

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 3rd Tuesday 7.30pm – 9pm, Traditional night 1st Sunday 7pm – 9pm, Whist Last Friday 7pm – 9pm. **ST CLARE'S BOWLING CLUB** We welcome new members, young or old on Mondays & Wednesday at 8pm. Come along and have fun!

GH TYRES AND AUTO SERVICES: 40a Glenavy Road, Crumlin. Punctures repairs, Wheel Balancing, Wheel Alignment, Batteries, General Service and repairs Tel: 0289 4423 113.

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 SVPD** 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.

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

THE LEGION OF MARY is currently visiting homes in the parish promoting devotion of the Divine Mercy.

THE LEGION OF MARY IS BACK IN THE PARISH. We meet on Thursdays at 7.30pm in the Annex of St Joseph's church, Glenavy for further info call or text 07581292226 (Emma). Join us.

A BLESSED STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA is available through The Legion of Mary to any sick parishioner for one week. If you would like to avail of the statue, please contact the parish office.

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI - QUB ALUMNI AND FRIENDS The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University Belfast will lead a Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi for alumni and friends. Departing 25 August 2025 for 7 nights, Spiritual Director Fr Dominic McGrattan, with dedicated tour guide, private coach travel & group meals included. For more information email Chaplaincy Director, Shannon Campbell, at catholicchaplaincy@qub.ac.uk

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA. Now flying direct from Belfast. 7 nights F/B Avenida Hotel. 28 May/4th June. Spiritual Director Fr. Antony. CP £849 Full religious programme. For further information contact Joe Catney 07776425631.

Parish Bingo
IN ST CLARE'S COMMUNITY HALL
EVERY THURSDAY AT 8.00PM SHARP-9.30PM APPROX.
JACKPOT £1,000 IN 50 NUMBERS



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD 2 FEBRUARY 2025

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
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Celebrating the Presentation of the Lord

The Feast of the Presentation is rich in liturgical action and opportunities for personal devotion. Over the centuries it has marked the triumph of Christ conquering the darkness, at the time of the year where days grow longer, and the weather begins to get warmer. Before electricity its significance was more tangible, but the themes of light, promise, commitment and hope fit beautifully into modern life and especially in this jubilee Year where we are asked to reflect on being Pilgrims of Hope.


The Presentation occurs 40 days after Christmas and brings festive season to a close. The earliest record of its observance is the 4th Century; Egeria writes about attending the liturgy in Jerusalem and clearly considers it a significant celebration; 'On the fortieth day after Epiphany. everyone gathers and things are done with the same solemnity as the feast of Easter.'

Also known as Candlemas Day, it originated in the Eastern church and known as 'The Encounter' recalling Simeon and Anna, representative of the Old Testament, meeting the Lord, symbol of the New. Pope Sergius 1 added it to the Roman calendar in the 7th Century.

Before 1969, February 2nd was known as The Feast of the Purification of Our Lady. As part of Mosaic law, Mary went to the temple to be cleansed after giving birth and to offer her son to God. By this presentation Jesus fulfilled the New Covenant; 'I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me; and suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord who you seek.' (Mal 3:1) Though our thoughts are drawn towards Mary, it is always Christ who is at the centre of our prayers.

Extract from Intercom February 2025

3 FEBRUARY — 9 FEBRUARY MASS INTENTIONS

	St.Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue		7pm Rosemary Mallon (Months Mind) Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30pm—8.30pm	
Wed		9.30am In Honour of The Holy Souls Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	9.30am P.I. Adoration 7pm—9pm		Feumore Mass Centre
Fri	9.30am Maureen Jordan (Anniv) Matthew & Eileen Doone (Anniv) 6pm Sacrament of Reconciliation		Sun Adoration 6.30pm—7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary afterwards starts at 6.15pm Mon Adoration 11am—12pm
Sat		6.00pm P.P.	
Sun	9.30am Bridget & Maurice Brannigan (Anniv) Maisie McCann (Anniv) 12.00pm Damian Ayre (1st Anniv)	10.45am Charlie Gourley (1st Anniv)	

RECENTLY DECEASED Eileen Domonay, nee Lenaghan (England, formerly Crumlin)

MONTHS MIND Margaret Kane, Rosemary Mallon,

ANNIVERSARIES Jennifer Magee, Ann Stevenson, Jim Mulholland, Mary Maguire, Paul Magee, John Magee, Maureen Jordan, Matthew Doone, Eileen Doone, Sarah McGarrell, Josephine Heatley

SANCTUARY LAMPS W.J.C., Thanksgiving

BAPTISMS We welcome to God's family Noah Aíodan Clarke, Micheal Tiarnan Cushley, Clodagh Eileen Henry, Sophia Elizabeth Toner

COLLECTION 26/01/25

Weekly Offering: £2,607.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

PARISH DRAW 2024-25 (WEEK 39)

Winner £100 Isabel Savage (Crumlin)

Winner £50 Anne McCauley (Aldergrove)

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!

Telephones & Internet Please be aware that there has been no telephone or internet access in the Parish Office, Parochial House and surrounding area since Storm Eowyn on Friday 24 January 2025. The supplier has advised that they hope to have the problem resolved by Monday 3 February 2025.



Lent 2025 - Calling You To Discover Christ Anew
Jesus said, I came that they may have life and have it abundantly (John10:10)

This Lent you are invited to participate in our Discovering Christ course, an opportunity to take some time out to consider who Christ is for you, to revitalise your spiritual life. **Discovering Christ is a 7-week course** for anyone and everyone, regular church goer or not, who seeks to explore, connect and grow in faith; taking place on **Thursday evenings** from **20 February to 3 April 7pm-9pm in Mater Dei Parochial House** & includes **a retreat day** in Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne on **Saturday 22 March 10am—4pm.** **Discovering Christ is fun and relaxed** Participants gather each week to share some food, watch a thought-provoking video presentation & discuss it in small groups. It is all done **in a warm, friendly, open and respectful environment.** Please **book your place by Friday 7 February** as numbers are limited and let us know if you have any special dietary requirements by contacting the parish office: glenavy@downandconnor.org or Tel. 02894422278.

Finance Committee The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be Tuesday 4 February at 7pm in St Joseph's Presbytery.

Parish Pastoral Council Formation Training As we move forward with the reconstitution and formation of our Parish Pastoral Councils (PPC), I would like to invite parishioners interested in becoming part of the PPC to the following information evening. **Monday 3 February 2025, St Anne's Parish Centre, Kingsway, Belfast BT10 ONE**

Tea/coffee served 6:30 pm, meeting begins promptly at 7pm. This evening session will provide an overview of the context, role, and responsibilities of a PPC. It will also explore the gifts, skills, and qualities required to be a PPC member. These sessions will help those who may be interested in this leadership role to understand what it entails and to discern if this is a role for them in the life of their Parish. Please contact the Parish Office to note your interest in attending this meeting.

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.

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 or 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.

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.