

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 stclareshallbooking@hotmail.com
Ciorcal Comhra Starting Thursday 5 June in St Clare's Hall, 2 – 4pm. If interested, please contact Máire 07476828442.

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

Join over 10,000 Pilgrims | All Ireland Rosary Rally | Knock | Saturday, 7 June at Knock Shrine. Beginning @ 9:30am with a Marian Conference; concluding with a Pentecost Vigil and Healing Service from 8–10pm. For more information:

www.allirelandrosary.com

Dromantine Family Fun Day Sunday 8 June 2025, 1pm – 5.30 pm.

Admission-Donation £5 per car. Everyone Welcome. Society of African Missions, 96 Glen Road, Newry, BT34 1RH

Summer Singing Course 7-11 July 2025. 5-day singing course for young people aged 8-18 St who want to improve their singing voice and musical skills. St Paul's Parish Centre, Belfast. End of week showcase: St Peter's Cathedral. For more information or to apply, please contact cathedralmusic@downandconnor.org

"Light the flame in our hearts once again". St Michael The Archangel Church, Belfast Sunday 8 June @ 7.30 pm. Guest speaker Dana. Hosted by Down & Connor Charismatic Renewal Committee. Event will be preceded by Holy Hour with Eucharistic Adoration from 6.30-7.30pm.

Pentecost Sunday - Clonard Monastery – Churches Together "The Spirit sustains us and shows us the way to follow" (Pope Leo XIV, Sunday 27 May St John Lateran, Rome). Feast of Pentecost, Sunday 8 June at 4.30pm in Clonard, preacher Rev Danielle McCullagh Chaplain in QUB'

Workshop on Synodality with International Perspectives 28-29 June 2025, Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare. Registration is open until 15 June, for more information: centroevangeliigaudium@gmail.com <https://www.sophiauniversity.org/en/centro-evangelii-gaudium>

Parish Bingo

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



The Ascension of The Lord 1 June 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 92 651214)
Parish Office at St Joseph's Glenavy: Monday- Friday 10am - 3pm Secretary: Joan McShane Tel: 94 422278
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The Ascension of the Lord.

In the famous crucifix of San Damiano, the Lord ascends with a smile on his face. It is over, his mission is accomplished, and he has conquered death, and is now with us all days to the end of time. His earthly mission is accomplished, but not his mission of love for his people. He is with us now.

Jesus often talks of joy, often the joy of God in forgiving a sinner. The big joy of God seems to be mercy, and even in the memory of his own death Jesus finds joy. In the chapel of the home of St Francis Xavier in Navarre, the crucifix is of the 'smiling Jesus'. He smiles not in comfort and ease, but in love and sacrifice.

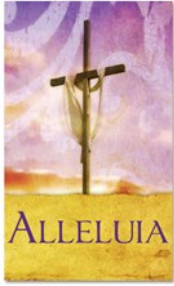
While we think today of the loss of Jesus, we are invited to rejoice as he leaves one way of being with us – on earth, to another way of being with us – from heaven. He both awaits us there and helps us get there, the mystery of the Divine Son who is one of us. The mystery goes farther that we are invited and called into sharing this life of his on earth, for in each of us is the life of Jesus, who makes his home in us.

This is background of the prayer of St Teresa of Avila: his life of his on earth, for in each of us is the life of Jesus, who makes his home in us.

*Christ has no body but yours,
 No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
 yours are the eyes with which he looks
 Compassion on this world,
 yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
 Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world...
 Christ has no body now on earth but yours.*

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2 June — 8 June Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Monday
Tue		7pm Frank Loughan (Anniv) Jean Small (Anniv) Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30—8.30pm	Adoration 7pm—8pm 
Wed		9.30am Johanna Gallagher (Anniv) Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	9.30am P.I. Adoration 7pm—9pm		
Fri	9.30am Frank McCann (Anniv) William Killen (Anniv) 6pm Sacrament of Reconciliation		Feumore Mass Centre
Sat	11am Baptisms	6pm Jarlath Brankin (Anniv) Frank McCann (Anniv)	Sun Adoration 6.30pm—7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary afterwards starts at 6.15pm
Sun	9.30am P.P. 12pm Caitrona Connelly (Anniv) Bridie & Joe Johnson (Anniv)	10.45am William McCorry (Anniv)	Mon Adoration 11am—12pm

Months Mind Frank Auld

Anniversaries Paula McNeice, Maura Connolly, Frank & Anne Armstrong, Brenda McCloy, Annie McCloy, Frank Loughan, Jean Small, Johanna Gallagher, Frank McCann, William Killen, John McShane, Robert Sloan, Patrick Trowlen, Margaret Jordan, Jim McKeown, Deirdre King, Timothy McPeake

Sanctuary Lamp John McShane, Kenny & Madge RIP

Weddings Congratulations to Karen Kane and Enda McKee who were married in Christ.

Collection 25/05/25

Weekly Offering: £2,669

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2025 – 26 Week 4

Winner £100: Tony McAlister (Glenavy)
Winner £50: Jean Breen (Ballinderry)

Congratulations to our winners!

Prayer for those in our parish who are doing Examinations This month of May going into June, is a very important time for many people. It is exam time! It can be a time of anxiety and worry. Much depends on these few weeks the outcome of which can have a huge effect on the direction of the rest of their lives. During the month of May, at the back of each Church in our parish a book is available in which the names of those taking exams may be entered. You can also add the name of their school, college, university, or company, if you wish. This book will be placed in the sanctuary of the Church during each Mass when we will acknowledge all those listed in the book and pray for their success and peace of mind. Our Lady seat of Wisdom, pray for them.

The Annual Blessing of Graves St Joseph's, Sunday 29/06/25 @ 3.00pm
St James, Sunday 6/07/25 @ 3.00pm, Crumlin Cemetery Sunday 6/07/25 @ 4.15pm.

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

Crumlin Youth for Christ have secured an Exodus team from Letterkeny to come and host the Holiday Bible Club and Youth Drop-Ins. We expect them to arrive on Saturday 24 July and leave on Sunday 3 August. Accommodation was needed for 8 over 18s (4 girls and 4 guys) and they now have accommodation for 6. If anyone would be happy to host the last remaining 2 members of the team throughout the week please contact Dean Adrian Moore [07856787565](tel:07856787565) or dean@yfcni.org

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.

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.

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.

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.

CCTV Camera's Please be aware that St Joseph's Church and graveyard and Mater Dei Church and grounds are monitored by CCTV.

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.

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/>

Pilgrimage to Fatima Flying Direct from Belfast International, 7 Nights F/B Avenida Hotel 30 July/6 August. Spiritual Director Fr Martin Graham Adm St Peter's Cathedral Belfast. £885pps. Convenient flight times. Contact Joe Catney 07776425631

St Patrick's Way pilgrimage experience in Downpatrick on 7 June, or 5 July or 9 August, led by pilgrim guides Martina Purdy & Elaine Kelly. More info contact the Centre 028 4461 9000 or book online www.saintpatrickcentre.com/experiences/