

GH Tyres and Auto Services: 40a Glenavy Road, Crumlin. Punctures repairs, Wheel Balancing, Wheel Alignment, Batteries, General Service and repairs Tel: 0289 4423 113.

Eastwood Funeral Directors are delighted to announce that we will be moving premises early in 2026 to "Marlon House" 21 Main Street (near the town clock). Exact date will follow. As always, we can be contacted 24/7 on our telephone number 02894 454114.

Home help needed every other weekend. Please ring 02894 454476 for more information.

St. Joseph's GAC: Lotto Results Thursday 27 November 2025. Winning Numbers; 3-16-20-27. Jackpot £5,550, No Jackpot winners. 2 Lucky Dip Winners, £25 each – Tamya Gilbride and Patrick McCorry. Next Week's Jackpot is worth £5,600. The members of St. Joseph's GAC thank you for your support.

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.

Parish Office The Parish Office will be closed on Monday 8 December and Friday 12 December 2025

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.

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

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>.

Parish Bingo

IN ST CLARE'S COMMUNITY HALL

EVERY THURSDAY AT 8.00PM SHARP-9.30PM APPROX.

JACKPOT £1,000 IN 50 NUMBERS



Second Sunday of Advent **7 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
Parish Website: glenavyandkilleadparish.com
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A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary Monday 8 December 2025 Holy Day of Obligation

**Mass Times
St Joseph's**

Monday at 9.30am & 7pm

The Straight Way

Before motorways a journey took ages, with many twists and turns, corners and hills. Now much has been made straight. John's message was that we would live along a path where words and actions match, and where kindness matches convictions.

John the Baptist was a man on a mission - *to be the messenger of the one he did not know*. His life had a vision and a purpose, like when we are really committed to people or to causes or to the poor or to peace in the world. John was the man of desert food and desert dress; he took time out to find what the biggest thing in life was and then kept following it, often not knowing where it would take him.

The human heart is complicated and we know that. We all need that one who will touch our hearts with love and forgiveness and guide us himself in ways that are straight, and whose hand will guide us along straight paths when we need it.

God's guiding is gentle. John found that Jesus was a gentler guide: no name calling, no bringing of the axe to the tree, but calling each of us his friend, and nourishing the tree rather than cutting it down. Our hearts can be melted at Christmas time by the love of God and love of others, if we can just thaw out.

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8 — 14 December Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	St James'	Feumore Mass Centre Sun Adoration 6.30pm—7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary afterwards starts at 6.15pm Mon Adoration 11am—12pm
Mon	Holy Day 9.30am Mass 7pm Mass	Adoration 7pm —8pm	
Tue	7pm Carmel Hearty (Months Mind) John Hanna (Anniv) Kathleen Brankin (Anniv) Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30—8.30pm		
Wed		9.30am Holy Souls Special Intention—A.N. Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	9.30am P.I. Overnight Adoration 7pm		
Fri	9.30am Clare Walsh (Anniv) Joe & Larry Dunican (Anniv) In Honour of Our Lady of Guadalupe		
Sat	11am Baptism 6pm Willy Brankin (Anniv) William McAteer (Anniv)		
Sun	9.30am P.P. 12pm Catherine Campbell (1st Anniv)	10. 45am John & Patricia Rooney (Anniv) Gerardine Cummins (Anniv)	

Recently Deceased Francis (Clem) Lamb (*Crumlin*)

Months Mind Carmel Hearty, Sheila Donegan

Anniversaries Catherine Campbell (1st), John McCann, Marie, Jim & Hope Mulholland, John Hanna, James & Patrick Campbell, William Patterson, Kathleen Brankin, Joe & Larry Dunican, Clare Walsh, Elizabeth Fleeton, Annie Heatley, Mary Murray, Eileen Moore, Doris Mulholland, Ann Marie McGarrity, Aaron Webb, Bill McCleave, Lily McCullagh, Mary McCorry, Harry Magee

Sanctuary Lamps Daniel & Ellen McCorry, Special Intention

Baptisms We welcome to God's family Cáirbre Laverty, Éala Mahoney, Éireann McCartney, Méabh Speight.

Collection 30/11/25

Weekly Offering: £ 3,702

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2025-26 (Week 31)

Winner £50 Marie McIlhennon (Crumlin)

Winner £100 Fionnuala Brennan (Glenavy)

Congratulations to our winners!

Grand Parish Christmas Bazaar

A big thank you from the Organising Committee to everyone who donated their time, gifts, money and to those who attended this year's Christmas Bazaar in aid of our Parish Building Fund. Special thanks to the local Businesses in Crumlin, Glenavy and surrounding area for your generosity. The amount raised was £8,240.

Thank you and may God bless you for your generosity.

Overnight Adoration You are invited to Overnight Adoration in St Joseph's Church, Glenavy on Thursday 11 December from 7pm and finishing with Mass on Friday 12 December 2025 at 9.30am. For any length of time, you can spare to pray for yourselves and the whole parish. There will be chaplets and prayer throughout the night. Come and enjoy some quiet time this Advent with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

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 this Advent as we ponder the work of the Holy Spirit in preparing our hearts to receive Christ anew this Christmas. Continuing on Tuesday evenings until 16 December, after Mass from 7.30-9pm in St Joseph's Annex. Let the life-giving Spirit breathe on us this Advent that we may manifest the presence and gifts of God.

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.

Thank you to the parishioners who donated £400 to the renovation of Mater Dei Church. Your anonymous donation is greatly appreciated.

The annual Parish Christmas Whist will be on 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.

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.

St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal 2025: Giving Sunday 14 December St James' Aldergrove/Crumlin & St Joseph's Glenavy Conferences of SVP are holding their Annual Christmas Appeal at weekend Masses on 13 & 14 December. We are asking for donations of gift vouchers or cash for those children, families/ individuals within our community who need help. Blue SVP envelopes will be at the back of the churches for donations, please return via the SVP box on or before 21 December 2025. You can also donate directly into our bank account. **St James' Aldergrove/Crumlin Conference Account No. 41965035, sort code 980460. St Joseph's Glenavy Account No. 41966009, sort code 980460.** Christmas cards are also available after Masses in December—£3 per pack or £5 for 2 packs. Thank you for being more than kind this Christmas.

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 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

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.

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

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.

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.