

PARISH BETHANY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: A member of the Bethany group may be contacted on Tel 07746032796

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 Thursday 12th. Aug 2021. Winning Numbers: 8-15-17-21. The Jackpot stands at £3,000. No winner. 2nd. Jackpot £2,350. 3 Numbers winners £10: Shree McCabe. Lucky Dip winners 3 x £10 Ursula Mallon-Kathleen McCreanor – Willie Gilmore. Next week's Jackpot £3,000. 2nd. £2,400.

HOMEHELP REQUIRED: two mornings and one evening per week. Contact 94454476 for further information.

COFFEE MORNING in St Clare's Hall every Friday @10.00am (Face Masks Mandatory)

ST CLARE'S HALL: Wine & Paint evening: Friday 17th September, 7.30pm - 9.30pm. All art materials provided. £10 pp. **Arts & Crafts for ages 3 - 6:** Sunday 19th September, 12noon - 1pm. £5 per child. **Clay sculpture workshop for ages 6+.** Sunday 19th September 2.30pm - 3.30pm. £5 per child. **Autumn Wreath Workshop:** Friday 1st October at 7pm. All materials provided. £15 pp. Contact Claire to book on 07887 405964.

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.

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

PARISH OFFICE.

Please note that the parish office will have limited opening hours for the next few weeks.

Monday—Tuesday and Thursday 10.00am—12.00noon

Parish Bingo

**in St Clare's Community Hall
every Thursday
at 8.00pm sharp-9.30pm approx.**

Jackpot £1,000 in 50 Numbers

All social distancing measures in place.

Please remember to wear your mask.



THE TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 22ND AUGUST 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)


Parish Office at St Joseph's Glenavy:

Monday - Friday 10am - 12.00.

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GOSPEL

We come now to the last extract from John's gospel and the end of the discourse on the Bread of Life. It highlights a theme that began in chapter 5 of John and that is a growing opposition to and refusal to believe in Jesus. While earlier in the discourse it was the crowds who were having difficulty with Jesus' presentation of himself as the bread of life, now it is his own disciples who are complaining that it is too much to expect them to accept what Jesus has said about himself. Jesus replies that what he is speaking about can only be understood through the work of the spirit, i.e. through the eyes of faith. Some find the challenge too much and cease to follow him and in response Jesus asks the twelve do they also wish to go away. Peter replies with a confession of faith that demonstrates that he (and they!) are beginning to grasp something of the revelation that Jesus brings. Because they believe then they know that he is indeed the Holy One of God.




REFLECTION

'What about you, do you also want to go away?' No-one can be press-ganged into discipleship and Jesus yet again puts the choice before us as we gather for our Sunday Eucharist. Why is there a crisis here? Is it because they cannot believe that Jesus can truly give of himself in the way he has described? Is faith in the Eucharist too much to ask for? Perhaps it is not so much an intellectual difficulty about how this can happen but rather an intuition about the far reaching implications of what he is saying. For in giving us himself he is asking us to forget about ourselves and maybe that is just too much. Yet Peter speaks for us all when he says: 'Lord to whom shall we go? Nothing in the world with all its possibilities and attractions can nourish our hunger to love and be loved as completely as Jesus, our Bread of Life.'

Sean Goan

Let the reader understand



23rd August		29th August	Mass Intentions
St Joseph's		Mater Dei	
Mon	9.30am		
Tue		7.00pm John Patrick Gallagher	
Wed		9.30am Rosaleen Magennis	
Thur	9.30am Aodh Gallagher.		
Fri	9.30am Margaret & Eddie Flood		
Sat		6.00pm vigil Johanna Gallagher	
Sun	9.30am P.P. 12.00 noon David Bradley	10.45am Michael McClean	

RECENTLY DECEASED: Jim McCloskey (Australia)

ANNIVERSARIES: Francis & Eilish O'Brien, Sean Doherty, Tiernan Kane-Cavanagh, John & Maureen Mulholland, Angela Owen (Nee Cushnahan), John Patrick Gallagher, Rosaleen Magennis, Aodh Cormican, Margaret & Eddie Flood, .

SANCTUARY LAMP: Special Intention, P.A.,

WEDDINGS: Congratulations to **Maria McCafferty**, (*Landgarve*) and **Alan Dudley** (*Main Street, Glenavy*) and **Kiera Phillips** (*Crewe Road*) and **Christopher McNulty** (*Glen Road, Belfast*) who this week were married in Christ.

PARISH DRAW 2021/22:

Week 16

Winner £100: Gerard & Josephine Owens Stoneyford
Winner £50 Peter Mulholland Glenavy

Congratulations to our winners .

Thank you to all members for your continued support

COLLECTIONS 02/08/2021

WEEKLY OFFERING: £920
DIOCESAN CATHEDRAL: £375
Thank you for your generosity

GROWTH IN PRAYER AND REFLECTIVE LIVING, Commencing Monday, 20 September, hosted by Drumalis via Zoom. Applications are now being accepted for the third intake of this popular one-year programme for those who want a closer relationship with God. Living out faith isn't easy against the backdrop of our fast-paced, noisy and instantaneous culture. The **Growth in Prayer and Reflective Living** course will give you the tools and space to become attuned to God's voice in the midst of the clamour. The course will take place over 21 Monday evening sessions from 7:00 pm – 9:30 pm via Zoom. For further information, please contact 028 28276455/28272196 during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm) or email maura@drumalis.co.uk Details are also available on the Drumalis website - <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

Returning to Sunday Mass

The widespread vaccination programme is giving more parishioners confidence to return to the celebration of Sunday Mass. Some however are a little nervous of being in the Church and sometimes there may not be sufficient seating given the requirement for social distancing.

Now that Liturgies from both our Churches are available on web-cam and many people have smart phones, it is suggested that some might be more comfortable remaining in their cars and viewing the Mass on line on their phone. At the appropriate time a Minister of the Eucharist will distribute Holy Communion at the Church door, after which the family or individuals could return to their car to make their thanksgiving and receive the Closing prayers and blessing.

This arrangement is most suitable for Mater Dei Church as the signal is stronger here than at St Joseph's. An imaginative proposal to overcome the limitations of this pandemic.

www.churchservices.tv/glenavystjosephs
www.churchservices.tv/materdeicrumlin

THE CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC MASS

We will need to continue with the practice of booking seats for each Mass. **(There is no longer need to book for the 12noon Mass in St Joseph's as there is plenty of room.)** 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.

Please be aware that recently revised health regulations require Face-masks to be worn while entering and leaving the Church and during movement within the church, such as when going forward to receive Holy Communion. The wearing of a facemask while seated however, is no longer mandatory, though you are strongly encouraged to do so

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