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St Clare's Hall, What's on?– Monday Bootcamp with CM Fitness 6am – 7.20am, Flip Fusion 5.30pm–6.30pm, 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 7pm – 8pm, 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 Sunday 7pm – 10pm. Also available for private, community & business functions, including birthday parties, fund raisers and funeral's **Contact 07517779334** or stclareshallbooking@hotmail.com **St Clare's Indoor Bowling Club** opening for Winter Season on Monday 15 September @ 8pm. A warm welcome to everyone, men, women and younger people who would like to give it a try or join our club. Bowls supplied plus a cuppa. Enquiries to Colum 07761 956801. **Ciorcal Comhrá** now meets on Thursdays from 10am – 12noon. Please note the time change. Text or call 07476828442 for info. Slán agus beannacht. **St Clare's Christmas Fair-** Sunday 16 November from 12.30 - 3pm. Now taking bookings for stall holders. Contact Cecilia to book on 07514 630758. **Dementia Information Session** - 10.30 - 11.30am Tuesday 7 October 2025 in St Clare's Hall. Free to attend and everyone welcome. Contact Claire for more information on 07826 898852.

St. Joseph's GAC: Lotto results 04.09.25. Winning no's, 8-10-23-24 Jackpot £4,950 No Jackpot Winner. 2 Lucky dip Winners £25 each-Una Brown & Kevin Thom. Next week's jackpot is worth £5,000. The members of St. Joseph's GAC. Thank you for your support.

Vacancy - Diocesan Assistant Finance Officer Working closely with our Financial Controller (Parishes), the successful candidate would be required to provide excellent book-keeping support to the Finance Function within the Diocesan Trust. Permanent appointment working 35 hours pw., Monday to Friday from 9am – 5pm. Salary range £28,000 to £32,000 gross per annum – commensurate upon experience. For full details relating to the vacancy including the application form see <http://www.downandconnor.org> click on the tab: job vacancies & also available on Community NI and nijobs.com websites. Closing date for completed applications is Tuesday 23 September @12noon.

Join the Dots Together is marking the Season of Creation this year with a series of events that bring people of faith & goodwill together to explore how our choices—personal, communal, and political—can make a difference for peace and the planet. As people of faith and conscience, we cannot afford to sit back. Join us during the Season of Creation as we commit ourselves not just to words, but to action—for the sake of peace, for the sake of the planet, for the sake of generations to come. For further info contact: info@jointhetodtogether.org

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



The Exaltation of The Holy Cross

14 September 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
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A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community

Peace with Creation: Faith in Action for Climate Justice

Each year, the "Season of Creation" invites Christians worldwide to pray and act for our common home. The 2025 theme, "Peace with Creation", echoes Isaiah's vision: "My people will live in peaceful dwellings in quiet resting places" (Isaiah 32:18). This peace is more than the absence of conflict; it is the fruit of justice restored within creation itself.

Pope Leo XIV, inaugurating the Borgo Laudato Si at Castel Gandolfo (5 September) reminded us: "Care for creation is truly a vocation for every human being. We are creatures among creatures, entrusted with the responsibility to care for all that the Creator has made." These words call believers to translate prayer into ethical and political choices that protect the vulnerable and heal creation.


Patriarch Bartholomew, often called the "Green Patriarch," has echoed this urgency: "The future of life on our planet will be ecological and peaceful—or it will not exist." His challenge is stark: our response must be one of ecological repentance and action. At the opening service of this year's Season, the **World Council of Churches** highlighted the need for collaboration: "People from all walks of life should develop climate solutions together and act upon them through radical collaboration for a just transition.

On 23 July, the NI Church Leaders stood together at Lough Neagh, presenting a united witness for climate justice. Their visit was a prophetic gesture: recognising the environmental degradation of the lough and calling, in one voice, for restoration and responsible stewardship. The Season of Creation challenges us to ask: What does it mean to put faith into action today? It means rethinking economic systems that exploit the poor and the earth. It means pressing political leaders for courageous choices. And it means recognising, as Pope Leo reminds us, that we are called to be seeds of hope, small but vital contributions to a greater harvest of peace with creation.

This September, may our prayer lead us to action, and may our action testify that peace with creation is possible—when justice is restored, when faith is lived, and when we walk together with courage and hope.

Extract from press release

15 —21 September Mass Intentions

	St.Joseph's	St.James '	
Mon	9.30am Communion Service	Adoration 7pm —8pm	
Tue		7pm Communion Service Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 9.30—8.30pm	
Wed		9.30am Communion Service Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	9.30am Mass Adoration 7pm—9pm		
Fri	9.30am Communion Service		
Sat		6pm John Loughan (Anniv) Margaret Cullen (2nd Anniv)	
Sun	9.30am Kevin & Pat Loughan (Anniv) John Donnelly (Anniv) 12pm Liam Mulholland (Anniv) Patrick & Seamus Boyle (Anniv)	10.45am P.P.	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

Recently Deceased Patrick McCrystal (*Aghagallon, former Principal of St Aidan's school*), Gerald Burns (*Glenavy*)

Anniversaries Michael McClean (Anniv), Teresa Moore (1st), Jim Nelson, Patrick Kell, Edward McMaster, Joseph McGarry, Joseph McGann, Adrian McGovern, Austin Crossan, Rose & Billy Nash, Eamon Shannon.

Sanctuary Lamp Patrick McGarrell, Special Intention T Lavery

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 Annual Parish Treasure Hunt Thank you to all who attended the Annual Parish Treasure Hunt on Sunday 7 September. A total of £226 was raised towards parish funds.

Collection 07/09/25

Weekly Offering: £2,829

Monthly Offering: £1,640

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2025-26 (Week 19)

Winner £100 C & F Hanna (*Ballinderry Upper*)

Winner £50 Jack McKavanagh (*Crumlin*)

Congratulations to our winners!

Autumn 2025. Calling You To Discover Christ Anew. Discovering Christ - A Seven-Week Experience.

Life can be overwhelming. Too many worries, too many places to be, too many items on the to-do list. Do you ever wish for some way, anyway, to slow down and really consider what it's all about? Where do you find your meaning? Where do you want to find meaning? Is it possible to be fulfilled? These are questions worth asking. Discovering Christ is for anyone who is curious. Enjoy refreshments and listen to a thought-provoking talk that is designed to explore the meaning and purpose of your life. After the talk, you can share your thoughts in a small group (and talk as much or as little as you wish). It's all done in a warm, friendly, and judgement-free environment. Discovering Christ is fun, relaxed, and free (donations welcomed). Thursday evenings from 23 October - 11 December, 7pm-9pm in Mater Dei Parochial House. Includes a retreat day in Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne, on Saturday 22 November from 10am-4pm. Please book your place by Friday 26 September as numbers are limited and let us know if you have any special dietary requirements by contacting the parish office: glenavy@downandconnor.org or Tel 028 9442 2278

SPRED is resuming in St Claire's Hall on the following Wednesday's from 7pm to 8.30pm. 24 September, 8 & 22 October, 12 & 26 November & 10 December. SPRED stands for **S**pecial **R**eligious **D**evelopment, and it supports those with a learning disability to develop their faith while making friends and being a vital part of our parish community. We come together to share our lives, our love, our friendship and our faith. We are looking forward to welcoming our existing and all new members plus we need more volunteers. For more information, please contact the parish office or Brenda on 07928979292.

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.

Children's Liturgy: We are delighted to announce the return of Children's Liturgy (for all children Nursery to P5) 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. **Children's Liturgy in Mater Dei** is on hold until the church reopens, hopefully towards the end of the year. We look forward to resuming this and seeing all the children again.

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.

SMA Novena 2025 In honour of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Patroness of the Missions, Tuesday 23 September to Wednesday 1 October, Daily Mass & Novena Prayers @ 10.00am & 7.30pm, SMA Chapel Dromantine. All Welcome. Also, via webcam (www.sma.ie) African Missions, Dromantine, Newry, BT34 1RH

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

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

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.

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

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.

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 graveside 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 .

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.