

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

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.

St. Joseph's GAC: Lotto Results **Thursday 3 April** Winning Numbers; -12-19-23-24. Jackpot £3,850 - No Jackpot winner. 2 Lucky Dip Winners £25 each, Eamon Burns, Ambrose O'Neill. Next Week's Jackpot is worth £3,900. The members of St. Joseph's GAC thank you for your support.

The Glenavy Branch of Apostolic Work would like to thank everyone who supported our Spring Sale and Church Door collections last weekend. The sum of £3,330 was raised for Missionaries working in the poorest countries of the world. Thank you for your generosity.

Rathmore Grammar School - Grand Sale for Trocaire Wednesday 9 April (6.30 pm – 9pm) Rathmore Grammar School warmly welcomes you to join us for an evening of fun and games in our Grand Sale for Trocaire

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 or send a message to our Facebook/Instagram pages.

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

Life in the Spirit Seminars will take place on Sundays commencing 27 April – 1 June at 7.30pm in St Michael the Archangel Parish Centre, Finaghy.

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



Fifth Sunday of Lent **6 April 2025**

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

This is a powerful story of justice and mercy. Jesus is on the side of the woman who has been accused of sin and crime. It was an unjust accusation, and the people who brought her had little good in mind. Jesus offers more than forgiveness - he brings mercy. *Mercy forgives with compassion* and doesn't need lectures. It restores dignity to the victims of injustice like the lady in this story. It is the same in Jesus, for those who do not receive their dignity because of something they are, or something they did and are unjustly treated.

Jesus did not condemn; he turns the tables a bit. He simply says: *Anyone here without sin - take the stone and throw it.* Nobody does. In this atmosphere of darkness, we need to hear something of the love and the mercy of God. Would light of mercy come into their darkness of condemnation? Would they leave their darkness into a personal space where they might have a change of heart?

This is also about the challenge to live honestly and without sin; and to be able to take steps like this woman's life, to move on. All hear this word from Jesus - *I do not condemn you.* This comes to our society and to ourselves. We need to hear this word for ourselves as often we throw stones at ourselves more than at others. What we condemn in others is what sometimes we do not like in ourselves.

*Lord may we enter this world of mercy wherever we need to.
May we hear these words always, 'I do not condemn you'*
CatholicIreland.net


A Morning Prayer?

So far God, I've done alright.

I haven't gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish or over-indulgent. I'm very thankful — but in a few minutes God, I'm going to get out of bed and from then on, I'm probably going to need more help.

Amen

7 April — 13 April Mass Intentions

	St. Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Monday
Tue		7pm Elizabeth & Jimmy Heatley (Anniv) Kitty Auld (Anniv) Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30—8.30pm	Adoration 7pm—8pm 
Wed		9.30am Samuel & Frances Faloon (Anniv) Adoration 10am—12pm	Feumore Mass Centre
Thurs	9.30am Patsy Faloon (Months Mind) Adoration 7pm—9pm		
Fri	9.30am P.I.		
Sat		5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.00pm James & Kathleen Brankin (Anniv)	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 Palm Sunday Do This in Memory John Bartley (Anniv) Gerald Nelson (Anniv) 12.00pm Seamus Maguire (Anniv) Charles McAlister (Anniv)	10.45am Palm Sunday Do This in Memory P.P.	

Recently Deceased Lawrence Grant (*Crumlin*), Kathleen McQuillan (*Aldergrove*), Dolores Greig (*Glenavy*)

Months Mind Patsy Faloon

Anniversaries Phelim & Brigid McGarry, Brian & Nancy Murphy, Roy Connolly, Martha & Kevin Nelson, Raymond McCormick, Terence Maguire, Elizabeth & Jimmy Heatley, Fr John Sloan, Ann McGurnaghan, Dave McCorry, Charles McCambridge, Vicent McGarry, Jimmy & Ellie Nelson, Martin O'Rourke, Andy Mulholland, James Loney, John O'Neill, Kitty Auld, Samuel & Frances Faloon

Sanctuary Lamps Adrian Loney, Deceased members of the Doone family

Baptisms We welcome to God's family Fiadh McAllister, Barra O'Duibh, Seth Fawcett, Mia Rose Murphy

Collection 30/03/25

Weekly Offering: £2,603

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2024-25 (Week 49)

Winner £100 Connie McAlister (Glenavy)

Winner £50 Marie Ann Forester (Glenavy)

Congratulations to our winners!

Do This in Memory Programme The children and their families who have joined the Do This in Memory Programme are invited to attend the Mass next Sunday 13 April at 9.30am in St Joseph's or 10.45am in Mater Dei.

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.

Assisted Suicide Bill Only 28 MPs are needed to change their vote at the Third Reading of this Bill. You are encouraged to write to your MP in opposition to the Assisted Suicide Bill. To assist you there are postcards at the back of the churches that you can complete and post to the address on the card.

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

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.

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@knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.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

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 or find us in Facebook; Catholic Mothers Ireland