

**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 [stclareshallbooking@hotmail.com](mailto:stclareshallbooking@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.  
**Ciorcal Comhrá** the drop-in group will meet during the summer in St Clare's Community Hall on Thursdays from 2 – 4pm. All levels of Irish welcome. Text or call 07476828442 for info. Slán agus beannacht.

**St. Joseph's GAC:** Lotto results 07.08.25. Winning no's 06-10-18-21 Jackpot £4,750 No Jackpot Winner. 2 Lucky dip Winners £25 each—Christina Magennis and Brian Fallon. Next week's jackpot is worth £4,800. The members of St. Joseph's GAC Thank you for your support.

**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). Please join us.

**The N.I. Healthcare Chaplains Association**, the professional body in Northern Ireland which aims to support and to equip healthcare chaplains. The NIHCA have commissioned QUB to undertake a study of experiences of people who have used healthcare chaplaincy services in N.I. This is a opportunity to share your views & experiences anonymously. More information about the brief survey & to take part. <https://forms.office.com/e/YFbeb2Zcjm>

**Anam Cara** bereavement support evening for bereaved parents on **Tuesday 9 September @ 7pm in Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana**. This event is open to all bereaved parents & free to attend. To register see [www.anamcara.ie](http://www.anamcara.ie), email [d.regan@anamcara.ie](mailto:d.regan@anamcara.ie) or Tel 02895 213120.

**One day Retreat to Lough Derg** on Saturday 6 September, cost £70 includes: - luxury coach, lunch & refreshments. Bus leaves @7.30am from St Michaels Parish (car parking provided) returning to St Michael's. For more information or to book Contact Catherine 02895904304 or [stmichaels@downandconnor.org](mailto:stmichaels@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



**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
17 August 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](http://www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish)  
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### **Disturbing love and the warmth of love**

Fire is frightening; it can burn up a city. Controlled it is warming; in control in a grate; and it also warms the heart, when we sit back, watch the flames and chat, think or pray. Jesus came to bring fire on the earth. His is the warmth of love and companionship: when we know we can go to him just as we are and enjoy the intimacy of his friendship - the friend who is always offering the gift of his heart to each of us.

The warmth of Jesus brings comfort and hope to the world when we live in isolation from each other, lack of friendship and hope. When we lack the reconciliation and justice that makes life possible among us, then the warmth of God's love for all can inflame our coldness.

There is also the fire that disturbs, love challenges as well as comforts. The flame of God can be frightening in that it demands a world of justice, peace and reconciliation. The fire of this love is the fire that also warms and comforts.


The flame of God is the Holy Spirit. Jesus comes to bring all sorts of fire to the world, and to send the Spirit of comfort, justice, reconciliation and hope. The message of Jesus may divide us, and if it does, the love of Jesus can unite us, for love is the most powerful gift of Jesus.

A saying has it — *he has come to afflict the comfortable and comfort the afflicted.*

*Holy Spirit, flame of God, hover over each of us  
as you did for the followers of Jesus  
at the first Pentecost.*

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## 18 August — 24 August Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	St James'	Feumore Mass Centre
Mon	9.30am Communion Service	11am Funeral	
Tue		<b>7pm</b> Joseph McCann (Anniv) Special Intention Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 9.30—8.30pm	<b>Sun Adoration</b> 6.30pm—7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary afterwards starts at 6.15pm <b>Mon Adoration</b> 11am—12pm
Wed		<b>9.30am</b> In Honour of The Holy Souls Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	<b>9.30am</b> Rosaleen Magennis (Anniv) Special Intention Adoration 7pm—9pm		
Fri	9.30am P.I.		
Sat		<b>6pm</b> Seamus & Paul Loney (Anniv) Baby Sean Jude O'Brien (Anniv)	
Sun	<b>9.30am</b> Paddy Gallagher (Anniv) John & Maureen Mulholland (Anniv) <b>12pm</b> P.P.	<b>10.45am</b> Rose & Peter McBride (Anniv) Joan & Brian McLernon (Anniv)	

**Recently Deceased** Mae Maguire (*Glenfield Close*), Maura Babington (*Tromery Drive*), Shamus McGuigan (*Lough Neagh Terrace*)

**Anniversaries** Ethel O'Neill, Harry O'Neill, Ciaran O'Neill, Sean Doherty, Jerome Cleary, Ambrose McKeever, Jim Hughes, William & Anne Hendron, Elizabeth Hendron Joseph McCann, Rosaleen Magennis, Maureen O'Rourke, George & Mary Alice Grant, Irene Cormican, Billy Gilmore, Aodh Cormican, Jim Brazier.

**Sanctuary Lamps** Bridget McAreavey, Special Intention

### Collection 10/08/25

Weekly Offering: £3,640

**Thank you for your generosity**

### Parish Draw 2025-26 (Week 15)

Winner £50 Clare Cormican (Glenavy)  
 Winner £100 Malcolm Christy (Glenavy)  
 Winner £500 Dermot & Patricia McCartan (Crumlin)

**Congratulations to our winners!**

**Day of Prayer and Reflection People of Gaza.** The Catholic Church in Ireland has called for a day of Prayer and Reflection on Sunday 24 August and for every Parish to take part in this sacred initiative, it is not just a symbolic gesture, it is a spiritual act of Solidarity. Bishop Alan will be sharing a video with his pastoral message on the Diocesan website & all Social Media Platforms. The hope is that 24 August will be a day of deep prayer. Offer your Sunday Mass for peace in Gaza. Spend time in Adoration, lifting up those who suffer. Pray the Rosary as a family or community. Light a candle in your home or parish as a sign of hope. Reach out to your elected representatives, urging them to support humanitarian aid and peace efforts. Support trusted Charities working on the ground.

**Funeral Lay Ministry** We would like to recruit additional lay ministers to lead in Funeral Lay Ministry. The successful applicants will undergo training. The role will involve, in the future delivering prayers at the home of the deceased & at the grave-side or crematorium, as and when required. There have been a few volunteers, but ideally a few more are needed. If you are interested in this most important Ministry please contact the Parish Office email [glenavy@downandconnor.org](mailto:glenavy@downandconnor.org) or 028 9442 2278.

**St Martha Group**, members of the St Martha group in Glenavy are invited to attend a meeting on Wednesday 3 September in the annex of St Joseph's church. New volunteers are needed to help clean St Joseph's church; If you can spare time to help, please attend the meeting or contact the parish office on 02894 422278.

**Parish celebration of Baptism 3pm Saturday 13 September** at St Joseph's, Glenavy. In our Parish of Glenavy and Killead we want to recognise and celebrate with you the sacrament of Baptism, to remind us of all the gifts we receive in Baptism, the promises we have made and to confirm our ongoing commitment to the development of our children's faith. If you have had a child baptised in the Parish in 2024, you and your family are invited to attend a special celebratory Prayer Service in Saint Joseph's Church, Glenavy at 1.30pm followed by refreshments in St. Clare's Hall. To help us with catering please confirm your attendance by contacting the Parish Office [glenavy@downandconnor.org](mailto:glenavy@downandconnor.org) or 02894 422278, no later than Wednesday 3 September.

**History of Mater Dei.** The Parish Pastoral Council are compiling a history of Mater Dei Church. If any parishioners have any stories or photographs that they would like to share or have included in the history of the church, please contact or forward them to the Parish Office.

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

**Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ invites youth & young adults** from across the diocese to gather as pilgrims of hope to pray with & for one another in this Jubilee Year. A special celebration of youth, hope & faith. An evening of prayer, reflection & connection on Friday 26 September at Clonard Monastery. All youth & young adults are warmly welcome. Spread the word!

**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. **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/>

**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.

**Crumlin Resident Collective (CRC)** based at 17c Main Street , Crumlin (old post office) opening times Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 10am – 1pm. This is nonprofit, community-based organisation, local people helping others less fortunate in our community. Donations gratefully accepted e.g. school uniforms, clothes, food, furniture etc

**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.

**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.

**Making your offering to the church** If you make your offering to the church via your employer through a Payroll Giving Scheme, the charity number allocated will be that of the Diocese of Down & Connor Trust. Therefore, if you want the donation to be allocated specifically to this parish you must include the Parish of Glenavy & Killead as the reference.

**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. **Stop Assisted Suicide - action needed!** The Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill is expected to have its Second Reading in the House of Lords on Friday 12 September. Right To Life UK has launched an *EasyAction* tool to help you write to a few Peers with a tailored message to highlight key concerns with the Bill. *Please take action now and visit [www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeers](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeers) to ask Peers to oppose assisted suicide - it takes just 30 seconds*