

**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, Caitlin's Theatre School 5pm – 6.30pm, Yoga 7pm – 8pm, Bowls 8pm – 10pm (Matches).

**Thursday** Pilates 10am – 11am, Irish learners 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** [stclarehallbook-ing@hotmail.com](mailto:stclarehallbook-ing@hotmail.com) or **07517779334**

**McStocker Ceili Band** will be live at St Clare's Community Hall. Friday 13 March 7.30pm 'til late. £15 per person – all proceeds go to Action Cancer. Supper provided, BYOB. To book your tickets, please contact Claire on 07887 405964.

**Mid Term Musical Theatre Club** for kids P4 – P7. Join us from 10am to 2pm on 9 – 11 February in St Clare's Hall. Does your child like to sing, dance or act, or maybe they just want to try something fun? Why not sign up for my 3-day class. Register now email [caitlinstheatreschool@gmail.com](mailto:caitlinstheatreschool@gmail.com)

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

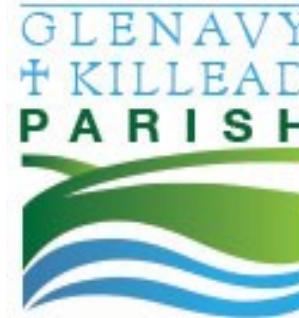
**St Joseph's GAC:** Lotto results 22.01.26. Winning no's 6-9-18-22 Jackpot £5,950 No Jackpot Winner. 2 Lucky dip Winners £25 each- Joanne Cormican & Angela Marley. Next week's jackpot is worth £6,000. The members of St. Joseph's GAC Thank you for your support.

**Celebrating 70 years of Faith** St Agnes', Andersonstown Road, Belfast. Parish Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes 2026 begins 10am Tuesday 3 Feb. Our Lady Of Lourdes, The Call of the Good Shepherd "*I know my own and my own know me*" (John 10:14) Speakers: Jim Deeds, Bridget McNicholl, Paula & Joseph McKeown. Sunday 9.30am & 12.30pm, Monday to Friday 10am & 7pm, Saturday: 1pm & 6.30pm (Vigil), Penitential Service Friday 6 Feb 7pm, Mass for the Sick: Sat 7 Feb 1pm, Gathering of Youth Sunday 8 Feb 7pm

**Tots & Tea - Mother & Toddlers Group (Term 2).** Wednesday Mornings 10.30 – 11.30am in the Minor Hall of St Joseph's PS, Crumlin. All parents & carers of children aged 0 – 3 years welcome.

**Anam Cara**, next Parent Support Evening on **Monday 9 February @ 7.30pm in the Crowne Plaza, Shaws Bridge, Belfast.** We also offer an online support group meeting. More information 01 4045378 or email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

**Parish Bingo**  
in St Clare's Community Hall  
**EVERY THURSDAY AT 8.00PM SHARP-9.30PM APPROX.**  
**JACKPOT £1,000 IN 51 NUMBERS**



**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Feast of St Brigid**

**1 February 2026**

**Very Rev Canon Colm McBride PP:** St Joseph's Presbytery, 59 Chapel Road, Glenavy, BT29 4LY Tel: 94 422278

**Parish Office at St Joseph's Glenavy:** Monday- Friday 10am - 3pm Secretary: Joan McShane Tel: 94 422278

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Parish Website: [glenavyandkilleadparish.com](http://glenavyandkilleadparish.com)

[www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish](http://www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish)

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### **Day- to- day Compassion**

Today's gospel was described by the late Pope Francis: '*This is the new law, the one we call the "the Beatitudes."*' It's the Lord's new law for us' (February 2016). It highlights attitudes of the heart rather than just a set of rules to be followed.

We do not stay just with the words of Jesus. His life and teaching were a commentary on this sermon. Jesus invites us to watch how the sermon is lived out in his life. All the qualities – being poor in the spirit, able to mourn our losses and work for peace – are qualities of the human person. This is how we know our need for God, our need for each other. Even in his risen life he was the humble one who could listen to the doubts of his disciples and guide them to further faith, each in his or her own way.

The church is called to live these qualities, which lead us to the compassion of Jesus and to bring compassion in our lives. Compassion and understanding come from listening deeply to others, especially their joys and sorrows.

Compassion also grows in prayer – by asking for it, and by watching the compassion of Jesus in his life.

Someone working with young people once said that '*an ounce of compassion is worth a ton of exhortation.*' Marriage, friendship and family life are all enriched by the quality of compassionate listening.

[CatholicIreland.net](http://CatholicIreland.net)

**St Brigid lived the Beatitudes.** Born around the year 454 at Faughart, she followed her calling to consecrate her life to God. With Conleth, she founded the double monastery of Kildare. The interior spiritual life was given countless expression in a life marked by welcome of the stranger and hospitality to all, in her care for the sick and the poor, and in her concern for animals, nature and the Earth.

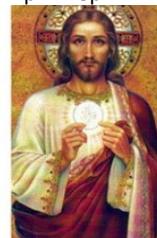
Brigid died on 1 February 524 and is buried in Downpatrick, with the other two patrons of Ireland, Patrick and Columba (Colum Cille).

The first day of February is also the date of the Celtic festival of Imbolc, the beginning of the new season of hope and growth.

Brigid's reputation spread throughout Ireland and in many parts of Europe. The legend of her cloak expanding to meet the needs of the monastery, highlights the power of this fourth/ fifth century woman. The Brigid's cross woven from rushes, expressed the Christian faith and God's concern and protection given to us through prayers and intercession of Brigid.

## 2 – 8 February Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	St James	St James Monday Adoration 7pm–8pm
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		
Tue	9.30am Mary Mooney (1st Anniv) 12pm Funeral		
Wed		9.30am Special Intention Adoration 10am–12pm	
Thurs	9.30am In Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes Adoration 7pm–9pm		Feumore Mass Centre
Fri	9.30am P.I. 6pm Sacrament of Reconciliation		Sun Adoration 6.30pm– 7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary afterwards starts at 6.15pm
Sat	11am Baptisms 6.00pm Molly Stafford (Anniv)		Mon Adoration 11am–12pm
Sun	9.30am P.P. 12.00pm Selina Crossan & Sam Crossan (Anniv) Bridie & Jim O'Neill (Anniv)	10. 45am Anne Leitch (1st Anniv)	



**Recently Deceased** Colette Jordan (Tullywest Road), Christopher Tennyson (Formerly Crumlin),

**Month's Mind** Gerry O'Hara

**Anniversaries** Mary Mooney (1st), Jennifer Magee, Gerald O'Hara, Eileen O'Dornan, Molly Corr, Kevin Magerr, Tony Flynn, Jim Mulholland, Sarah McGarrell, Paul Magee, Winifred McGarry, Patrick McAlister, Henry Brazier

**Sanctuary Lamps** Special Intention, Eamon, Teresa & James Moore

**Baptisms** We welcome to God's family Finn Edward Dobson and Rónán Thomas Denny.

**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 25/01/26

Weekly Offering: £2,964

**Thank you for your generosity**

### Parish Draw 2025-26 (Week 39)

Winner £50 Kenny Kane (Aghalee)

Winner £100 Jim Mulholland (Glenavy)

**Congratulations to our winners!**

## We're Almost There!

The **Mater Dei renovation is nearly complete**, and as we prepare for the **rededication of our iconic church**, we need YOUR help to preserve its history!

- Were you or your family living in **Crumlin during the early 1970s**?
- Do you remember **Mater Dei being built**?
- Did you attend **St Joseph's Primary School** and keep a diary or visit the building site?

If you have **photos, stories, or diaries**, please share them with us. All Information will be **scanned and returned safely**

Email: [marietherese2009@live.co.uk](mailto:marietherese2009@live.co.uk) Drop-off: Parish Office Glenavy

**Contact:** 07541909567 Let's celebrate this momentous occasion together and keep the history of Mater Dei alive for future generations!

**SPRED** has resumed and is in St Claire's Hall on the following Wednesday's from 7pm to 8.30pm, 25 February, 11 & 25 March 2026. SPRED stands for **SPecial REligious Development**, 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.

**Music at St Joseph's** There is an urgent need to recruit an organist, if you or someone you know would be interested in this position please contact Canon McBride as soon as possible.

**Youth Alpha Course**, Wednesday's: 4 & 18 February. St Joseph's Annex. All 16 - 20-year-olds welcome for Fun, Friendship and Food, while exploring the love of God.

**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 [b.lockhart@downandconnor.org](mailto:b.lockhart@downandconnor.org)

### Vacancy Down & Connor Diocesan Trust. 'Vocations Support Officer'

Based within St Colmcille's Parish, 191 Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 3JB. Reporting to the Director of Vocations, the role holder will be required to support, promote & sustain a culture of vocations across the Diocese of Down and Connor by co-ordinating outreach, communications, events and relationships that encourage discernment and prayer for vocations. Permanent appointment, 20 hours p.w., flexible working pattern including some evenings & weekends, £15,600 gross p.a. For full details, terms & conditions & application form: <http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: job vacancies, Community NI & ni-jobs.com websites. Application Packs are also available from St Colmcille's Parish Office. Closing date for applications 12. noon Tuesday 10 February 2026.

**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.churchnservices.tv/stjosephglenavy](http://www.churchnservices.tv/stjosephglenavy) or [www.churchnservices.tv/materdeicrumlin](http://www.churchnservices.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.

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.

**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

**The Legion of Mary** 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.

**It's easy to see what alcohol** is doing to the drinker but can you see what it is doing to you? Further information contact the confidential helpline on 0800 0086 811 or 02890682368 or [helpline@al-anonuk.org.uk](mailto:helpline@al-anonuk.org.uk).

**Pilgrimage To Fatima**. Belfast International, £845pps, 7 nights F/B, Avenida Hotel 14/21 August Spiritual Director Fr Andrew McMahon PP. Deposit secures. Contact Joe 07776425631

**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.

**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.

**Radio Maria Ireland** continues to grow. As an Irish-run Catholic Talk-Radio Station we enjoy commercial free broadcasting - Prayer, Catechesis, Uplifting music, Talks, Interviews & Testimonies –how you can listen; Digital TV - Saorview Channel 210, Download our FREE App "RADIO MARIA IRELAND", Streaming on our WEBSITE - [www.radiomaria.ie](http://www.radiomaria.ie) , Via our 'Listen Live Radio' link on our Facebook Page.

**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, and if you exhibit flu-like symptoms, you are encouraged to remain at home.

**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](http://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.

**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.