

**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, **Saturday** Slimming World 7.45–11am, Flip Fusion 5pm–7pm **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. **St Clare's Bowling Club** We welcome new members, young or old on Mondays & Wednesday at 8pm. Come along and have fun! Also available for private, community & business functions, including birthday parties, fund raisers and funeral's **Contact 07517779334** or [stclareshallbooking@hotmail.com](mailto:stclareshallbooking@hotmail.com)

**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 27 March** Winning Numbers; 3-13-24-26. Jackpot £3,800 - No Jackpot winner. 2 Lucky Dip Winners £25 each, J Loughran, Shree McCabe. Next Week's Jackpot is worth £3,850. The members of St. Joseph's GAC thank you for your support.

**Quiz Night!** Gather your friends; bring your own beverages and snacks; and join us for our Quiz night at St Clare's Hall on Friday 11th April. Doors open at 7.30pm and the Quiz will start promptly at 8pm. Come along for your chance to win ballot prizes and a cash prize for our winning team. Book a table [ballymacrickettfundraising@gmail.com](mailto:ballymacrickettfundraising@gmail.com) or send a message to our Facebook/Instagram pages.

**'Sing for Joy!'** - A Day of Music & Ministry *Are you involved, or keen to become involved in Church Music in your Parish, School, University etc.?* We invite you to join us on Saturday 26 April at Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co. Donegal. Boat departs at 9:30am. This day is open to young people aged 18-35 & is free to attend (supported by the Knights of St Columbanus). Registration is essential via <https://bit.ly/SingforJoy>. For further information +447759496677 or [info@knightsfstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk](mailto:info@knightsfstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk)

**Recharge** a young adult group (aged 18 - 35) meet twice monthly in St Colmcille's Church, Ballyhackamore on 1st & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Next meetings 1 & 15 April @ 7.30pm. All welcome.

**Research** Kim McFalone, a Northern Irish PhD student studying Sociology at University of Manchester is recruiting participants to take part in an interview for research concerning how Northern Irish women experience unwanted behaviour from men in their everyday lives. If you would like to partake email [kim.mcfalone@postgrad.manchester.ac.uk](mailto:kim.mcfalone@postgrad.manchester.ac.uk)

**Eucharistic Adoration** Calling ALL ADORERS of the Blessed Sacrament in DOWN & CONNOR DIOCESE National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock Sun 6 April (weekend of 5th Sunday of Lent) Full Bus details on [www.eucharisticadoration.ie](http://www.eucharisticadoration.ie)



## **Fourth Sunday of Lent** **30 March 2025**

**Very Rev Canon Colm McBride PP:** St Joseph's Presbytery, 59 Chapel Road, Glenavy, BT29 4LY Tel: 94 422278  
**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**

### **'Give me my legacy ... now!'**

This is a real family story about breakups and reconciliation, about love that covers all sorts of happenings and about love to the end. It is about a father who loved all the time, and many a parent identifies with it.

Look at a few things... the son had wanted him dead... '*give me the legacy Da*'. Everyone knew that. He had shamed the family. And the old man waited for years, hoping that his loved son would return.

Look at what happened when he came home - mercy took over - the run, robe, ring and the sandals. He was welcomed as a son. The father doesn't even say once that he forgives. He loves totally and that includes forgiveness.

It's mercy all the time. That repairs the loss. The son wanted to be a hired servant and that would have kept the old man at a distance. He was brought back as a son.

The story is also a call on us to have mercy. People all do wrong - often great wrong. We need a lot of mercy in our country now, but we can't hold bitterness forever. The gospel today encourages us to love as we have been loved with the love that is merciful. And even when we can't do this - like the elder son - we are still loved.

The father says - **All I have is yours**. God gives his love all the time and waits for our response. Mercy may take time. And God has all the time in the world.

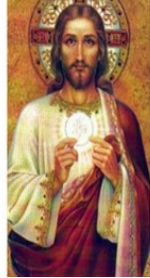
[CatholicIreland.net](http://CatholicIreland.net)

### **Thought for the Day - Remembering mothers**

'A mother's hug lasts long after she lets go.' - Unknown  
'All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.' - Abraham Lincoln  
'If I had a single flower for every time I think of you, I could walk forever in my garden.' - Claudia Ghandi  
'I love you every day. And now, I will miss you every day.' - Mitch Albom  
'There are no goodbyes, wherever you are, you will always be in my heart.' - Mahatma Gandhi  
'Its not easy being a mother, if it were, fathers would do it' - Golden girls  
'Becoming a mother makes you realize you can do almost anything one - handed' - Unknown

**Intercom March 2025**

## 31 March — 6 April Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		<b>St James Monday</b> Adoration 7pm—8pm   <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
Tue		7pm Patsy Byng (RIP) Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30—8.30pm	
Wed		9.30am Pope Francis Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	9.30am Pope Francis Adoration 7pm—9pm		
Fri	9.30am P.I. 6pm Sacrament of Reconciliation		
Sat	11am Baptisms	5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.00pm Phelim & Brigid McGarry (Anniv) Brian & Nancy Murphy (Anniv)	
Sun	9.30am Roy Connolly (Anniv) Martha & Kevin Nelson (Anniv) 12.00pm Raymond McCormick (Anniv) Terence Maguire (Anniv)	10.45am P.P.	

**Recently Deceased** Bernadette Hoban (*Landgarve Manor*)  
**Anniversaries** Agnes Creaney, Jim Slowey, Isaac Mulholland, John Kelly, Jimmy Magee, Rita McCorry, Phelim McGarry, Brigid McGarry, Brian Murphy Nancy Murphy, Kathleen Henry,  
**Sanctuary Lamps** Lorna Doone, Margaret McGarrell  
**Baptisms** We welcome to God's family Aoife Massey Hendron, Annie Lenaghan, Eala McConnell, Lóchlainn McWilliams, Cillian Sloan

**Collection 23/03/25**  
 Weekly Offering: £2,917  
**Thank you for your generosity**

**Parish Draw 2024-25 (Week 47)**  
 Winner £100 Mary Brady (Glenavy)  
 Winner £50 Anne McDowell (Glenavy)  
**Congratulations to our winners!**

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

**Prayer Tree for Lent** The Prayer Tree in the Sanctuary of the Church provides us with an opportunity to compose our own personal Intentions/petitions which are then hung on the 'tree'. These will be remembered in prayers and Masses throughout Lent. When you add your intention/petition to the tree, pray also for others and their intentions. The cards on which you can write your intention/petition are available beside the tree or on the table at the back of the Church. When you have completed the card you then hang it on the tree in the Sanctuary.  
**Like a tree planted in the house of the Lord, I trust in the goodness of God forever. (Psalm 52)**

**The Garment of Suffering** As a symbol of unresolved pain or suffering in your life, such as bereavement, illness, broken relationships, sexual difficulties, addiction, mental health or other, you are invited to leave a piece of cloth of any colour or fabric type in the basket in the sanctuary of the Church at any time during the Lenten season up to and including Palm Sunday. The piece of cloth should be approximately 10 inches, square. During Holy Week these pieces of cloth will be sown together to make the Garment of Suffering which will be placed before the Cross on Good Friday as an expression of our desire to share in Jesus' suffering so that we may find healing and share in his Resurrection and new life even now.

**Welcome/Failte Team & Hospitality Team for Mater Dei** We wish to form 2 new teams for Mater Dei. A Welcome/Failte Team, to welcome parishioners on arrival to Mass, distribute Missalettes etc., & a Hospitality Team to plan and provide "Coffee in the Courtyard" after Sunday morning Masses during the summer months. If you would be interested, please give your name to one of the church sacristans; Moya Maguire or Fionnuala Saunders, or to one of the pastoral council members who will be outside Mater Dei Church after both Masses this weekend.

**Making your offering to the church** the new Parish Envelopes are available at the back of the churches. 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. Both forms need to be completed with one sent to your Bank and the other to the parish office. It is of great benefit to the parish when we can record donations so that gift aid can be claimed, if applicable. The relevant forms are available at the back of the Churches. If you need more information please contact the parish office 02894 422278.

**Deacons** Those who are discerning a vocation to the permanent diaconate are encouraged to make contact with the Diocesan Director for the Permanent Diaconate, Rev Brett Lockhart on [b.lockhart@downandconnor.org](mailto:b.lockhart@downandconnor.org)  
**Drumalis Retreat & Conference Centre in Larne.** "A Pilgrimage of Hope" is the theme of this year's Holy Week Retreat from **17-20 April**, Led by a joint team from Drumalis & Belfast Jesuit Centre, residential or non-residential basis. For further information & to book contact Drumalis 028 28276455/28272196 (Mon-Fri, 9am-5 pm ), <http://www.drumalis.co.uk> or [drumalis@btconnect.com](mailto:drumalis@btconnect.com)

**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.

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**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.

**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.

**Drumalis Retreat and Conference Centre, Larne The Passion Story:**

**"A Work of Infinite Love"** (Sat 12 April, 9:30am - 4 pm) A Day of Prayer and Reflection with Fr Aidan Troy CP. To book a place(s) or for further details, please contact Drumalis during office hours (Mon-Fri, 9 am – 5 pm) – email [drumalis@btconnect.com](mailto:drumalis@btconnect.com) or 028 28276455/28272196. For more information : <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

**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's Glenavy Conference SVP** 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 your local community.

**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.

**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.

**Down & Connor Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025:** Celebrating the Jubilee Year and our 40th Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage: 9/10 – 15/16 July. 7 Night s. Please visit [www.downandconnor.org/lourdes](http://www.downandconnor.org/lourdes) for more information or call the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 9077 0162 or email [lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org) Youth Team (9-16th July): applications now open (see website for details).

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**Action for children** There is a desperate shortage of foster carers across the UK. For more information in becoming a foster carer please see <https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/fostering/why-choose-us/faith-in-fostering/>

**Lenten Challenge & Invitation** Pope Francis has invited us this Lent to "journey in hope together". A short-term pledge is available via [www.pioneerassociation.org](http://www.pioneerassociation.org) for parishioners who wish to become a "pilgrim of hope" for people who are living under the shadow of addiction.

**St. Ignatian Spiritual Exercises for Men** Fri 2 – Mon 5 May (bank holiday) in An Tobar Retreat Centre, Ardbraccan Navan, C15 T884. Cost €190 - includes all meals & en-suite single rooms. Call 087 - 348 2148 or [iveireland@ive.org](mailto:iveireland@ive.org)"