

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday 7.30pm – 9pm, Traditional night 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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** the drop-in group will meet during the summer in St Clare's Community Hall on Thursdays from 10 – 12pm. All levels of Irish welcome. Text or call 07476828442 for info. Slán agus beannacht.

**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 28.08.25. Winning no's, 3-05-08-20 Jackpot £4,900 No Jackpot Winner. 2 Lucky dip Winners £25 each-John Nelson & Mary Ferguson. Next week's jackpot is worth £4,950. The members of St. Joseph's GAC. Thank you for your support.

**Padre Pio Mass** - A Special Evening of Prayer and Reflection in St Patrick's, Aghagallon on- Saturday 20 September @7pm— A general blessing with the Padre Pio mit will be available during the Mass, followed by individual blessings immediately afterwards. All are warmly welcome to attend.

**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.

## **Parish Bingo**

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



## **Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 7 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](mailto:glenavy@downandconnor.org)

Parish Website: [glenavyandkilleadparish.com](http://glenavyandkilleadparish.com)

[www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish](https://www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish)

**A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community**

## **Season of Creation 2025: Seeds of Peace and Hope**



Dear Brothers and Sisters!

The theme of this *World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation*, chosen by our beloved Pope Francis, is 'Seeds of Peace and Hope'. On the tenth anniversary of the establishment of this Day of Prayer, which coincided with the publication of the Encyclical *Laudato Si'*, we find ourselves celebrating the present Jubilee as 'Pilgrims of Hope'. This year's theme thus appears most timely.

In proclaiming the Kingdom of God, Jesus often used the image of the seed. As the time of his Passion drew near, he applied that image to himself, comparing himself to the grain of wheat that must die in order to bear fruit (cf. *Jn 12:24*). Seeds are buried in the earth, and there, to our wonder, life springs up, even in the most unexpected places, pointing to the promise of new beginnings. We can think, for example, of flowers springing up on our roadsides from seeds that landed up there almost by chance. As those flowers grow, they brighten the gray tarmac and even manage to break through its hard surface.

In Christ, we too are seeds, and indeed, "seeds of peace and hope".

Now is the time to follow words with deeds. "Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience" (*Laudato Si'*, 217).


I pray that Almighty God will send us in abundance his "Spirit from on high" (*Is 32:15*), so that these seeds, and others like them, may bring forth an abundant harvest of peace and hope.

**From the Vatican, 30 June 2025**

**Extract from Papal Message**

**LEO PP. XIV**

## 8 — 14 September Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	St James'	Feumore Mass Centre
Mon	9.30am Communion Service 11am Funeral	Adoration 7pm —8pm	
Tue		7pm Gerald Mallon (Special Intention) Holy Souls Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 9.30—8.30pm	Sun Adoration 6.30pm—7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary starts at 6.15pm Mon Adoration 11am—12pm
Wed		9.30am No Mass Opening Year Mass in St Joseph's PS Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	9.30am Aodh Cormican (Anniv) Holy Souls Adoration 7pm—9pm		
Fri	9.30am Gerald Mallon (Special Intention) In Honour of The Name of The Blessed Virgin Mary		
Sat	1.30pm Baptism Celebration	6pm P.P.	
Sun	9.30am Michael McClean (Anniv) In Honour of Our Lady of Sorrows 12pm Teresa Moore (1st Anniv)	10.45am P.I.	

**Recently Deceased** Gerard Burns (*Glenavy*), Mary Mallon (*Landgarve*), Adele Fay (*Old School Mews*)

**Months Mind** Anthony Douglas

**Anniversaries** Hilary McKavanagh, Fidelma Ward, Peter & Bridie Keenan, Aodh Cormican, Brigid Trowlen, Patsy Moore, Liam Brankin, Ernie Thompson, Gerald Conway (1st), Paddy O'Hara, Nathan Crean, Jean McComb, Frank McGarry, James McGarry, Jim McGarrell, Sheila Hall, Louis Heatley.

**Weddings** Congratulations to Zara Cousins and Gerald Mallon who were married in Christ.

**Baptisms** We welcome to God's family Patrick Service, James McMahon, Freya Walsh, Caoimhin McConville & Bria Mae Millar.

**Sanctuary Lamps** ZB & LP, Pdraig McBride

### Collection 31/08/25

Weekly Offering: £3,130

**Thank you for your generosity**

### Parish Draw 2025-26 (Week 18)

Winner £100 Cecilia Doherty (Crumlin)  
Winner £50 John Nelson (Glenavy)

**Congratulations to our winners!**

## The Annual Parish Treasure Hunt will take place this evening, Sunday 7 September.

Cars will leave St Clare's Community carpark from 5pm — 6pm, cost £5 per adult, returning to the hall by 8pm. Supper included.



### 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](mailto:glenavy@downandconnor.org).

### 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.

**Gaza Postcard Campaign** Trócaire is conducting a postcard campaign action to tell the UK Foreign Secretary that 'Words are not enough!' and we must act now for Gaza. This is a practical way to show solidarity for the people of Gaza as we have been encouraged by the Bishops' Conference. Postcards are available at the back of Church for you to sign after Mass. If you take any home, please return them to the signposted box at the back of each church so that they can be sent back to Trócaire who will present them to the Foreign Secretary. All postcards will be collected from both churches on **Sunday 14 September.**

**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) this Sunday 7 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.

**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.

**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.

**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)

**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](mailto:glenavy@downandconnor.org) or 028 9442 2278 .

**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.

**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.

**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*