

**St Clare's Hall, What's on?**– **Monday** Bootcamp with CM Fitness 6am – 7.20am, Table Tennis 7pm – 8pm, Pilates 7pm – 9pm, Bowls 8pm – 10pm **Tuesday**, Brazier School of Dance 4.45pm – 7.45pm, Pickle Ball 8pm – 10pm **Wednesday** Bootcamp with CM Fitness 6am – 7.20am, Friendship Group 10.30am – 12.30pm, Yoga 5.45pm – 7.45pm, Bowls 8pm – 10pm (Matches) **Thursday** Pilates 10am – 11am, Judo 6pm – 7pm, Bingo 8pm – 9.30pm **Friday** Bootcamp with CM Fitness 6am – 7.20am, Mums & Tots 9.30am – 11.30am, Coffee Morning 10 – 11.30am, Flip Fusion 5pm–7pm **Saturday** Slimming World 7.45–11am **Monthly Events** Book club 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 7.30pm – 9pm, Traditional night 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday 7pm – 9pm, Whist Last Friday 7pm – 9pm. **Other events in St Clare's Community Hall: St Clare's Hall Christmas Fair** -17 November 2024 12.30pm - 3pm. Free entry. All welcome Also available for private, community & business functions, including birthday parties, fund raisers and funeral's Contact 07517779334 or stclareshallbooking@hotmail.com. **St Clare's Bowling Club** An invitation to all new and past bowlers. We welcome new members, young or old to our practice on Mondays & Wednesday at 8pm. Come along and have fun!  
**Audiocare Crumlin** Free Hearing test promotion for over 65's. Call 02894438722 or visit audiocare.co.uk

**St. Joseph's GAC:** Lotto Results Thursday 14 November 2024. Winning Numbers 3 -8-10-24, Jackpot £2,850, No Jackpot winner. 3 Number winner's - Michael McAlister, Hazel McGarrell, Patrick McAlister 3 Lucky Dips Michael Quinn, Canon McBride, Jim Mulholland. Next Week's Jackpot is worth £2,900. The members of St. Joseph's GAC thank you for your support.

**The Glenavy Branch of Apostolic Work** are holding their Annual Christmas Sale in St Clare's Hall on Sunday 24 November after 9.30am and 12pm Masses. Cakes, Tombola, Ballot, Bric a Brac stalls, tea & coffee available. A church door collection for Apostolic Work will be taken up at all Masses in the Parish (Saturday & Sunday) that weekend. Gift Aid envelopes for taxpayer donors are available at the back of St Joseph's Church and Mater Dei Church. Please complete and return envelopes in Church Door Collection or Parish Office.

**World Day of Prayer Preparation Meeting** Monday 18 November @ 8pm, St John's Hall Crumlin. All welcome. This years' service has been prepared by the women of the Cook Islands & the theme is 'I made you wonderful'. Please come along to this women led ecumenical service which will be held in St Catherine's Church Aldergrove on 7 March 2025

**Glenavy St Vincent De Paul** will be holding its Annual Senior Citizen's Dinner at 1pm on Saturday 7 December in St Clare's Hall. Anyone who would like to attend should contact a member of the local Conference before Monday 2 December or ring 07764 797963. All are welcome.

**St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards** now available after the weekend Masses in Mater Dei.

## Parish Bingo

in St Clare's Community Hall

Every Thursday at 8.00pm sharp-9.30pm approx.

Jackpot £1,000 in 53 Numbers



## Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 17 November 2024

**Very Rev Canon Colm McBride PP:** St Joseph's Presbytery, 59 Chapel Road, Glenavy, BT29 4LY Tel: 94 422278 (If unavailable and in an emergency only, contact Fr Declan Mulligan P.P. Aghagallon 92651214)

**Parish Office at St Joseph's Glenavy:** Monday- Friday 10am - 3pm Secretary: Joan McShane Tel: 94 422278

Email: [glenavy@downandconnor.org](mailto:glenavy@downandconnor.org)

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

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**A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community**

## 'Red Wednesday'

The annual Week of Witness campaign takes place every November and at the heart of which is 'Red Wednesday' when we pray for all who are persecuted and discriminated against because of their Christian faith. The persecution of Christians worldwide remains a serious issue with widespread discrimination, violence, and human rights abuses. This year Ireland's 'Week of Witness' is 17 – 24 November with 'Red Wednesday' falling on 20 November. The flood lights at St Joseph's church will be lit in red on Wednesday 20 November 2024 as we remember and pray for those persecuted and oppressed Christians throughout the world.

## Reminder from the Tree

The tree was a big image for Jesus – he spoke many truths of his message pointing at trees,

~like mustard seeds which grew big,

~ vines that withered,

~ and the fig tree which was common to his hearers.

When asked about the signs of things to come, he gave no long homily, but just looked at the fig tree and said you know from this when summer and winter is coming. In the same way we can sense his presence in our lives in different ways. This may not help us to know about the end of time and the questions people had then, but it can get us to become aware of how God is present in our lives.

The word of God is spoken in the human words of many people. In kindly words, in forgiving and tolerant words, and also in the word of God spoken in the Mass, Jesus speaks to us today. Like the people looking at a fig tree, we can find his presence in the kindness and the helpful words of another. This is the word of God in human form. It will not pass away.

We are called to speak his word in our way of life:

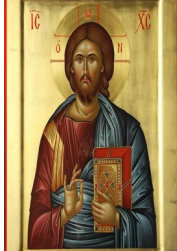
\*to be friends of the earth,

\*friends of all people, and

\*friends of the poor. That's redemption, Jesus and ourselves working in unison

[CatholicIreland.net](http://CatholicIreland.net)

## 18 November— 24 November Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James	
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		<b>Monday Adoration</b> 7pm—8pm	
Tue		7pm —Maureen & Seamus Hughes (Anniv) Denis Campbell (Anniv) Rosary 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7pm -8.30pm		
Wed		9.30am P.I. Adoration 10am—12pm		
Thurs	9.30am Mary Donnelly (Anniv) 7pm Mass for The Bereaved			<b>Feumore Mass Centre</b> <b>Sun Adoration</b> 6.30pm— 7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary afterwards starts at 6.15pm <b>Mon Adoration</b> 11am—12pm
Fri	9.30am P.I.			
Sat		6.00pm Paul Saunders (Anniv) Michael Hackett (Anniv)		
Sun	9.30am Do This in Memory John Mulholland (Anniv) 12.00pm P..P.	10.45am Do This in Memory Floyd Maguire (Anniv) Francis Doone & James Doone (Anniv)		



**Recently Deceased** Mary Kane (George's Island Rd) , Christopher O'Neill (Aghagallon)

**Anniversaries** Vivienne McCorry, Jack Loughan, Lawrence Loughan, Brendan Skelton, Angus Grant, Kathleen Grant, Vincent Mulholland, Nell Mulholland, Maureen Hughes, Seamus Hughes Denis Campbell, Mary Donnelly, Michael O'Neill, Maureen McCloskey, Willie Fleeton, Annie Fleeton, Matthew Doone, Rosie Bradley

**Sanctuary Lamps** Daniel & Peggy Crossey, Paddy Brady

**Do This in Memory Programme** The children and their families who have joined the Do This in Memory Programme are invited to attend the Mass next Sunday 24 November 9.30am in St Joseph's or 10.45am in Mater Dei.

**Collection 10/11/24**  
Weekly Offering: £3,404  
**Thank you for your generosity**

**Parish Draw 2024-25 Week28**  
Winner £100 Noreen McCullagh (Crumlin)  
Winner £50 Anne Marie Brankin (Glenavy)  
**Congratulations to our winners!**

## "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful."

Pastoral Letter from Bishop Alan McGuckian, SJ is available to parishioners on Facebook & after Masses this weekend.

'As we pray for those who have died, I feel called to address the crucial matter of death and end - of - life care. Our society faces important decisions about how we care for those nearing the end of their earthly journey. At Westminster MP's will vote on the Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill at Second Reading on Friday 29 November, which demands our response as a Christian community. Together with fellow Irish Bishops, I invite you to reflect on the Church's essential teachings regarding end of life.' 'At this time, we face challenging discussions about life and death. We are invited to hold fast to our faith in God's unconditional love and our belief that every life, at every stage, has meaning and purpose. During this month of remembrance, we hold our departed loved ones in prayer. We pray for all those who are ill and approaching death, that they may find comfort in God's love and in our care. The 'hour of our death' is immensely significant, that is why we repeatedly ask Our Lady; to pray for us 'now and at the hour of our death'. We ask her to guide us in protecting and cherishing the gift of life. She stood patiently at the foot of the cross and waited for death to come. Then she witnessed her Son risen triumphantly from the dead. In these extraordinary times we have much to learn from her witness about the meaning of death and life.'

### Extracts from Bishop Alan's letter.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** returns on Sunday 1 December 2024. New and additional helpers are needed for this major event. Please contact the parish office if you would like to lend a hand. **Toys:** A hit with children. All types acceptable. **Cakes/Home Bakes:** Always popular and there's great demand for Cakes, Fruit Tarts, Homemade Jams, Pastry. Includes homemade Breads. Never have enough for this stall. If you would be willing to bake, go for it. **Bottles:** Very popular. Anything that comes in a bottle is acceptable. Put another in your shopping basket. **Tombola:** Donations of all sorts of the smaller sized gifts. **Rickety Wheel:** The star attraction! Gifts of all sorts needed for the wheel. Donations can be left at the Parish Office or for those living in Crumlin they can be left in the porch of Mater Dei Church on Wednesday mornings between 8am and 12.30pm or before each weekend Mass. Please do not leave anything in the church outside these times.

**St Patrick's Academy Open Night Thursday 12 December 2024**, 6.30pm – 8.30pm. Principal's address @ 6.30pm. [www.stpatsni.co.uk](http://www.stpatsni.co.uk) , Ballinderry Road, Lisburn, BT28 1TD. Tel 028 9266 4877

**Annual Mass for Deceased Clergy & Religious.** The Annual Mass for Deceased Clergy and Religious will take place on Tuesday 19 November 2024 in: St Peter's Cathedral (Belfast) at: 7:30 pm. The Mass will also be broadcast online at <http://www.churchservices.tv/stpeterscathedral>. Parishioners, Clergy and Religious from throughout the Diocese are invited to join the families of the deceased to offer Mass together with Bishop Alan for those clergy and religious who have died in this past year .

**The Music Department at St Peter's Cathedral** invite you to join them & their guest, Fr Eugene O'Hagan, next Friday, 22 November at 7pm, for a performance of Fauré's Requiem.

**Web Camera's** Mater Dei Church and St Joseph's are both equipped with web-cameras. All Liturgies are broadcast. The cameras are live 24/7 and are focused on the Sanctuaries and first three seats at the front of each Church. To access the broadcasts, go to: [www.churchservices.tv/stjosephglenavy](http://www.churchservices.tv/stjosephglenavy) or [www.churchservices.tv/materdeicrumlin](http://www.churchservices.tv/materdeicrumlin). The web-cams enable us to attend Mass, however they do not allow us to receive the Eucharist, the Body of Christ. When possible, we should attend Mass in the Church whenever our circumstances permit in order to receive Holy Communion.

**The Legion of Mary** is currently visiting homes in the parish promoting devotion of the Divine Mercy.

**CCTV Camera's** Please be aware that St Joseph's Church and graveyard and Mater Dei Church and grounds are monitored by CCTV.

**Making your offering to the church** Parishioners are encouraged to make donations to the parish either by using the parish envelopes or by means of bank transfer. It is of great benefit to the parish when we can record donations so that gift aid can be claimed, if applicable. If you would like to donate using envelopes, please contact the parish office. Alternatively, if you are able, you are encouraged to make a monthly offering to the Church by means of a Bank Transfer to: Parish of Glenavy and Killead Sort Code 98 04 60. Account 10654677. The relevant 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 Canon McBride. There is a separate account for the Parish Draw.

**Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament** Can you spare 1 hour from 11am—12pm on a Wednesday in Mater Dei church. Please contact the parish office to leave your name and telephone number.

**Sanctuary lamp intentions:** A Sanctuary Lamp burns for a week in each of our two 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.

**Children's Liturgy** We are delighted to announce the return of Children's Liturgy (for all children nursery to P5) at 9:30 Mass at St. Joseph's Church. We also call members of our parish family aged 18+ to join our Children's Liturgy team in passing on our faith to the children. If interested, please come and speak to us after Mass.

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**Calling all Musicians and Singers!** New Musicians and Choir Members needed in St Joseph's, Glenavy. Please share with anyone aged 18+ who might be interested. Very keen to have any instrumentalists join our team. For more information contact Ciara 07938914190 or [c.mooney.3@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:c.mooney.3@hotmail.co.uk)

**Accord (NI)** Let us help you support your Marriage & Relationship If you feel your marriage or relationship is in crisis or need a little guidance and feel that you both could benefit from Marriage & Relationship Counselling, either face to face or online, contact your local Centre. Every year we help thousands of couples rebuild and sustain healthy relationships. Call us on 02890 233002 for all N. Ireland center's: N. Ireland Regional Office, Armagh, Ballymena, Belfast, Derry, Enniskillen, Maghera, Newry & Omagh [info@accordni.com](mailto:info@accordni.com) or [www.accordni.com](http://www.accordni.com)

**Enrolment of the Pope John Paul II Award Group** . If you are aged 16/17, year 13/14 and are interested in joining JPPII, please contact Brenda Gallagher on 07928979292.

**The Legion of Mary is back in the parish.** We meet on Thursdays at 7.30 pm in the Annex of St Joseph's church, Glenavy for further info call or text 07581292226 (Emma). Join us.

**Trócaire Christmas fundraisers** needed to help respond to the urgent need of poor communities around the world, including the millions of children and families caught in conflict in Sudan and Gaza. You can take action and make a difference through a range of activities, including the promotion of our Gifts of Change – training and support will be provided. For more information about what you can do to help over the Advent and Christmas period, please email Mark McMahon at [infony@trocaire.org](mailto:infony@trocaire.org) or call 028 9080 8030.

**Saint Vincent De Paul—Crumlin Conference (St James)** Emergency helpline 07754427088. Donations can be made via the Crumlin SVP conference bank account. Account number 41965035, sort code 980460. **St Joseph Glenavy Conference SVDP** Emergency helpline 07784955647. Donation can be made 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.

**Trócaire School Volunteers** to support our 2025 Lent Appeal in the Down & Connor Diocese. Are you a retired teacher or someone who has experience presenting to groups of school children? Full training and ongoing support will be provided. More information call Naomi Purnell 028 9080 8033 or email [naomi.purnell@trocaire.org](mailto:naomi.purnell@trocaire.org).

**Pioneer Pledge for the month of the Holy Souls** A short-term pledge gives spiritual support & encouragement to people & their families who are living under a shadow of addiction. Contact the Pioneers on 01 805 4226 or via [www.pioneers.ie/pray](http://www.pioneers.ie/pray) "Dilexit nos - He loved us" - Encyclical of Pope Francis Prayers & Reflections available on [www.pioneers.ie](http://www.pioneers.ie)

**Columbanus Festival 22-24 November 24.** Events including a special Mass to install a St Gall relic in St Comgall's Church Bangor & a lecture on Irish manuscripts & writings in the Abbey Library, St Gallen, Switzerland. Events can be booked online at <https://friendsofcolumbanusbangor.co.uk/2024/10/06/columbanus-festival-2024/> or at Ards or Bangor Visitor Information Centres

**Caring to the End: Why Euthanasia Is Not an Answer to Suffering.** St Malachy's Parish Hall, 24 Alfred St, Belfast (public transport & free parking nearby after 6pm). Speaker Dr Dominic Whitehouse (Palliative Care Consultant) and Jack Valero (communications expert & founder of Catholic Voices) @ 7pm on 29 November. Contact- [emily@faithversed.com](mailto:emily@faithversed.com) or 07481940689