

Prayers for the Pre-Synodal Assembly of the Catholic Church in

Ireland All Catholics are invited to pray for a special gathering that will take place in Kilkenny on 18 October, called a Pre-Synodal Assembly of the Catholic Church in Ireland. This assembly is an important juncture on the journey towards a National Synodal Assembly to be held in 2026. Around 240 people will be in attendance, and these are drawn from each diocese on the island, Religious Congregations and Church movements. A preparatory document, entitled *Baptised and Sent* - the fruits of listening sessions across Ireland last spring - will be the basis for discussion at this gathering, and for the next stage of the journey of renewal. Central to the document is a renewed focus on baptism as the foundation of our Christian dignity, unity, and mission and how baptism infuses the life and mission of the Church in Ireland today and into the future. You are invited to read this document by visiting www.synod.ie/baptised-and-sent-preparatory-document-available-now/

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the conversations at Kilkenny, and those flowing from it, as we walk together as sisters and brothers of Christ, united by our baptism and filled with hope.

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 2 October 2025. Winning Numbers; 03-07-12-23. Jackpot £5,150, No Jackpot winners. 2 Lucky Dip Winners, £25 each – Ella McCumiskey and Robbie Connolly. Next Week's Jackpot is worth £5,200. The members of St. Joseph's GAC thank you for your support

October and World Mission Sunday is a time for the faithful of the world to show their appreciation towards the work of overseas missionaries. Please call **Missio Ireland** on (01) 497 2035 or go to www.missio.ie for further information.

Anam Cara will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening for bereaved parents on Monday 20 October @ 7.30pm in the Crowne Plaza, Shaws Bridge, Belfast. Event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died. You do not need to register in advance, online support group meeting also available. Tel 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie. Online Bereavement Information Evening on Thursday 30 October at 7pm.

Give Blood Save Lives at Crumlin Leisure Centre on Monday 27 October, 12.30 – 19.30. Northern Ireland needs 1,200 blood donations per week. To book an appointment see www.nibts.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 EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
12 OCTOBER 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 GRATEFUL HEART

Nine were cured, and a tenth was healed, The last one came back and lifted his heart in praise and thanks. He was a man of another country, not liked by the followers of Jesus, yet his heart was like the heart of Jesus, thankful and light.

The word '*thanks*' can change an atmosphere. It is one of the most important words between people who are in ordinary and consistent relationships. With those we love, with those with whom we work, live, and with whom life is shared, it is a word that deepens the bond among us. It brings lightness among us.

The Christian heart is a grateful heart. We sometimes find people whose lives are very difficult and disabled on the outside but have a heart of thanks on the inside. They are the people who give thanks for what they have, rather than whine over what they have not!


The thanks of the Samaritan brought him into a sort of unity with Jesus and with the others who looked on him as a foreigner. Thanks, can bring enemies together. When we give thanks for the same things, we shatter barriers.

The nine were cured and probably did well for Jesus in their reports. But the tenth brought the new life of Jesus to others from a grateful heart. Give thanks this day for the ordinary, for the people who are always there, for the goodness of God. Give thanks, and in giving thanks we will be more like Jesus, the one whose life and words always thank God his Father.

Lord Jesus it is right to give you thanks and praise

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13 October — 19 October Mass Intentions

	St. Joseph's	St. James'	Feumore Mass Centre
Mon	9.30am Communion Service	Adoration 7pm —8pm	
Tue		7pm Gerald Burns (Months Mind) Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30—8.30pm	Sun Adoration 6.30pm—7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary afterwards starts at 6.15pm Mon Adoration 11am—12pm
Wed		9.30am In Honour of The Holy Souls and The Guardian Angels Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	9.30am P.I. Adoration 7pm—9pm		
Fri	9.30am Deceased members of the McTeggart Family In Honour of The Holy Souls		
Sat		6pm Mary Mallon & Gerald Mallon (Months Mind)	
Sun	9.30am P.P. 12pm Isaac Nelson (Anniv) Jack Loughan & Lawrence Loughan (Anniv)	10.45am Francis Goodall (Anniv)	

Recently Deceased Paul Connolly (*Meadowside*)
Months Mind Maura Babington, Gerald Burns, Mary Mallon, Gerald Mallon
Anniversaries Jackie Brown, Patsy McPeake, Baby Beth Duddy, Sean Brady, Colette Brady, Brian Cormican, Andrew Magee, Magdalene McGarry, Francis Brankin.
Sanctuary Lamps Special Intention, Noel McComb
Baptism We welcome to God's family Micheal Roibeard McConville McGivern
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.

Thank you to the parishioner's who generously donated £500 towards the renovation of Mater Dei church. Your anonymous donation is greatly appreciated.

Collection 5/10/25

Weekly Offering: £2,993

Monthly offering: £2,555

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2025-26 (Week 23)

Winner £100 Matthew Nelson (Crumlin)

Winner £50 Gerry O'Hara (Crumlin)

Congratulations to our winners!

Prisons Week 2025, Jubilee Year Theme: 'God's Word Is Not Chained'

From **Sunday 12 to Sunday, 18 October**, we mark **Prisons Week 2025**, a time set aside across these Islands to pray for all those affected by the criminal justice system — prisoners, their families, victims of crime, prison staff, chaplains, and communities. We remember our recently departed Holy Father, Pope Francis who held prisoners and those affected by crime close to his heart. He consistently called for mercy and forgiveness and worked toward the rehabilitation of those in custody through God's grace and guidance.

A Message from Bishop Alan McGuckian

During this Prison's week, I warmly invite all the faithful across our Diocese to join in prayer for the Prison Parishes of Hydebank, Maghaberry and Magilligan. These communities, though behind walls, are very much part of our Church family.

On Thursday October 16th, I will visit Hydebank Women's Prison and Young Offenders College to spend time in prayer with the residents and staff. It is my hope that through our shared prayer, we may bring light, hope, and the healing presence of Christ to those with heavy burdens. Let us remember that no one is beyond reach of God's mercy, and that in this Jubilee Year of Hope, we are called to be instruments of compassion and reconciliation.

Alan McGuckian S.J.

SPRED is resuming in St Claire's Hall on the following Wednesday's from 7pm to 8.30pm, 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.

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

Irish Delegation Raises Hope at Global Climate and Faith Gathering in Rome Over 30 Irish representatives joined Pope Leo XIV and global leaders for the Raising Hope Conference marking 10 years of Laudato Si. Delegates joined almost 1,000 participants from more than 80 countries for three days of reflection, dialogue, and prayer on the theme of "integral ecological conversion." For the full story see <https://laudatosimovement.org/news>

Parish Finance Committee The next meeting will be on Tuesday 14 October 2025 at 8pm in St Joseph's Presbytery.

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

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 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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.