

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 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, Irish Learners class (all levels) 10am – 12noon in the café—Tel 07476 828442, 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, Little Show Stoppers 9am–10am, 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 stclareshallbook-ing@hotmail.com **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.
Friends of St Joseph's presents Bingo! Friday 10 October 25 @ 7.30pm in St Clare's Hall. Tickets £10. BYO (including glass), glass of fizz on arrival. Tickets available from the school office.
Quiz in aid of Air Ambulance NI Charity, Saturday 11 October 25 in St Clare's Hall, Glenavy. £5 per head. Raffle on the night. BYOB. ALL proceeds go to AANI Charity.

St.Joseph's GAC: Lotto Results Thursday 25 September 2025. Winning Numbers; 06-16-21-23. Jackpot £5,100, No Jackpot winners. 2 Lucky Dip Winners, £25 each – Joanne McCumiskey and Gerry O'Neill. Next Week's Jackpot is worth £5,150. The members of St. Joseph's GAC thank you for your support

Pause for Hope Bringing together in prayer those who have and have had cancer and their loved ones, and those who care for them. Sunday 26 October @ 3.30pm in Clonard Church.

LIFE CHAIN - Join Precious Life on Saturday 18 October 25, Belfast City Hall @ 2pm for a Life Chain to mark the 6th Anniversary of Westminster imposing abortion on Northern Ireland. Contact 028 90278484 or 07592280522.

Fr Peter McVerry in conversation with author and journalist Martin O'Brien. An evening of sharing with this social justice campaigner who has worked with Dublin's poorest for decades, providing homes and shelter. Tickets £10, contact 02844 - 619000.

Parish Bingo

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



TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 5 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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GIFT OF FAITH

Interesting that Jesus says we don't need much faith - only the size of a mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds in his time. Does he really mean this?

He seems to be saying that faith does not depend on us. It is a gift from God which grows throughout our lives *fanned into a flame*, as in the second reading. We need to have confidence in the faith we have rather than always berating ourselves that it is little. In the Christian parish and community there is often more faith than we realise.

In a parish, we have the people who serve the sick and the poor; those who pray a lot and those who worship; those who reflect on faith and question. There are the families where faith is expressed in many different ways. Every moment where we come in touch with the world beyond ourselves, whether directly religious or not, is a moment of faith.

We can trace the history of our own faith and remember personal moments that strengthened the faith. These can be varied - prayer, love, works of justice, the beauty of creation, times of illness and death, sacramental life. What is important is that they are personal moments between us and God, which are privileged times of the growth of the mustard seed of faith.

We need the faith community. We need to work together for the just world recognised in the first reading as the prophet *'denounces violence, contention and discord'*. We need the leadership of the community, clerical and lay, to point out ways of faith for our culture and our times, in this way God grows the mustard seed, which is the beginning of faith.

In the end faith grows in surprising ways. God is at work all the time, supporting our faith in varied and heartfelt ways.

Lord, I believe, strengthen my belief.

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6 October — 12 October Mass Intentions

| | St Joseph's | St James' | Feumore Mass Centre |
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| Mon | 9.30am Communion Service | Adoration 7pm — 8pm | |
| Tue | | 7pm Maureen McMenamin (Anniv) In Honour of Our Lady of The Rosary 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 Thomas Breslin (Special Intention) Adoration 10am—12pm | |
| Thurs | 9.30am Holy Souls Adoration 7pm—9pm | |  |
| Fri | 9.30am P.I. | | |
| Sat | | 6pm Maura Babington (Months) | |
| Sun | 9.30am P.P. 12pm Baby Beth Duddy & her little cousin Sean & Colette Brady (Anniv) | 10.45am Jackie Brown & Patsy McPeake (Anniv) | |
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Recently Deceased Riain McGuckin (*Berkley Court*)

Anniversaries Derinella Diamond, Stephen McAllister (50th), Luarena Rice, Maureen McMenamin, Colette McCready, Gerard McKavanagh, Frank Madden, Vincent Crossey, John Corr, Sammy Heatley.

Sanctuary Lamps Sammy & Eileen Heatley, Kenneth Nelson

Baptisms We welcome to God's family Clodagh Rae Doherty, Méabh Marie Knocker, Finn Arthur McCaul, Isla Jane Reynolds

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.

Collection 28/09/25

Weekly Offering: £2,857

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2025-26 (Week 22)

Winner £100 Aidan Magennis (Glenavy)

Winner £50 Anne McDowell (Glenavy)

Congratulations to our winners!

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

SPRED is resuming in St Claire's Hall on the following Wednesday's from 7pm to 8.30pm, 8 & 22 October, 12 & 26 November & 10 December. SPRED stands for **SP**ecial **REL**igious **DEV**elopment, 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality (Oct-Dec 2025) 8-day Directed Retreat (14 - 23 October). A residential retreat with one-on-one spiritual direction. Advent Triduum Retreat (Monday-Friday, 1-5 or 8-12 December). Silent retreat guided by the Jesuit community. New Year Retreat (Monday, 29 December - Thursday, 1 January) Welcoming the New Year in a spirit of peace and prayer. More information or to book manresa.ie, email reception@manresa.ie, or Tel +353 1 5529 448.

Recharge is a young adult group based in St Colmcille's Church in East Belfast for those aged 18 - 35. We meet twice a month All are welcome. Next meeting 7 October @7.30pm: Holy Hour with Adoration followed by social in the church hall.

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.