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St. Joseph's GAC: Lotto Results **Thursday 18 December** Winning Numbers; 01-06-11-16. Jackpot £5,7000 - No Jackpot winner. 2 Lucky Dip Winners £25 each, Margaret Nelson & Nuala McCourt. Next Week's Jackpot is £5,700. The members of St. Joseph's GAC thank you for your support.

St Joseph's GAC Annual Quiz Monday 29 December 2025 @ 9pm (sharp) in Lily's. All proceeds in aid of Maire Curie. All welcome.

Christmas Charity Whist on Sunday 28 December @ 7pm, in the Gate Inn, in aid of Action Cancer, the chosen charity of the Lady Mayor for LCCC (the Lady Mayor will be participating on the night). Scorecards are £10 & supper will be provided by the Gate Inn. All money lifted will go to the charity. All welcome.

Kilimanjaro Water Project - Quiz night on Saturday 27 December 2025 in the Ballymac, 8pm until late. Raffles and light bites. All for a good cause. Everyone welcome.

Youth Alpha Course, Wednesday's: 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.

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.

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 earners 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 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** stclareshallbooking@hotmail.com or **07517779334**

PARISH BINGO

There will be no Bingo on Thursday 1 January 2026.
Bingo will return on Thursday 8 January 2026



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph **28 December 2025**

Very Rev Canon Colm McBride PP: St Joseph's Presbytery, 59 Chapel Road, Glenavy, BT29 4LY Tel: 94 422278
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Welcome to God and from God

Most homes have a crib of some sorts; it is the heart of our Christmas. It brings the mystery of the birth of Jesus into our homes. Some church cribs have an open front – a sign that all are welcome and *yet many people may feel unwelcome in the church* – e.g. people in second or other relationships that cause questions to be asked, families who feel ashamed for what some of their family members may have done, people who have spent time in prison, mental hospital or living on the streets, people in/ recovering from different forms of addiction or mental health issues, People who live alone or on the streets without family support.

Like the shepherds at the first crib, all were welcome. As church we need to welcome all at this time of year all who wish to greet Jesus. May we welcome all people as God does, with the compassion and love that is of God?



Christmas reminds us to deal with each other with a little more love, sensitivity and compassion. Jesus coming among us reminds us that he is right there in our midst, but we do not always recognise him - in so far as you do it to these people you do it to me.

An old Christmas prayer

*Pray with your breathing – with every outbreath simply say
a name you wish to remember in prayer.*

And maybe even pray this sufi prayer:

*Your light o Lord is in all forms, Your love in all beings,
Allow us to recognize You in all your holy names and forms.*

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29 December– 4 January Mass Intentions

	St.Joseph's	St.James	St James
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue	9.30am Communion Service		
Wed	9.30am Communion Service		
Thurs	10am New Year's Day Feast of Mary The Holy Mother of God 12pm Wedding		Feumore Mass Centre
Fri	9.30am P.I. 1pm Wedding		Sun Adoration 6.30pm—7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary afterwards starts at 6.15pm
Sat	6.00pm Vincent & Julia McKavanagh (Anniv) Bridie & Gus McCotter (Anniv)		Mon Adoration 11am—12pm
Sun	9.30am P.P. 12.00pm Rosemary Mallon (1st Anniv)	10.45am Mary Feeney (Anniv)	

Recently Deceased Gerry O'Hara (*Camlin Park*)

Anniversaries Colette Burke, Joseph Hendron, Mark Hendron, George Brankin, Dearbhla Harbison, Samuel Nelson, Donald & Rosetta Jordan, Liz Grant, Margaret Hendron, James Cooley, Mary McGarry, Eileen & Pat McGrandles.

Sanctuary Lamps John & Betty Caldwell, Gerard & Bernadette McKnight

Thank you to the parishioner who donated £100 to the renovation of Mater Dei Church. Your anonymous donation is greatly appreciated.

Collection 21/12/25

Weekly Offering: £3,281

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2025-26 (Week 34)

Winner £100 Dermot & Patricia McCartan (Crumlin)

Winner £50 Frances Martin – Higgins (Glenavy)

Congratulations to our winners!

Parish Office will be closed on 1 January 2026

**Canon McBride wishes all Parishioners a very
Happy, Holy and Peaceful New Year**



Liturgical 'Sign of Peace' The Sign of Peace remains an integral part of the celebration of the Eucharist and has been reintroduced as a normal practice across the Diocese. The customary expression of the Sign of Peace in Ireland is a handshake. However, other non-contact forms of the sign of peace such as a nod, a bow or a smile are also legitimate expressions of the Sign of Peace. No offence should be taken if someone prefers to express a non-contact Sign of Peace. The Diocese encourages all to continue to exercise good hygienic practices, particularly over the Christmas season, and if you exhibit flu-like symptoms, you are encouraged to remain at home.

The well-known Alpha Course unites all Christian Churches and will be taking place in the Glenavy area. The three local churches taking part will include our parish of Glenavy & Killead, St Aidan's, Church of Ireland, Glenavy and St John's, Church of Ireland, Stoneyford. It is an opportunity to unpack Christian faith together, meet new people and explore the Christian faith. Alpha is for anyone who's curious. No judgement, no pressure. Each session unpacks a big question of life, faith and purpose, and is designed to spark conversation. Come along, see what you think. Starting on Wednesday 21 January @ 7.30pm in St Aidan's Hall, Glenavy.

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 Louise's College Open Night Thursday 8 January 2026. Principal's Address at 4pm and 6.30pm.

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.

St Patrick's Academy, Ballinderry Road, Lisburn BT28 1TD, Telephone: 028 92664877, www.stpatsni.co.uk. We look forward to welcoming you to our Open Night on Thursday 15 January 2026, 6.30 – 8.30pm, Principal's address at 6.30pm.

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

Christmas Parish Draw 2025-26 (Week 35)

Winner £1000 Marie Therese Sloan (Upper Ballinderry)

Winner £500 Grainne McConnell (Ballyvannon)

Winner £100 Joseph Loughan (Upper Ballinderry)

Winner £50 Ellen Forester (Glenavy)

Congratulations to our winners!

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.

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.

The Legion of Mary is currently visiting homes in the parish promoting devotion of the Divine Mercy.

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.