

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 stdareshallbooking@hotmail.com
Cioral Comhrá Preliminary notice of group in St Clare's Hall, Thursdays 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.

Down & Connor Diocesan Trust Lisburn Parish Accounts Officer – Part Time based at 27 Chapel Hill, Lisburn, BT28 1EP. The post holder will be required to provide accurate, efficient, confidential, financial support to the Parish Priest & Parish Finance Committee. Permanent appointment requiring 8 hours per week -work pattern to be agreed with Parish Priest, £13.50 gross ph. Full details relating to the vacancy can be found on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: JOB VACANCIES, Community NI website & ni-jobs.com. Contact Lisburn Parish Office for Application pack. **Closing date** for applications **12 noon on Tuesday 20 May 2025** Down & Connor Diocesan Trust is an Equal Opportunities Employer.

The Jubilee Year of Hope is a time for pilgrimage & renewal. Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ & Jim Deeds will lead the 3 Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg, 4 – 6 July 25. Departing from St Patrick's Church Donegall St., £100 p.p. Contact Claire on 02890690920 pathwaystothefuture@downandconnor.org

This year's Annual Edmund Rice Lecture takes place on Tuesday, 13 May 2025, at 7pm in St Mary's University College, Belfast. Speaker **Dr David Hickey**, representing the Gaza Paediatric Care Initiative (GPCI). Dr Hickey, former transplant surgeon & sportsman, will speak on justice & compassion in action through his advocacy for children affected by the ongoing conflict in Gaza. Admission free (donations welcome to support GPCI). RSVP to Andrea Irwin erst-ni1@live.com

Healing Service, St Matthew's Church, Short Strand, East Belfast on Thursday May 15 at 7pm. Focussing on the healing power of the Rosary followed by a Eucharistic healing blessing and benediction. The service will be led by Fr Peter Carlin, P.P.

Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi – Last Places Remaining! Join the Alumni & Friends of the Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's for a Jubilee Year of Hope pilgrimage to **Rome and Assisi**, from **25 August to 1 September 2025**. For more information, contact **Shannon Campbell** at: catholicchaplaincy@qub.ac.uk

Parish Bingo

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



Fourth Sunday of Easter 11 May 2025 Day of Prayer for Vocations

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
 Email: glenavy@downandconnor.org
 Parish Website: glenavyandkilleadparish.com
www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish
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Christian love

'God, that's very true' — a remark at our liturgy meeting after the second reading. Jealousy kills, envy too, and isn't it great to rejoice in the good fortune of another?

Love is what we bring with us at the end of life. 'We will be judged in the evening of life by love (St John of the Cross). Love for those near and far, for love in the gospel is more than love for just the family, the friend, the attractive one, the neighbour, for all.

There are different calls to Christian love - near and dear daily love, friendship, marriage, relationships. The wider world like in our job where we live in a loving way, in justice with all, not using others for personal gain; the wider world where a universal love makes me want to make a difference in the bigger world. Love carries us into wide seas and waters. It involves us with everyone. It obviously doesn't mean we relate to everyone - nor that we even like everyone. Love is when others' lives become at least as important as our own; and in the deepest loves like marriage, family, and often friendship, others' lives become even more important.

Love changes — we look back and see how the people we loved make the difference. Life is too short to look love in the face and say no. ***'We are moulded and remoulded by those who have loved us, and though their love may pass, we are nevertheless their work' (F. Mauriac).***

The second reading today is hard to beat! We see it in action when we look at the life of Jesus.

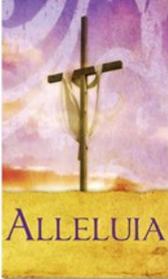
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The Annual Blessing of Graves

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

12 May — 18 May Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue		7pm Harry Brazier (Anniv) Claire Loney (Anniv) Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30—8.30pm	
Wed		9.30am In Honour of Our Lady of Fatima Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	9.30am Thomas Brankin (Anniv)		
Fri	9.30am P.I. 7pm Una Crossey (1st Anniv)		
Sat		10am St Joseph's PS First Holy Communion 12pm St Joseph's PS First Holy Communion 6pm Patricia Morgan (Anniv) Hugh Kelly (Anniv)	
Sun	9.30am Eileen Clenaghan (Anniv) 12pm P.P.	10.45am Teresa Douglas (1st Anniv)	Feumore Mass Centre Sun Adoration 6.30pm—7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary afterwards starts at 6.15pm Mon Adoration

Months Mind Bernadette Hoban

Anniversaries Una Crossey (1st), Bridie & John Kerr, Helen Moore, Alec & Tess Burke, Mary McCorry, Harry Brazier, Claire Loney, Thomas Brankin, Patricia Morgan, Hugh Kelly, John Devereux, Seamus Jordan, Paddy & Betty Kerr, John Murray, Noel McGarry, Pat O'Rourke, Paddy McGarry, Mary McCaffrey, Gerry McCaffrey, Kathleen McCauley.

Sanctuary Lamp Pat & John Devereux, Special Intention

Collection 04/05/25

Weekly Offering: £3,218
Monthly Stipend £2,263

Thank you for your generosity

Thank you to the parishioner who generously donated £500 towards the renovation of Mater Dei church.

Trocaire collection The total collected this year was £8,004, thank you for your generosity.

Pope Leo XIV born Robert Francis Prevost on September 14, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois, to Mildred (née Martínez) Prevost, and Louis Marius Prevost, a US Navy veteran of World War II. His father was born to immigrants from Italy and France. His mother was the daughter of Haiti born Joseph Martínez and Louise Baquiet from New Orleans. Pope Leo has two older brothers: Louis, a military veteran living in Florida, and John, a retired Catholic school principal.

Pope Leo's brother John noted that he aspired to the priesthood from a young age and in September 1977, he joined the Order of Saint Augustine as a novice and was Ordained a priest in Rome on June 19, 1982. Pope Leo joined the Augustinian mission in Peru from 1985, spending a decade heading the Augustinian seminary in Trujillo teaching canon law in the diocesan seminary, serving as prefect of studies, acting as a judge in the regional ecclesiastical court, and working in parish ministry on the city's outskirts.

On November 3, 2014, Pope Francis appointed Pope Leo as apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Chiclayo and titular bishop of Sufar. On September 26, 2015, he was named bishop of Chiclayo. In accordance with a diplomatic treaty, Pope Leo became a naturalized Peruvian citizen before becoming bishop. Within the Episcopal Conference of Peru, he served on the permanent council (2018–2020) and was elected president of its Commission for Education and Culture in 2019, also contributing to Caritas Peru. On September 30, 2023, he was created cardinal-deacon of Santa Monica degli Agostiniani in Rome.

On February 6, 2025, Pope Francis promoted him to cardinal-bishop, assigning him as titular bishop of the Suburbicarian Diocese of Albano. Pope Leo was elected Pope on May 8, 2025, at the 2025 papal conclave, thereby becoming the first American and Peruvian pontiff.

Pope Leo is a sports fan and an amateur tennis player. He is a fan of the Chicago White Sox of Major League Baseball. While living in Peru, he became a supporter of Alianza Lima, one of Peru's most prominent football clubs.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion Please keep the girls and boys of St Joseph's PS in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on 17 May 2025.

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.

Queen of the May A gentle invitation to reflect on Mary's journey through the Annunciation, the Visitation and the Magnificat and consider Her surrender, trust and faithfulness. Please come and join us for 3 guided weekly sessions throughout May, rooted in contemplation and prayer. All are welcome at Mater Dei Presbytery, on 15 & 22 May @ 7pm. Refreshments to start.

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.

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.

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 SVDP** 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.

The Legion of Mary is currently visiting homes in the parish promoting devotion of the Divine Mercy.

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).

Annual Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help Our theme will be "Pilgrims of Hope" , St Gerard's Church, 722 Antrim Rd Monday 12—Tuesday 20 May 2025. Everyone welcome! For more information www.stgerardsparish.org

Ablaze Pentecost Ireland Jubilee Year of Hope 2025. Holy Mass, Confessions, Adoration, Talks, Workshops, Fellowship, Prayer Ministry, Praise & Worship, Healing. Pentecost weekend 7 & 8 June, cost £25. Location—Parish of Duneane, St Oliver Plunkett Church, Toomebridge. BT48 3PE.

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

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/>

Summer Singing Course, 5 days from 7-11 July 2025, St Paul's Parish Centre, Belfast. For young people aged 8—18 who want to improve their singing voice & musical skills, cost £75 . Ending with showcase in St Peter's Cathedral. Book by 30 April for discount. Scholarships available on request. For more information or to apply, contact cathedralmusic@downandconnor.org

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

Cemetery Sunday will take place in Hannahstown Cemetery on Sunday 25 May @ 3pm - there will be no road works on Hannahstown Hill that day. The Rock is 8 June @ 3pm and Tullyrusk is 15 June@ 3pm.

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