

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 7.30pm – 9pm, Traditional night 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:stdareshallbooking@hotmail.com)

**Ciorcal Comhra** 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. **Coffee morning** on 9 May between 8.30am and 1pm in Ionad Teaghlaigh, Ghleann Darach. All funds raised will go to help people on the ground in Palestine .

**St. Joseph's GAC:** Lotto Results **Thursday 24 April** Winning Numbers; -1-10-16-28. Jackpot £4,000 - No Jackpot winner. 2 Lucky Dip Winners £25 each, Ava McCumiskey, Patrick McAlister. Next Week's Jackpot is worth £4,050. The members of St. Joseph's GAC thank you for your support.

### **Novena to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus leading to the Feast Day.**

On Friday 2 May a nine-week Novena began finishing on the Sacred Heart Feast Day. The Novena is @ 7pm, every Friday in May & June across Ireland & can be viewed on Shalom World Prayer Channel. Relics of St Margaret Mary Alcoque & St Claude la Colombiere will be present at the novena. Live streams are available on [www.sacredheartcrusade.ie](http://www.sacredheartcrusade.ie) through Shalom World. The Novena will be at St Peter's Cathedral, St Peter's Square, Belfast on Friday 20 June with Bishop Alan. For more information <https://shalomworld.org/sacred-heart-2025>

**Anam Cara** supporting bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Monday 12 May at 7.30pm in the Crowne Plaza, Shaws Bridge, Belfast. This event is free & open to all bereaved parents, online support group meeting available. More information 01 4045378 or email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

**Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine** The Knights of St. Columbanus are organising a 53-seater luxury coach to go on Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Sunday 25 May, from St. Malachy's College, 36 Antrim Rd Belfast @ 7.45am sharp. Secure parking in the grounds of the college has been arranged. Cost is £25 pp to include coach, tea/coffee & scones on route. To reduce costs, you are asked to bring a packed lunch to cover arrival at Knock & again before leaving Knock in the evening. To book a place please email [charlie@saintkillians.ie](mailto:charlie@saintkillians.ie) or phone Charlie 07850203835. Places will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

### **Parish Bingo**

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



### **Third Sunday of Easter 4 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](mailto:glenavy@downandconnor.org)  
Parish Website: [glenavyandkilleadparish.com](http://glenavyandkilleadparish.com)  
[www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish](https://www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish)  
**A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community**

### **Tired disciples**

Jesus spent time lighting the fire so he could cook breakfast on the seashore. Reminds me of my mother getting the fire ready in the old days so we could make toast with red embers on the long toasting fork. This is Jesus, the risen Jesus. No big apparitions in the sky, but just the simple act in the dawn of cooking bread and fish.



The meal was for tired disciples. Often in the gospel stories he talked about people preparing meals and serving them. He seemed to say a lot through meals and at meals. He allowed a woman to dry his feet with her hair at a meal.

In cooking for people love is active. A mother might count some-time how many meals she has cooked and call them hours of love. This too is the mission and identity of Jesus.

After death and resurrection comes the Spirit of love. Love given, love received, and love shared.

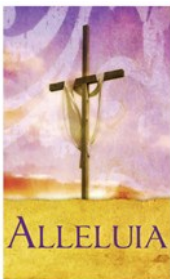
The breakfast meal will end with questions about love. Anything real about the resurrection always ends in being sent by God on the mission of Jesus. He gives little instruction about the mission nor even what it may entail. But it entails being led by God. Life for Jesus is life with Jesus and with the grace of God. We are never alone.

This is the company and the friendship at the source of the life of the soul, and which keeps our unique personality alive. This love comes in prayer and in love and in our loving service of others. This is mission with and for the risen Jesus Christ.

Risen Lord increase my faith, hope and love.

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## 5 May — 11 May Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue		7pm Isaac Nelson (1st Anniv) Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30—8.30pm	
Wed		9.30am Dolores Greig (Months Mind) Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	9.30am P.I.		
Fri	9.30am P.I.		
Sat	9.30am Ballymacricket P.S. First Holy Communion 11am Ballymacricket P.S. First Holy Communion 4pm Rosary at the Grotto	5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 6pm Bridie & John Kerr (Anniv) Helen Moore (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 Bernadette Hoban (Months Mind)	10.45am Alec & Tess Burke (Anniv) Mary McCorry (Anniv)	

**Recently Deceased** Frank Auld (*Landgarve*)

**Months Mind** Dolores Greig, Bernadette Hoban

**Anniversaries** William Lavery (1st), Isaac Nelson (1st), James Campbell, John McNally, Kathleen Mooney, Therese Brankin, Bridie Kerr, John Kerr, Helen Moore, Jim Leathem, John & Margaret O'Neill, Brendan & Margaret Phillips, Ryan Brankin

**Baptisms** We welcome to God's family Sól James Campbell, Emily Agnes Gormley, Clódagh Louise McKillop

**Weddings** Congratulations to Rachel McCann & Ciaran Loney who were married in Christ.

**Sanctuary Lamp** Special Intention, Special Intention

**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.

### Collection 27/04/25

Weekly Offering: £2,718

**Thank you for your generosity**

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

## ANNUAL PARISH CENSUS 2025



A count of attendance will take place at all Masses across the Diocese next weekend, **10 & 11 May 2025**. The annual parish census captures valuable information about the numbers, ages, & gender of people attending Mass. This information helps the Diocese and parishes to identify pastoral priorities, make plans to address them, and provide support to our faith communities. When you arrive at Mass, you will be given a small counter for yourself and for each person in your family group and will be asked to place the counters in baskets labelled according to age. There will be red counters for females and blue counters for males. The baskets will be labelled with age bands and the number of counters for each age band will be recorded after each Mass. We look forward to seeing you at Mass next weekend and thank you for your patience and co-operation.



**Sacrament of First Holy Communion** Please keep the girls and boys of Ballymacricket PS in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on 10 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 8, 15 & 22 May 7pm. Refreshments to start.

**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.

**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](mailto:b.lockhart@downandconnor.org)

**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](http://www.churchservices.tv/stjosephglenavy) or [www.churchservices.tv/materdeicrumlin](http://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](http://www.downandconnor.org/lourdes) for more information or call the Pilgrimage Office on (028) 9077 0162 or email [lourdes@downandconnor.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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