

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 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! Also available for private, community & business functions, including birthday parties, fund raisers and funeral's **Contact 07517779334** or stdareshallbook-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

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 non-profit, community-based organisation, local people helping others less fortunate in our community. Donations gratefully accepted e.g. school uniforms, clothes, food, furniture etc.

Raising Hope for our Common Home. This event takes place on April 26 at Knock Shrine. Guest speakers: Eanna Ni Lamhna -Scientist & Broadcaster, Jane Mellett-Outreach Officer for Trocaire, Dr Brendan O'Keefe- Geographer & Social Scientist. Full details & how to book see www.knockshrine.ie

Sing for Joy! - A Reflective Day of Music and Ministry. Saturday 26 April at Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co. Donegal. This day is open to young people aged 18-35 & is free to attend (supported by the Knights of St Columbanus). Boat departs at 9:30am. Registration is essential via <https://bit.ly/SingforJoy>. Further information in-fo@knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk / +447759496677.

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 hbparishof-fice@gmail.com

Beginning Experience is offering a programme of bereavement support for the loss of a partner through death, separation or divorce in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave, Belfast on 3 Saturdays (26 April, 24 May & 21 June). Booking essential. Contact Pauline 07519289185, Marie 07896119669 or belfastbe@yahoo.com

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



Easter Day of The Lord's Resurrection

20 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
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Canon Colm wishes all parishioners a Happy and Holy Easter.

Death is not final



The first Easter parade was just a crowd of women going down the street where once they had sung Hosanna. Another time they had gone with him to death. Now it is just themselves - two Marys, Joanna and other women. The parade was dull, without the one they followed - but they wanted to care for the body with spices, using only the best.

And then it was all different. They saw no body, which frightened them more than any death could have. Then there were angels with strange messages, but their hearts believed quickly, and they remembered what he had said. Often, he had talked of death and resurrection. He was the sort of man for whom evil and death could not be final.

They were then to go to the apostles, and they were to find out that caring for Christ's body now would be a different thing. The women announced this divine news to the men. This would have been contrary to the culture at the time, but Jesus went against a lot of beliefs and prejudices.

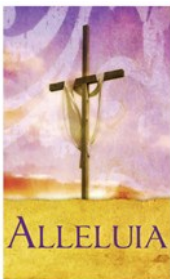
Caring for the body of Christ now means *caring for each other*. They would spend the rest of their lives caring for the new body of Christ, and we're the same in caring and being cared for. The risen Christ is in all of us.

We are his body. Not a word of God can be spoken without human words. God reaches us through each other.

The Easter parade now is made up of all of us following our risen Lord, following life that never dies, and the truth of the gospel that can keep us going. This is the love of the risen Lord, which is the lifeblood of the Church.

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21 April — 27 April Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue		7pm Communion Service Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30—8.30pm	
Wed		9.30am Joseph Mulholland (Anniv) Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	9.30am Holy Souls		
Fri	9.30am P.I.		
Sat		6pm Phylis Brankin (Anniv) Kathleen Mulholland (Anniv)	Feumore Mass Sun Adoration 6.30pm—7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary afterwards starts at 6.15pm Mon Adoration 11am—12pm
Sun	9.30am P.P. 12pm Teresa McAlister (2nd Anniv) Sean Henry (Anniv)	10. 45am Ciaran Heffron (Anniv) Geraldine Kerr (Anniv)	

Anniversaries Mary McCorry (1st), Joseph Mulholland, Phylis Brankin, Kathleen Mulholland, Marie Doone, Jimmy & Elizabeth Heatley, Patrick Nelson, Sarah Harvey, Desmond Quinn (2nd), Kenneth Jordan, Florence McAteer, Sarah Campbell, John Henry (Snr), John Henry (Jnr), Mary Ann Henry, Leo O'Neill

Sanctuary Lamps For God's Divine Mercy for Peace in the world.

Collection 13/04/25

Weekly Offering: £3,018

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Easter Draw 2024-25 (Week 50)

Winner £1,000 Dr Hugh Gallagher (Crumlin) Winner £500 Martine Hanna (Crumlin)
Winner £100 L & S Heatley (Glenavy) Winner £50 Eileen Gilmore (Crumlin)

Congratulations to our winners!

Thank you to the parishioner who generously donated £1,000 towards the renovation of Mater Dei church.

Parish Easter Whist on Sunday 27th April @ 7pm in St Clare's Hall. Scorecards £6 (includes supper) and there will also be a ballot. Everyone welcome.

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.

Trocaire Lenten campaign 2025 Please return your Trocaire box to the churches as soon as possible.

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.

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.

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 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.

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 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 for more information or call the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 9077 0162 or email 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@knightsfstcolumbanusomagh.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 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

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