnie Armstrong,

SANCTUARY LAMP: Special Intentions, Patricia Armstrong, McCullagh Family

THE GLENNAVY APOSTOLIC BRANCH OF APOSTOLIC WORK would like to thank everyone who contributed to our Church Door Collection in December. The sum of £1,710 was raised for the Missions. Thank you.

ST PATRICKS ACADEMY , LISBURN: A virtual tour, prospectus and information about our school are all available on the school website (www.stpatsni.co.uk) to give pupils and parents a glimpse of daily life in St. Patrick's Academy.

PARISH OFFERINGS MADE BY DIRECT DEBIT/STANDING ORDERS: If you have received a letter regarding your direct debit/standing order, please complete and return the enclosed form to the parish office as soon as possible. It will help with the administration of your offering.

PARISH ENVELOPES can be received at either Sunday or weekday Masses and only during Mass times. Alternatively, if your circumstances permit, make a bank transfer to: **Parish of Glenavy and Killead. Sort Code 98 04 60. Account 10654677.**

MAKING YOUR OFFERING TO THE CHURCH

If you are able, you are encouraged to make a monthly offering to the Church by means of a Bank Transfer. To assist you, the necessary forms are available at the back of the Churches. Both forms need to be completed with one sent to your Bank and the other to the parish office. If you have any queries please contact in confidence the parish secretary or Fr Mc Bride

PREPARATION FOR BAPTISM: If you are seeking to have your child Baptised please contact the parish office. Parents are requested to complete a short preparation programme which during the pandemic is completed via Zoom. Currently baptisms are celebrated on a Friday afternoon or a Saturday morning. As only one family at a time can be accommodated there is a waiting list All baptisms take place in St Joseph's Church.

THE AMBROSE MACAULAY MEMORIAL LECTURE: DR EAMON PHOENIX: *Partition and the Creation of the Northern Ireland State 1912-22.* Well-known historian and broadcaster, Dr Eamon Phoenix, will deliver a Memorial Lecture to honour the life and learning of priest, university chaplain and church historian, Monsignor Ambrose Macaulay. The Lecture will be delivered in collaboration with Anne Donnelly of NI Screen and is co-hosted by the Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University and St Brigid's Parish Belfast. This online event will take place on **Tuesday 2nd February, at 7pm.** To attend, email qubcc@downandconnor.org for Zoom details.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAMMES: During this health emergency, an interactive marriage preparation programme will be delivered via video link by trained Accord facilitators to couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. The final module requires the couple to meet in person with the priest or deacon from the parish of the Bride.

BIBLE ALIVE: Bible Alive is a monthly magazine which provides a great way to get to know the Scriptures from the daily and Sunday Liturgies. There are reflections for each day. Anyone who is interested in learning more about the readings at Mass will find this most encouraging and informative. Copies are £3.00 each and available at the back of the Churches

CO-VID RESTRICTIONS. Public celebration of Mass has been suspended until 6 February. However, the Churches remain open each day for private prayer Please be aware that during this period of lockdown there are limits to the number of people able to attend those Church Liturgies. which are permitted. Weddings and funerals are limited to 25 persons. Baptisms are limited to 10 persons. Please remember that the wearing of masks when entering, while in the Church and when leaving the Church is mandatory.

PARISH DRAW

Week 24

Winner £500 **Desi McCann Glenavy**

Winner £100 **Ethan Doherty** Crumlin

Winner £50 **Maureen Brankin** Aghalee

Congratulations to our winners .

Thank you to all members for your continued support

CRUMLIN YOUTH FOR CHRIST: Crumlin Youth for Christ is a cross community Christian outreach to the young people of Crumlin. This is challenging work and requires great faith and commitment by the volunteers led by Dean Moore. We may not feel able to actively join them but we can help them with necessary resources. CYFC are looking for 20 people to commit to giving £20 a month for the next year. If you could help, please contact our parish representative to CYFC, Clive Duffield on 07967704592

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