

**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 [stclareshallbook-ing@hotmail.com](mailto:stclareshallbook-ing@hotmail.com) **Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service** will be in St Clare's Hall on 2 May 2025, 12.30pm -7pm. To donate see [www.NIBTS.org](http://www.NIBTS.org)

**GH Tyres and Auto Services:** 40a Glenavy Road, Crumlin. Punctures repairs, Wheel Balancing, Wheel Alignment, Batteries, General Service and repairs Tel: 0289 4423 113.  
**Crumlin Resident Collective (CRC)** based at 17c Main Street, Crumlin (old post office) opening times Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 10am – 1pm. This is nonprofit, community-based organisation, local people helping others less fortunate in our community. Donations gratefully accepted e.g. school uniforms, clothes, food, furniture etc.

**Good Friday Falls/Shankill Annual Prayer Walk, Good Friday 18 April** beginning at **4.45pm** in front of **Clonard Church**, stopping midway at Shankill Methodist for a brief prayer, & returning to Clonard by 6pm. All are welcome as we commit ourselves once again to the ministry of reconciliation, in the footsteps of Jesus, who gave his life for everyone on this day.

**"A Pilgrimage of Hope"** is the theme of this year's Holy Week Retreat, **17-20 April** at Drumalis Retreat & Conference Centre, Larne. Led by a joint team from Drumalis & Belfast Jesuit Centre (residential or non-residential basis). For further details & to book, [drumalis@btconnect.com](mailto:drumalis@btconnect.com). Or 028 28276455/28272196 (Mon-Fri, 9am – 5pm). Also website: <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

**The Irish Language Pilgrimage.** will take place in Knock, **Sunday 27 April** @3pm. The Assembly of **the Priests' Association 2025** which will take place in Knock House Hotel on the 27 - 28 April 2025. An Assembly Programme will be launched shortly. If you are interested in attending this year's Assembly & attending for tea on Sunday Night 27 April and/or B&B on that night, please send a message before, **Wednesday 9 April**. In the midst and in the family of Jesus, Fr. Brian O Fearraigh, Secretary

**Rosary Rally:** You are cordially invited to a special rosary for the conversion of Ireland in co-ordination with over 500 other rosaries across Ireland, on Saturday **10 May at 4pm** at the St Joseph's Grotto with tea and coffee afterwards in the annex. All welcome, please spread the word.

**St. Pio Relics to visit Holycross Abbey** (E41PH01): **24 & 25 May**. Veneration & ceremonies 10am - 8pm & 9am - 8pm (incorporating our annual St. Pio Pilgrimage on Sunday from 1.30pm). All welcome. More information 0504-43124 or [hbparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:hbparishoffice@gmail.com)

### **Parish Bingo**

There will be no Bingo on Holy Thursday



### **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion** **13 April 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)  
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### **Holy Week Ceremonies**

#### **Spy Wednesday 16 April**

**Morning Mass. Mater Dei 9.30am**

**Chrism Mass St Peter's Cathedral. 12.00pm** (*Parishioners are encouraged to attend.*)

**Penitential Service Mater Dei 7.00pm**

#### **Holy Thursday 17 April**

**Mass of the Lord's Supper. Mater Dei 7.00pm followed by Adoration; concluding with Night prayer at 10.00pm**

#### **Good Friday 18 April**

**The Passion of Our Lord. St Joseph's 3.00pm**

**Stations of the Cross. Mater Dei 7.00pm**

#### **Holy Saturday: 19 April**

**Morning Prayer. Mater Dei 10.00am**

**Solemn Easter Vigil. St Josephs 9.00pm**


#### **Easter Sunday 20 April**

**9.30am Mass St Joseph's**

**10.45am Mass Mater Dei**

**12.00pm Mass in Mater Dei (Please Note)**

## 14 April — 20 April Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
<b>Mon</b>	9.30am Communion Service		<b>Monday</b> Adoration 7pm—8pm
<b>Tue</b>		7pm Vincent Lavery (Months Mind) Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30—8.30pm	
<b>Wed</b>		Spy Wednesday 9.30am P.I. Adoration 10am—12pm 7pm Penitential Service	
<b>Thurs</b>		Holy Thursday 7pm Mass of The Lord's Supper Adoration 10pm Night Prayer	
<b>Fri</b>	Good Friday 3pm The Passion of Our Lord	Good Friday 7pm Stations of The Cross	
<b>Sat</b>	9pm Solemn Easter Vigil	Holy Saturday 10am Morning Prayer	<b>Feumore Mass Centre</b>  Sun Adoration 6.30pm—7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary afterwards starts at 6.15pm
<b>Sun</b>	Easter Sunday 9.30am Mass	Easter Sunday 10.45am Mass 12.00pm Mass	<b>Mon Adoration</b> 11am—12pm

**Recently Deceased** Patrick Joseph McCallin (Bramblewood)

**Months Mind** Vincent Lavery

**Anniversaries** John Bartley, Gerald Nelson, Seamus Maguire, Charles McAlister, Frank Marsden, Mary O'Brien, Mona Hutchison, Raymond Mooney, Charles & Joseph Bradley, Mattie Crossen, Catherine Cormican, Maggie McGarry, Frank Loughan.

**Sanctuary Lamps** Special Intention, For God's Divine Mercy for Peace in the World

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** Devotion in Mater Dei commencing at 2.30pm with confession, followed by The Mercy Chaplet at 3pm, veneration of the Divine Mercy image and Adoration

**Thank you** to the parishioner who generously donated £650 towards the renovation of Mater Dei church.

### **Collection 06/04/25**

Weekly Offering: £3,228  
Monthly Stipend: £2,228

**Thank you for your generosity**

### **Parish Draw 2024-25 (Week 49)**

Winner £100 Emily O'Boyle (Glenavy)  
Winner £50 Mark Hickland (Upper Ballinderry)

**Congratulations to our winners!**

**In December 2024 89 Lay Funeral Ministers** were commissioned representing 35 parishes. The Lay Funeral Ministers work closely with their parish priest and deacons and help support funeral ministry within the parish. They are trained to assist the family in the preparation of a meaningful funeral liturgy, lead a family in prayer at key moments in the home, at the graveside and at the crematorium. This ministry is proving to be a valuable service to parishes, & we are blessed with 3 Lay Funeral Ministers in our parish. Enrolment for the next Lay Funeral Minister Training is now open & closing date for applications is Friday 2 May @ 12 Noon. For more information, please contact Canon McBride.

**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.

**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)

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** Would you like your soul to be as pure as on the day you were baptised? If the answer is yes, read on. St Pope John Paul II canonized a Polish mystic, Sister Faustina (1905 – 1938) on the Sunday after Easter in 2000 and declared that from then on, the second Sunday of Easter would be known as Divine Mercy Sunday. In a revelation to Sister Faustina (recorded in her Diary 1109) Jesus told her, 'I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to confessions and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy' (Divine Mercy Sunday). The conditions for receiving this great grace, including going to confessions, can be fulfilled by attending any of the following Churches on Divine Mercy Sunday, 27 April this year. St Peter's Cathedral @ 2pm, St Paul's, Falls Rd @ 2pm, Sacred Heart, Oldpark Rd @ 2.15pm, St Patrick's, Lisburn at 3pm and All Saints Ballymena @ 2pm, (huge crowds at Ballymena, come early!).

**New Parish Draw 2025/26** The Parish Draw is a valuable source of income for our parish, especially as we begin renovations of Mater Dei Church. The new Parish Draw for 2025/26 begins on 5 May, just £10 per month and generous prizes to be won. Renewal forms are being distributed to existing members, and we hope you will continue to support the Draw. New members are encouraged to join. If you haven't been a member before, please pick up a form from the back of the Churches or the Parish Office. For further information about joining and the options on how to pay, please contact the Parish Office on 02894 422278.

**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.

**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.

**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 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 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).

**'Sing for Joy!' - A Day of Music & Ministry Are you involved, or keen to become involved in Church Music in your Parish, School, University ?** We invite you to join us for **'Sing for Joy!'**. Saturday 26 April 25 at Lough Derg. This day is open to young people aged 18-35 & is free to attend (supported by the Knights of St Columbanus). Registration <https://bit.ly/SingforJoy>. For Further information [info@knightsstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk](mailto:info@knightsstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk) or +447759496677.

**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)

**Catholic Mothers Ireland National Easter Raffle** Support the Catholic Mothers Ireland Easter Raffle. With the grand prize of a trip to Medjugorje with Marian Pilgrimages & other great prizes; buy your raffle tickets today. Text/WhatsApp 085 1471516 (£4/€5 for 1 entry, £8/€10 for 3 entries, £25/€30 for 10 entries, £45/€50 for 20 entries ) **Draw takes place Easter Monday.** To learn more or get involved, visit [www.catholicmothers.ie](http://www.catholicmothers.ie) or find us in Facebook; Catholic Mothers Ireland

**Anam Cara**, next meeting is Monday 14 April at 7.30pm in the Crowne Plaza, Shaws Bridge Free event & open to all bereaved parents. Advance registration not required. Online support group meeting available. More information call 01 4045378 or email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

**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)**