

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

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 SVPD** 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

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

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 21.08.25. Winning nos, 4--07--16--25 Jackpot £4850 No Jackpot Winner. 2 Lucky dip Winners £25 each—Anne Marie Millar, Mary Patton. Next week's jackpot is worth £4,900. The members of St. Joseph's GAC. Thank you for your support

Parish Bingo

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



Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time **31 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)
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A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community

Gospel Notes

Once again in Luke's gospel a meal forms the backdrop to some important teaching of Jesus about the values of the kingdom of God. In ordinary society the normal practice is to be self promoting, always seeking to be one step ahead or to find ways to have one's reputation enhanced. Jesus sees this as evidence of shallow behaviour, guided by a mistaken notion of a person's true worth. The value of humility as taught by Jesus is that our understanding of our worth is not dependant on being better than or more important than somebody else. It is not about comparison at all. Our true sense of self worth comes from within. Hence the significance of Jesus' command to the man who had invited him to the meal. The next time he has a dinner, instead of using it as an occasion to further himself, why doesn't he invite all those people who can't repay him? No doubt that suggestion ensured that Jesus was not invited back, but it gently exposes the often shallow ways in which people deal with each other.

Reflection

Humility is a virtue not much spoken about today. This is the era in which self esteem is promoted, sometimes to the detriment of all other aspects of a person's development. Of course there is no conflict between true self esteem and the value of humility as taught by Jesus. The problem may be that nowadays humility might be seen as weakness, the humble person might be regarded as a pushover. That would be a mistake and we only have to look to Jesus to see how big a mistake. The philosophy that might is right is capable of unleashing dreadful violence and of inflicting untold damage on human society. It represents the opposite worldview to that preached by Jesus and brings about no real change. However, to live as gently and humbly as Jesus did is to commit oneself to a better world, armed only with a deep conviction that God is love.

1 September — 7 September Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	St James'	Feumore Mass Centre Sun Adoration 6.30pm—7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary starts at 6.15pm Mon Adoration 11am—12pm
Mon	9.30am Communion Service	Adoration 7pm —8pm	
Tue		7pm Sheena McCullagh (Month's Mind) Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 9.30—8.30pm	
Wed		9.30am P.I Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	9.30am P.I Adoration 7pm—9pm		
Fri	9.30am George Walsh (Snr) Anni 1pm Wedding		
Sat	11am Baptisms	6pm Hilary McKavanagh (Anni) Fidelma Ward (Anni)	
Sun	9.30am In Honour of Our Lady Peter & Bridie Keenan (Anni) 12pm Anthony Douglas (Months Mind)	10.45am P.P	

Months Mind Sheena McCullagh, Edward McAllister, John Larkin, Gerry Close,

Anniversaries Simone McCambridge (1st), Gerald Conway (1st), Dolores Cushley, Paddy Lewsley, Rita Crossen, Elizabeth Murphy, Fidelma Ward, Mary McAllister, Kenneth Nelson, Maureen Neale, Joseph Mulholland, Gerry Donnelly, George Walsh (Snr),

Sanctuary Lamps Paula O'Hagan, LM

Children's Liturgy: We are delighted to announce the return of Children's Liturgy (for all children Nursery to P5) on Sunday 7th of September at St Joseph's Church. We also call members of our parish family aged 18+ to join our Children's Liturgy team in passing on our faith to the children. If interested, please come and speak to us after Mass.

The Glenavy Branch of Apostolic Work are holding their Annual Afternoon Tea in St Clare's Community Hall on Sunday 21 September from 3pm to 5pm. Tickets £8 each, available from members of the Apostolic Work or Phone 02894422852/07764797963. Ballot, Tombola and Entertainment.

Collection 24/08/25

Weekly Offering: £2,625

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2025-26 (Week 17)

Winner £100 Denise Crossey (Glenavy)

Winner £50 Martine Hanna (Crumlin)

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 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 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 or 02894 422278, no later than Wednesday 3 September.

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 Colmcille'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.

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

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. **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

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 to ask Peers to oppose assisted suicide - it takes just 30 seconds*