

**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 14.08.25. Winning no's 06-8-9-17 Jackpot £4,800 No Jackpot Winner. 2 Lucky dip Winners £25 each—T Baxooka and Orla McCambridge. Next week's jackpot is worth £4,850. The members of St. Joseph's GAC Thank you for your support.

**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 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.  
**Recharge** is a young adult group based in St Colmille's Church, East Belfast for 18 - 35-year-olds. We meet twice a month, all are welcome! Next meetings Tuesdays 2 & 16 September @ 7.30pm.  
**The walk the cross Eucharistic Procession** Starting from **St Michael's Church**, Finaghy Sunday 14 September @ 4.30pm. Processing with Jesus to **St Peter's Cathedral**, Holy Mass at 6pm followed by Benediction & Anointing of the sick. Further information [walkthecross.ie](http://walkthecross.ie)  
**The Sacred Heart Messenger magazine** A modern message in a much-loved tradition. For more information and to subscribe <https://www.messenger.ie/product/sacred-heart-messenger-subscription/>

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



## Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time 24 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](https://www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish)  
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### Day of Prayer and Reflection For People of Gaza

The Catholic Church in Ireland has called for a day of Prayer and Reflection 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 asks that today, 24 August be a day of deep prayer. Bishop Alan will be sharing a video with his pastoral message on the Diocesan website and all Social Media Platforms. Please offer your Sunday Mass for peace in Gaza or 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 or support trusted Charities working on the ground.

### World of love

In a family so much love is lavished on the new-born first child, and you hear them saying that's the end of freedom now for a good few years. Or the grandchildren come and there's the babysitting. Life deepens love and narrows our freedom. Jesus says elsewhere that love is the door to eternal life. In laying down life for a friend, the cross was a narrow door.

Real love means little things a lot of the time, and with God it means time now and then dedicated to prayer and to worship, as well as loving our neighbour.


Love demands a lot as well as giving a lot. With the people we most love, we are most vulnerable, and they can bring the worst and the best out in us.

The sick child, the elderly in the family, those in prison or in a difficult marriage call on our love, as does a husband or wife needing a lot of care in illness or old age. There is a special love shown by volunteers in our country and the developing world. The grandchild who is isolated and lonely calls too on our love. This is the world of love, the only world worth sacrificing anything for.

The condition for entering is not where you come from, whether you are first or last, whether you wear the right clothes or even turn up on time - the condition is that, in the way of the living God, you hear the word of God daily and live by it faithfully.

**Lord may your will of love  
be done on Earth.**

## 25 August — 31 August Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	St James'	<b>Feumore Mass Centre</b>  <b>Sun Adoration</b> <b>6.30pm—7.30pm</b> Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary starts at 6.15pm <b>Mon Adoration</b> <b>11am—12pm</b>
<b>Mon</b>	<b>9.30am Communion Service</b>	<b>Adoration 7pm —8pm</b>	
<b>Tue</b>		<b>7pm</b> Ellen McCann In Honour of Our Lady of Sorrows Special Intention Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 9.30—8.30pm	
<b>Wed</b>		<b>9.30am P.I.</b> Adoration 10am—12pm	
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Johanna Gallagher (Anniv) Holy Souls Adoration 7pm—9pm		
<b>Fri</b>	<b>9.30am P.I.</b>		
<b>Sat</b>	<b>11am Baptisms</b>	<b>6pm</b> Mary McAlister (Anniv) Kenneth Nelson (Anniv)	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Edward McAllister (Months Mind) <b>12pm</b> Simone McCambridge (1st Anniv)	<b>10. 45am P.P.</b>	

**Recently Deceased** Angela McAlister (*Glenavy*), Thomas Keenan (*St James Meadow*)

**Months Mind** Edward McAllister

**Anniversaries** Seamus Loney, Paul Loney, Paddy, Baby Sean Jude O'Brien Gallagher John Mulholland, Maureen Mulholland, Rose & Peter Gilbride, Joan McLernon, Brian McLernon, Ellen McCann, Johanna Gallagher, David Bradley, Jimmy O'Loughlin, Kathleen Henry, Fr Eamon O'Brien, Thomas McGarrell.

**Weddings** Congratulations to Demi Nicole McConvey & Gavin Dixon who were married in Christ

**Sanctuary Lamps** Ellen McCann, Sister Margaret Bryans

**Parish Office is closed** on Monday 25 August 2025

### Collection 17/08/25

Weekly Offering: £2,581

Diocesan Cathedral £1.009

**Thank you for your generosity**

### Parish Draw 2025-26 (Week 16)

Winner £100 Edward Nelson (Glenavy)

Winner £50 Louise Shephard (Glenavy)

**Congratulations to our winners!**

## The Annual Parish Treasure Hunt will take place on Sunday 7 September.

Cars will leave St Clare's Community carpark from 6pm – 7pm, cost £5 per adult, returning to the hall by 9pm. Supper included.



**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 .

**Season of Creation** will be celebrated in accord with the theme 'Peace with Creation' from 1 September to 4 October 2025. In prayer, *'Lord pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.'* (A Prayer for our Earth from Laudato Si' on care for our Common Home, para 246, Pope Francis, 2015).

**9 FIRST FRIDAYS - STATIONS OF THE CROSS** From Friday 5 September and for the subsequent 8 First Fridays, a short 15-minute Stations of the Cross will take place after 9.30am Mass in St Joseph's. All welcome

**St Martha Group.** members of the St Martha group in Glenavy are invited to attend a meeting on Wednesday 3 September @ 7pm 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 Saturday 13 September at 1.30pm in 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.

**This month's Whist** is on Friday 29 August in St Clare's Hall at 7.30pm. Scorecards £5 everyone welcome

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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)

**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*