

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 Comhár 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.

St Joseph's St Vincent De Paul Senior Citizens Summer Bus Trip 28 June 2025 (Sat) to Ballycastle with High Tea. Leaving St Clare's Hall carpark at 9am. To reserve seats please ring 07764 797963. Limited numbers book by Sunday 15 June 2025.

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.

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).

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

Parish Bingo

IN ST CLARE'S COMMUNITY HALL

EVERY THURSDAY AT 8.00PM SHARP-9.30PM APPROX.

JACKPOT £1,000 IN 50 NUMBERS



Sixth Sunday of Easter 25 May 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
 Email: glenavy@downandconnor.org
 Parish Website: glenavyandkilleadparish.com
www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish
A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community

Laudato Si Week 24 – 31 May 2025

This special week, inspired by the late Pope Francis' encyclical 'Laudato Si' On Care of Our Common Home, invites us to reflect on the beauty of God's creation and our sacred responsibility to protect it and protect the poorest whose livelihoods depend on the fruit of their labours.

You are encouraged to take part in this week of prayer, reflection, and action. Small acts done with love, can transform hearts and landscapes alike. Let us be inspired by the words of Pope Francis: *'Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.'*

Extract from Bishop Alan McGuckian's Pastoral letter for Laudato Si' Week

God's Home

Making a home is a big opportunity of love for a husband, a wife and a family. They try to make it their own: pictures and memorabilia here and there make a home out of a house. It doesn't have to be perfect. The want others to be able to feel at home in their home also.

It is the same with Jesus. In our hearts and the depths of our personality he makes a home for himself and the Father. He asks for a loving and welcoming heart, not a place that is perfect, tidy and clean. To make a home is a work of love. **Jesus'** making of a home in us comes through our growth in development and love. The loving marriage and family, the loving friendship, the heart that cares for others, these are what make **Jesus** feel at home.

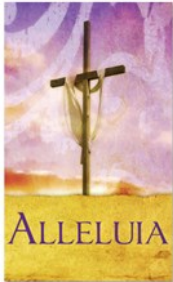
Is this a strange way of looking on God? We think of **God** in the power of nature and almost the maker of history. **God** seems to reject all this all-powerful view of himself and makes himself accessible in the home of our hearts.

Home is a place of help. We look out for each other, and the contented home is where each care for the other. **St Ignatius** used say each day, *'Who can I help today?'*

Maybe we can make that part of the music of our homes. This is **God** helping through you, and it is **God** finding us and each other in love.

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26 May — 1 June Mass Intentions

	St.Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue		7pm Kathleen McQuillan (Months Mind) Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30—8.30pm	
Wed		9.30am Norma Spence (1st Anniv) Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	9.30am P.I.		
Fri	9.30am John McShane (Anniv) In Honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help		
Sat	12pm Wedding	6pm Paula McNeice (Anniv) Maura Connolly (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 11am—12pm
Sun	9.30am Frank Auld (Months Mind) 12pm Frank & Anne Armstrong (Anniv) Brenda McCloy & Annie McCloy (Anniv)	10.45am P.P.	

Recently Deceased Geraldine Keenan (Tromery), Eamon Eastwood (formerly Glenavy)

Months Mind Patrick McCallin, Kathleen McQuillan

Anniversaries Seamus O'Boyle (1st), Norma Spence (1st), Brenda McCloy, Annie McCloy, Thomas McKeever, Mary McKillop, Eamon McGurnaghan, William & Roland McCorry, Olive McLornan, Sammy, Florence & Mary O'Toole, Hugh McPeake, Peter McGarry, Patricia McGarry, Marie Brown, Jean Murphy, Peter O'Neill

Sanctuary Lamp Brenda McCloy, Annie McCloy

Collection 18/05/25

Weekly Offering: £ 2,795
Education of Diocesan Students: £1,151

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2025 – 26 Week 3

Winner £100: Anne McDowell (Glenavy)
Winner £50: Bernadette McCartney (Crumlin)

Congratulations to our winners!

Finance Committee Next meeting will be 28 May 2025 at 7.30pm in the Parochial House.

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.

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.

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

This month's Whist is on Friday 30 May in St Clare's Hall at 7.30pm. Scorecards £5 everyone welcome

Crumlin Youth for Christ have secured an Exodus team from Letterkenny 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. At the minute we are trying to secure accommodation for 8 over 18s (4 girls and 4 guys). If anyone would be happy to host a couple of the team throughout the week please contact Dean Adrian Moore [07856787565](tel:07856787565) or dean@yfcni.org

Saul Sunday—This year Bishop McGuckian will return to celebrate Mass at 3pm on 1 June. He encourages us all to be 'Pilgrims of Hope', joining him at Saul to reflect on Patrick's legacy and welcome the 'Sacred Heart Pilgrim Statue' blessed by Pope Francis to our diocese. The Sacred Heart Pilgrim Statue will travel through the diocese during the month of June, preparing and promoting devotion.

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

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/

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.

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.

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.

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