

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.

TEMPORARY STAFF REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL MEALS KITCHENS in the Crumlin area. Please phone 94423570 for details.

ST. JOSEPH'S GAC: Lotto Results Thursday 22nd. April 2021. Winning Numbers: 7-8-13-25. The jackpot stands at £3,000. 2nd. Jackpot £1550 No winners. 3 Numbers winners £10: Patricia Connolly-Carla Cormican-Justin O'Neill-Kellie Nelson. Lucky Dip winners 3x£10: Dan Moore-Annie O'Brien-Brendan Mulholland. Next week's Jackpot £3,000. 2ND. £1,550

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



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 2ND MAY 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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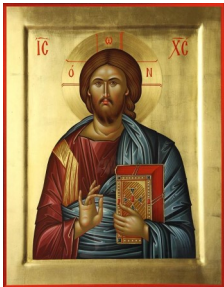
This Sunday in our reading from John there is a change in symbolism from shepherding to that of the vine. This too is an image that derives from the Old Testament where the prophets speak of the chosen people as God's vine that he tends with love in the hope of it producing choice fruit. The evangelist now takes that same idea and revolutionises it by showing us that Jesus is the true vine and the disciples are his branches, in other words they cannot and do not exist apart from him. Two important aspects of the believer's relationship with Jesus emerge from this: intimacy and fruitfulness. We are in complete union with him, that is, we remain or abide in him and draw life from him. Since we draw life from him then we will bear fruit and that means that we cannot claim to be his disciples and live only for ourselves.

Reflection

Looking at the story of Paul in the first reading, we are reminded that we can never predict how and where God will speak to us. It is not difficult to imagine the fear of the Jerusalem church when they heard that Saul was back from Damascus. Some of them had probably witnessed his involvement in the death of Stephen, and now they were being asked to believe that he had become one of them. Surely it was a trick! It took Barnabas to show them the way. Just as God was to be found in a crucified Messiah, why couldn't he now be working through Saul the Pharisee? Sometimes faith demands that we take risks because God would have us look for him in the most unexpected places. If we are attached to Jesus the true vine, then our faith will be nourished and we will remain in him.

*Sean Goan
Let the reader understand*



3rd May		9th May	Mass Intentions
	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	
Mon	9.30am		
Tue		7.00pm	
Wed		9.30am	
Thur	9.30am		
Fri	9.30am		
Sat		6.00pm vigil Fr Tom McKillop & Mary McKillop	
Sun	9.30am PP 12.00 noon Patrick McMennamin	10.45am Bridie Kerr (1st)	

MONTH'S MIND: John O'Brien

ANNIVERSARIES: Bridget Kerr (1st), Kathleen Mooney, Theresa Brankin, John McNally, Louis Courtney, Teresa & Ciaran Heffron, Family of Baby Ryan Brankin,

SANCTUARY LAMP: Special Intention, Emmett and all young people doing exams

FIRST COMMUNION: The girls and Boys in P4 will receive their First Eucharist on Saturday 8th May in St Joseph's Church. Please pray for them and their parents

THE IRISH CATHOLIC: The Irish Catholic is a newspaper printed in Ireland, reporting on current issues, news and articles to do with faith, family and Church teaching and other subjects. It makes for a good read as it presents a view of the Church north and south.

There is a pressing need to increase subscribers so that the paper remains viable. The parish has agreed for a period of time to take a number of copies each week which would be made available free in our Churches with the hope that some parishioners would recognize the value of the paper and take out a personal subscription.

There is a need for such a publication in the Church in Ireland at this time so that the truth of the Churches perspective can be presented in a clear and informed manner in the public realm. And the misrepresentation of the Church's position challenged. There is also a digital edition and details of subscriptions etc. can be

COLLECTIONS 25/04/2021

WEEKLY OFFERING: £2,165

DONATION TOWARDS MATER DEI WEBCAM INSTALLATION £20, £50, £1000, £100, £100

Thank you for your generosity

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is re-commencing, weekly, in the parish on the following days and times..

Feumore Mass Centre: Monday 11.00am 12 noon

St James Church. Monday: 7.00pm 8.00pm

Mater Dei Church: Tuesday 7.30pm 8.30pm

Wednesday 10.00am 12 noon

St Joseph's Church: Thursday 7.00pm 9.00pm

Holy Hour Feumore Sunday 6.30p.m 7.30pm

'**Adoration**' is an opportunity for quiet, personal prayer and meditation in the special presence of Christ. Drop in for a moment or two, or for as long as you wish, within the above times. Apart from Mass, its the best occasion to make a request, or a thanksgiving, or just have a little peace. There is sufficient space for all to safely socially distance themselves in a sanitised environment.

PARISH OFFERING ENVELOPES: The boxes of Parish Offering envelopes for the new financial year beginning 4th April 2021 are available for collection from Mater Dei and St Joseph Churches. Please call at the Church to collect them. It would also help if volunteers would be willing to deliver in some areas of the parish. Please contact the parish office.

Parishioners will be aware that Parish income has dropped significantly over these past twelve months. Yet maintenance of the parish infrastructure continues, as does the demand to try to continue to reduce parish debt which sits at £450,000.

If you wish to switch your method of support from using Parish Envelopes to a Bank Transfer, forms to assist you are available at the back of the Churches or from the parish office.

NEW PARISH DRAW 2021/22:

NEW PARISH DRAW 2021/22: The Parish Draw is a valuable source of income for our Parish and there are generous prizes to be won.

The new Parish Draw for 2021/22 begins on 3rd May. Just £10 per month. Renewal Forms are being distributed to existing members and we hope you will continue to support the Draw.

New members are encouraged to join. If you haven't been a member before please pick up a form from the back of the Churches or the Parish Office for information about joining and various options to pay or contact the Parish Office

THE CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC MASS

We will need to continue with the practice of booking seats for each Mass. Please telephone the Parish Office on Thursday or Friday only between 10am -12noon.

We will also need teams of parishioners to greet and seat those who attend. These Covid stewards' also help sanitize the church after Mass.

Mass cannot be provided unless stewards are present. In particular we need volunteers for the 12 noon Mass in St Joseph's. If you would be willing help please contact the parish office as soon as possible this week.

The wearing of facemasks in Church is mandatory.

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