

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
Ciorcal Comhrra 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.

GH Tyres and Auto Services: 40a Glenavy Road, Crumlin. Punctures repairs, Wheel Balancing, Wheel Alignment, Batteries, General Service and repairs Tel: 0289 4423 113.

St. Joseph's GAC: Lotto Results Thursday 11 September 2025. Winning Numbers; 02-06-07-15. Jackpot £5,000, No Jackpot winners. 2 Lucky Dip Winners, £25 each – Orla McCambridge and Justin O'Neill. Next Week's Jackpot is worth £5,050. The members of St. Joseph's GAC thank you for your support.

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's, has reopened, with weekday Masses and Sunday evening Mass back in the Canada Room . Visit qubcatholic.org

The Legion of Mary and the Knights of Saint Columbanus present Our Lady's Rosary Festival from Saturday 4 to Sunday 12 October 25. The festival ends with the Annual Rosary Procession from St. John's Church to St Peter's Cathedral commencing at 2:30pm. More information see belfastrosaryfestival.com

Thinking about becoming Catholic or want to deepen your understanding of the faith? The Diocesan RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a journey of faith, formation, and community for adults who wish to explore the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. It is open to those who are not baptised, those baptised in another Christian tradition, or Catholics who wish to reconnect with their faith. The 2025/26 programme begins on Wednesday 1 October, runs weekly from 6.30–8pm at St Mary's Hall, Chapel Lane, Belfast. To register or find out more, please email rcia@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



TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
21 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
www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish
A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community

On the side of the poor (first reading)

Isn't it still the same as the first reading, has it? The poor get the worst of things and are diddled; it's quite contemporary. It is about greed and fooling the poor; raising the shekel - like raising the exchange rate so that the poorer countries get less dollars for their kwacha and rupees; golden handshakes for people whose greed is palpable and whose attitudes have left so many people hard up; money well protected and taxes avoided if not evaded. Our waste of food could feed so many. People are poor not through their own fault but because they are neglected.

How many of the poorer schools are becoming less well off, with resources such as special needs assistants taken away. Hospital care is getting worse, as people wait for prolonged periods for treatment. Mostly the poor will first suffer from economic mishap. **God** hates this - he hates mistreatment of his people. **Jesus** raged against the exploitation of the poor.

We pay tribute to the people who work for the poor and needy - in the parish; in diocesan and other social agencies, and our volunteers at home and abroad. Can we vote for public representatives who care for the poor?

The call to the **Church** is to care as **Jesus** cared; we need the harsh words of the first reading sometimes to waken us up, and the story of **Jesus** to make sure we don't sleep again.

*Pope Francis said:
 'if investments in banks drop a little: **It's a tragedy!**
 But if people are starving, if they have nothing to eat,
 if they are not healthy, **They die!**
 This is our crisis today,*

Lord, may your kingdom come.
CatholicIreland.net

Parish Office is closed on Thursday 25 September 2025.

22 — 28 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 afterwards starts at 6.15pm Mon Adoration 11am—12pm
Mon	9.30am Communion Service	Adoration 7pm —8pm	
Tue		7pm Communion Service Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30—8.30pm	
Wed		9.30am Communion Service Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	9.30am Communion Service Adoration 7pm—9pm		
Fri	9.30am Communion Service		
Sat	11aam Baptisms 3pm Blessing of Family Pets	6pm P.P.	
Sun	9.30am In Honour of The Archangels 12pm Angela McAlister (Months Mind), Damian Beirne & Peter Beirne (Anniv)	10. 45am Helen Flynn (Months Mind)	

Anniversaries John Loughan, Margaret Cullen, Kevin & Pat Loughan, John Donnelly, Liam Mulholland, Seamus & Patrick Boyle, Hannah Falloon, Nuala & Bobby McLarnon, Elizabeth Courtney, Gerald Doherty, Patrick O'Boyle, Maire Loughan, Pat McCoy, William Wilkinson, John Henry.

Sanctuary Lamps FG & JJ, Philip & Mary Curran

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.

The Monthly Whist held in St Clare's Hall will be on the last Sunday of each month from now on. The next Whist will be Sunday 28 September at 7pm. As usual scorecards will be £5 and a light supper will be provided. All welcome.

Collection 14/09/25

Weekly Offering: £2,594

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2025-26 (Week 20)

Winner £50 Vincent Foster (Upper Ballinderry)

Winner £100 Paula Herriott (Crumlin)

Winner £500 Gerard Hartley (Crumlin)

Congratulations to our winners!

To Celebrate the Season of Creation 2025, Blessing of Family

Pets will take place on Saturday 27 September at 3pm at The Grotto of St Joseph's church, Glenavy. Everyone welcome.

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 **SP**ecial **RE**ligious **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.

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: 028 9442 2278 or glenavy@downandconnor.org.

Children's Liturgy: Children's Liturgy (for all children Nursery to P5) has returned to 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.

We look forward to resuming this and seeing all the children again.

Jubilee of Youth – Diocese of Down & Connor Clonard Monastery Friday, 26 September @7.15pm Key Highlights:

Celebration as part of the Holy Year Jubilee. A special evening to uplift young people in faith and hope. Encouraging youth to grow as disciples and leaders.

Special Announcement: Launch of a new initiative for youth & young adult ministry. A step toward building a vibrant faith community among young people. **Call to Action:** Priests, deacons, and pastoral leaders: Invite young people from your parishes. Encourage them to bring friends. Promote this as a joyful encounter with God's love. **Why It Matters:** Your support helps young people feel valued in the Church. They play a vital role in its renewal. **With gratitude and blessings,**

✠ Alan McGuckian SJ, *Bishop of Down and Connor*

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/>

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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.

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

Trócaire Each year, volunteers in parishes across the north of Ireland set up a small stall after Masses to sell Trócaire's Gifts of Change — meaningful gifts that make a real difference to families living in poverty around the world. We provide everything you need including training & support. For more information, Tel Mark 028 9080 8030 or email mark.mcmahon@trocaire.org