

**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 4 December 2025. Winning Numbers; 03-14-22-25. Jackpot £5,600, No Jackpot winners. 2 Lucky Dip Winners, £25 each – Tanya Gilbride and Patrick McCorry. Next Week's Jackpot is worth £5,650. The members of St. Joseph's GAC thank you for your support.

**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 eamers Class (all levels) 10am – 12 noon 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 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** [stdareshallbooking@hotmail.com](mailto:stdareshallbooking@hotmail.com) or **07517779334**

**St Joseph's GAC Annual Quiz** Monday 29 December 2025 @ 9pm (sharp) in Lily's. All proceeds in aid of Maire Curie. All welcome.  
**Following Yonder Star Christmas Appeal** – Tuesday's Child - Following Yonder Star Christmas Appeal helping children exhausted by war, famine and extreme hardship in: Gaza, Syria, Ukraine, Ethiopia, Uganda, Kenya, India, Pakistan, Brazil, Tanzania. All donations received go to catholic missionaries and diocesan priests caring for children [www.tuesdayschild.ie](http://www.tuesdayschild.ie)  
**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.

## CHRISTMAS PARISH BINGO

in St Clare's Community Hall

Thursday 18 December at 8.00pm sharp-9.30pm

Jackpot £1,000 in 53 Numbers

Refreshments & Free Ballot

Please remember to wear your Christmas jumpers.



## Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday, 14 December 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](http://www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish)  
**A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community**

## Parish Carol Service

The combined choirs of Mater Dei and St Josephs will join together to lead a traditional Carol Service on **Wednesday 17 December 2024 @ 7pm in St Joseph's Church.** Please join us for this wonderful evening of praise and song. Everyone welcome.



## Advent Penitential Service

**St Joseph's Church,** Glenavy on Monday 22 December 2025 @ 7pm

## Jubilee of Prisoners, 14 December 2025

**"For everyone, may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine personal encounter with the Lord Jesus who is our hope." - Pope Francis**

Jubilee Years - also known as Holy Years - began in 1300 AD and occur every 25 years. Jubilee Years can be called at other times, such as the Year of Mercy in 2016. These years, the Church explains, are years "of reconciliation between adversaries, of conversion and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and consequently of solidarity, hope, justice, commitment to serve God with joy and in peace with our brothers and sisters."

The image of Christ crucified reminds us of God's immeasurable mercy and love for each one of us, redeeming us from sin and winning for us eternal life and grace. The Cross serves as a symbol of Christ's love and the hope that guides us.

In the shadow of the Cross, we are reminded of our shared journey of faith, unity and the call to live out Christ's mission of hope and love. Therefore, the crucifix in each of our churches/chapels/oratories should be a focal point, a point of reference for our Jubilee pilgrimage or visit, inviting us to reflect on the significance of this special time of grace and renewal.

May this Jubilee of Prisoners be for each one of us a chance to grow in praise and thanksgiving to the God who loved us into existence and continues to pour out His graces upon us.

**+ Martin Hayes, Bishop of Kilmore Liaison Bishop to the Irish Prison Service**



## 15 — 21 December Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	St James'	<b>Feumore Mass Centre</b>  <b>Sun Adoration</b> 6.30pm—7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary after-wards starts at 6.15pm <b>Mon Adoration</b> 11am—12pm
<b>Mon</b>	<b>9.30am Communion Service</b> <b>11.00am Funeral</b>	<b>Adoration 7pm —8pm</b>	
<b>Tue</b>	<b>7pm</b> In Honour of Deceased members of The Legion of Mary around the world.  Holy Souls  <b>Rosary</b> at 6.30pm  <b>Divine Mercy Chaplet</b> 7.30pm  <b>Adoration</b> 7.30—8.30pm		
<b>Wed</b>	<b>7pm Carol Concert</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Holy Souls  <b>Adoration</b> 10am—12pm	
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>9.30am P.I.</b>		
<b>Fri</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Mary Riordan (Anniv)		
<b>Sat</b>	<b>6pm</b> Hugh Brankin, Elizabeth Fleeton & Kathleen Brankin (Anniv)		
<b>Sun</b>	<b>9.30am</b> P.P. <b>12pm</b> Hugh Faloon (Anniv) James & Heloise Mulholland (Anniv)	<b>10. 45am</b> Bridget Loney (Anniv)	

**Recently Deceased** John Toner (*Weavers Meadow*), Patrick O'Regan (*Landgarve Lodge*)

**Anniversaries** Catherine Campbell (1st), Willy Brankin, William McAteer, John & Patricia Rooney, Gerardine Cummins, Mary Riordan, Sr Miriam Therese O'Brien, Seamus O'Neill, Hugh Henry, Rosemary Stewart, James & Mary Doone, Margaret Sweeney, Kathleen Wilkinson, Molly McPeake, Michael Canavan.

**Sanctuary Lamps** Special Intention, MN & MB

**Baptisms** We welcome to God's family Eire Smyth, Cillian McGuigan, Andrew Creery, Shea Reynolds.

### Collection 7/12/25

Weekly Offering: £2,967

Monthly Offering: £2,304

**Thank you for your generosity**

### Parish Draw 2025-26 (Week 32)

Winner £50 Margaret McDonnell (Crumlin)

Winner £100 Harry Hickland (Upper Ballinderry)

**Congratulations to our winners!**

**Overshadowed By Love:** Advent as a Season of the Holy Spirit *The gift of the Spirit is God's own power to love unconditionally and to transform the world by that power.* (Fr Richard Rohr). Join us on 16 December after Mass from 7.30-9pm in St Joseph's Annex for the last in the series as we ponder the work of the Holy Spirit in preparing our hearts to receive Christ anew this Christmas.

**Saturday Vigil Mass.** Due to the dark evenings and for safety reasons, and until Mater Dei Church reopens, the Saturday night Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 6pm in St Joseph's Church, Chapel Road, Glenavy.

**The Annual Parish Christmas Whist** will be tonight, Sunday 14th December at 7pm, Top prize will be £100 and there are also Turkeys to be won. Scorecards are £10 and supper will be provided. All welcome.

**Church Webcam** The parish has changed provider. The church webcam for live stream of Masses can be accessed via the Parish Website (as normal), or on your laptop/ mobile phone/ tablet using Google Chrome in the browser. Type in **www.churchmedia.tv**. Once in the site select **Antrim** and search for **St Joseph's, Glenavy** and the church will appear. Click on the play button to view live stream.

**Youth Alpha Course**, Wednesday's: 7.30 to 8.30 17 December, 7 & 21 January 2026, 4 & 18 February. St Joseph's Annex. All 16 - 20-year-olds welcome for Fun, Friendship and Food, while exploring the love of God.

**Music at St Joseph's** Those who attend Sunday 12 noon Mass in St Joseph's will be aware that following her marriage and move to live in Co Down we have lost our musician and leader of our Choir. There is now an urgent need to recruit a replacement. If you or someone you know would be interested in this position please contact Canon Mc Bride as soon as possible.

**Trócaire Gifts of Change** help some of the poorest people in the world to work their way out of poverty. There are 23 gifts to choose from starting at £5 for the Gift of Soap for families in war-torn South Sudan. All the gifts are real items, sourced in-country which go to families in need of our support. For further information go to <https://www.trocaire.org/gifts>.

### Open Evening at Ballymacrick PS & Nursery School, Glenavy.

Parents/ guardians of prospective Nursery or P1 children are invited to our Open Evening on **Monday 15 December @ 6.30pm**. We look forward to seeing you.

**St. Colm's High School Dunmurry.** Open Night Thursday 8 January at 7pm. P6 & P7 pupils and parents most welcome. Enquiries for Post 16 courses welcome.

**St Dominic's Grammar School** Open Day Saturday 10 January 2026, 9am—1pm. Principal's Address at 9.30 am and 11.30am. Primary 6 & 7 pupils welcome.

**St Malachy's College Belfast** will be holding Open Nights on Wednesday 14 & Thursday 15 January 2026 from 7 – 9.30pm, Principal's address @8pm.

**Rathmore Grammar School** Open Day Saturday 17 January 2026, 9.30am—1pm. Principal's Address at 9.30am and 11.15am

**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.churchmedia.tv](http://www.churchmedia.tv) and click on Glenavy or Mater Dei. 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.

**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

**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)

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Pilgrimage to Fatima** Flying direct from Belfast International 7 Nights F/B Avenida Hotel 14th/21 August. Spiritual Director Fr Andrew McMahon PP Convenient flight times. £845pps. For further information contact Joe 07776425631.