

**St. Clare's Hall will be closed** from **6th – 26th January** to allow for the installation of a new floor in the main hall. The wood of the old floor will be made available for collection from Tuesday 7th January to any interested parties.

**GH Tyres and Auto Services:** 40a Glenavy Road, Crumlin. Punctures repairs, Wheel Balancing, Wheel Alignment, Batteries, General Service and repairs Tel: 0289 4423 113.

**St. Joseph's GAC:** Lotto Results Thursday 2 January 2025. Winning Numbers 3-10-13-24, Jackpot £3,200, No Jackpot winner. 3 Number winner's – Denise O'Boyle, Patrick McAlister, Gerard O'Neill, Patricia Henry, Emmet McCorry 3 Lucky Dips Jonathan McAtamney, Mary Brazier, Eamonn Frazier. Next Week's Jackpot is worth £3,250. The members of St. Joseph's GAC thank you for your support.

**St Joseph's Cleaning Team urgently need volunteers** to help clean St Joseph's Church. If you can spare time to help, please contact the Parish Office.

**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.

**Kilimanjaro Water Project** - Thank you for all the kind donations and to those who attended the Quiz night on Friday 27 December 2024 in the Ballymac. The total raised was £4,757.

**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.

**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](mailto:catholicchaplaincy@qub.ac.uk)

**NI CANCER PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** Sat 10 - Thurs 15 May 25, £859 (with price reduction for Cancer Patients) includes: Return flights from Belfast International Airport, (Northern Star Travel Ltd & Joe Walsh Tours). Full board, Hotel Agena, Lourdes, 5 nights based on twin/double/triple rooms. The party will consist of patients, ex-patients, relatives & friends accompanied by medical, nursing & other staff. For more information or to book contact, Mrs Jean Clarke, NI Cancer Pilgrimage, 67 Ballynahinch Road, Carryduff, BT8 8DL, Tel. 078746 88388, or [mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk](mailto:mail@nicancerpilgrimage.org.uk)

## PARISH BINGO

Due to refurbishments in St Clare's Community Hall Bingo is cancelled until 30 January 2025.



## Second Sunday of Christmas 5 January 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  
Email: [glenavy@downandconnor.org](mailto:glenavy@downandconnor.org)  
Parish Website: [glenavyandkilleadparish.com](http://glenavyandkilleadparish.com)  
[www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish](http://www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish)  
**A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community**

## The Epiphany of the Lord 6 January 2025

### Holy Day of Obligation

#### Mass times

St Joseph's	Monday 6 January 9.30am
Mater Dei	Monday 6 January 7.00pm

### Christmas: family feast

Jesus grew up like all of us in a family - coming from the family of heaven to that of Mary and Joseph and their extended family. We know his grandparents' names; he had cousins, and he didn't get on with them all; he had an aunt as the wife of Clopas.

All of us are children, some are parents, some are grandparents, aunts and uncles. All play an important role in the lives of the family - the younger generation. Where Church and state strengthen and support parents and children, they are doing something essential.

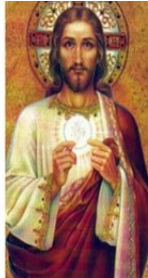
None of us has the perfect family. Families include people with all sorts of difficulties - alcohol or drugs, crime and prison, people who don't talk to each other; families who had to leave home and come to Ireland for work or leave Ireland for work. Joseph and Mary had their family difficulties - their child could have been killed by a mad king Herod, and they couldn't go home for fear of him; Joseph died leaving Mary a widow, and Jesus was murdered in front of his mother. *The holy family know what family life is about, and our faith is a support to family life.*

In our family we learn most of the important things of life. We salute today families who survive and support each other in difficult times: parents bringing up their children in a one-parent family; grandparents making sacrifices for another generation; people widowed and living now without their loved ones; adoptive and foster parents. We thank our parents and families for sacrifices made to bring us up.

**Jesus, guide us in life; Mary, look after us; Joseph, pray for us.**



## 6 January — 12 January Mass Intentions

	St. Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am The Epiphany of The Lord	7pm The Epiphany of The Lord	Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue		7pm Charlie Gourley (1st Anniv) Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30pm—8.30pm	
Wed		9.30am Elizabeth Grant (Anniv) Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	9.30am P.I. Adoration 7pm—9pm		
Fri	9.30am P.I.		
Sat		5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.00pm Joseph Kane (Anniv) Samuel Nelson (Anniv)	
Sun	9.30am P.P. 12.00pm Lily Edge (Anniv) Dermot Doran (Anniv)	10.45am Gus & Bridie McCotter (Anniv) Rosaleen McClean (Anniv)	Feumore Mass Centre Sun Adoration 6.30pm—7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary afterwards starts at 6.15pm Mon Adoration 11am—12pm

**Recently Deceased** Rosemary Mallon (Lakeview)

**Months Mind** George Walsh

**Anniversaries** Joseph Hendron (1st), Charlie Gourley (1st), Vincent McKavanagh, Julia McKavanagh, Sally McGarry, Seamus McGarry, Joan Connolly, Ena White, Danny Heatley, Jane Brown, Joseph Kane, Samuel Nelson, Gus McCotter, Bridie McCotter

**Sanctuary Lamps** John Eddie & Elizabeth Bartley, Bernie Wildy

**Baptisms** We welcome to God's family Myles Paul McCaughern Ajisafe, James Daniel Ward, Ronan Sean Mayo

**Parish Office** will be closed on Monday 6, Tuesday 7 & Friday 10 January 2025

### Collection 29/12/24

Weekly Offering: £2,918  
Christmas Offering: £6,895

**Thank you for your generosity**

### Parish Draw 2024-25 (Week 35)

Winner £100 Bernadette Nelson (Crumlin)  
Winner £50 Catherine McPeake (Crumlin)

**Congratulations to our winners!**

### The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.  
Amen



**The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** is seeking Doctors, Nurses and Adult Volunteer helpers for the 40th Diocesan Pilgrimage in 2025. The pilgrimage is from 10-15 July & volunteers receive a subsidised fare. For more information or to register your interest, please visit [www.downandconnor.org/lourdes](http://www.downandconnor.org/lourdes) or email [lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org)

**Pioneer Association** Bishop Alan McGuckian will celebrate Mass in **St Mary's, Chapel Lane, Belfast at 5:30pm on Saturday 11 January** to mark the 125th anniversary of the Pioneer Association. Pioneers and friends of the PTAA are all welcome to attend.

**Catholic Schools' Week 2025** "Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world, and everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life. The very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these: Christ is alive, and he wants you to be alive!" – Pope Francis, Christus Vivit, Section 1.

Reflecting on the theme, Catholic schools will explore what it means to be fully alive as a human being – living life to the full in Christ. The theme will mediate on hope, the true purpose and meaning of human life, and, in the more senior years, on true freedom. As is usual, the theme will be connected at primary level with Grandparents' Day on the Wednesday of Catholic Schools Week, and with the Family in post-primary. Catholic Schools Week will run from 19 – 25 January 2025.

**St Louise's Comprehensive College** The Board of Governors, Principal, Staff & Students invite all P6 & P7 boys and girls to join us for our Open Night on Thursday 9 January 2025. Principal's address 4pm and 6.30pm

**St Dominic's Grammar School Open Day** Saturday 11 January 2025, 9am – 1pm. Principal's address 9.30am & 11am. Primary 6 and 7 pupils are welcome.

**St Malachy's College, Belfast** will be holding Open Nights on Wednesday 15 January & Thursday 16 January 2025 from 7pm—9.30pm. Guided tours from 7pm. Principals address 7.45pm and 8.30pm in the College Hall

**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.

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**Youth Alpha Course**, Tuesday, 7.15 to 8.15pm, St Joseph's Annex for all 16 to 20 year olds. Fun, Friendship and Food, while exploring the love of God. All welcome.

**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.

**Pilgrimage to Fatima.** 7 nights F/B Hotel Avenida, 30th July/6th August. Spiritual Director Fr. Martin Graham. Adm. £885. Early booking discount of £100. For further details contact Joe Catney 07776425631

**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 email [naomi.purnell@trocaire.org](mailto:naomi.purnell@trocaire.org) or 028 9080 8033.