

**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 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, Litle 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** [stclareshallbooking@hotmail.com](mailto:stclareshallbooking@hotmail.com) or **07517779334**

**St. Joseph's GAC:** Lotto Results **Thursday 1 January** Winning Numbers; 07-19-20-27. Jackpot £5,8000 - No Jackpot winner. 2 Lucky Dip Winners £25 each, Nicola Burns & Alana Doran. Next Week's Jackpot is £5,850. The members of St. Joseph's GAC thank you for your support.

**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.

**Marriage Enrichment Weekend** Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland, 20 -22 March 2026, "St Marys" Knock, Co. Mayo, [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

**Anam Cara**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Monday 12 January** at 7.30pm in the Crowne Plaza, Shaws Bridge, Belfast.

**Beginning Experience** programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on three Saturdays (31 January, 28 February and 28 March) To book or find out more, contact Pauline 07519289185 or Marie 07896119669 or email [belfast-be@yahoo.com](mailto:belfast-be@yahoo.com)

**Killimanjaro Water Project** - Thank you for all the kind donations and to those who attended the Quiz night on 27 December 2025 in the Ballymac. The total raised was £5,950.

**"Let Justice Flow Like Rivers":** All-Ireland Churches to Gather for Landmark Creation Care Conference Newry, 17 January 2026. Further info from: [info@irishchurches.org](mailto:info@irishchurches.org) Tickets are £10 to be purchased at <https://letjustflow.eventbrite.ie>

**Parish Bingo**  
**in St Clare's Community Hall**  
**EVERY THURSDAY AT 8.00PM SHARP-9.30PM APPROX.**  
**JACKPOT £1,000 IN 50 NUMBERS**



## **The Baptism of The Lord**

**11 January 2026**

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

### **You are beloved...'**

Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist had a different meaning from ours. It was more a baptism of sorrow for sin and of forgiveness; in this plunge into the river, Jesus identified with his people in his baptism.

At the baptism he heard the best words he could hear; *You are my beloved*. God led Jesus to John to hear these words. One of us, one with us, he could now be one for us. Joy flooded his heart as he heard these words. Something happened for Jesus at that moment that only he could know - like bells ringing that only he could hear. Have you heard it in your life? At times we face the huge mysteries love, beauty, friendship, birth, death. And we know in the middle of it all, that we are beloved.

Our call is to be fully involved in life and love. The Christian is called to be involved with others at the times of need, of depth and mystery. Jesus did that - plunging himself into our humanity and with all of us. The feast of the baptism is something new for all. The son of God is one of us. We have a new way of knowing God not just in the laws of old but in the new Spirit of Jesus.

So let the bells of love ring for us in God; and wherever we find it; let's ring bells of love for all the most needy of God's people.

*Let the word 'beloved' echo in your mind and heart.*

*This is God's word for you today.*

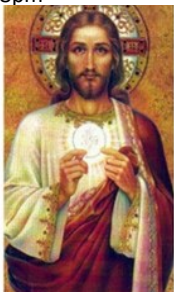
*Lord, thanks for calling me 'beloved'*

**CatholicIreland.net**



**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.

## 12 – 18 January Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	St James	St James
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue	7pm John Toner (Months Mind) Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30—8.30pm		
Wed		9.30am Special Intention Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	9.30am P.I.		
Fri	9.30am Rose Cormican (6th Anniv) Special Intention		
Sat	6.00pm Patrick O'Regan (Months Mind)		
Sun	9.30am Gerard Mulholland (Anniv) Louis Brankin (Anniv) 12.00pm Sheila Eastwood (1st Anniv)	10. 45am P.P.	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

**Month's Mind** Patricia Cormican, John Toner, Patrick O'Regan

**Anniversaries** Danny Heatley, Joseph Kane, Carol McConnell, Dermot Doran, Rosaleen McClean, Rose Cormican, Jane Brown, James Walsh, Imelda McGarry, Eileen Doone, Francey Prior, James Brankin, Joan Connolly, Murial O'Hara, Molly Doherty, Maurice Brannigan, Briege Brannigan.

**Sanctuary Lamps** Rosemary Mallon, Gerard Stafford

**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.

**Finance Committee** Next meeting will be 13 January 2026 at 7.45pm in the Parochial House.

### Collection 4/01/26

Weekly Offering: £2,412

Monthly Offering £2,050

**Thank you for your generosity**

### Parish Draw 2025-26 (Week 36)

Winner £50 Mary Fitzpatrick (Aldergrove)

Winner £100 Eunan Kerlin (Crumlin)

**Congratulations to our winners!**

**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.

**We welcome Mrs Christine Magee** as new Principal of Ballymacrick Primary School. Blessings on her and all her staff.

**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 Mc Bride as soon as possible.

**Youth Alpha Course**, Wednesday's: 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.

### **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Associate Membership – 2025**

A letter has been received thanking parishioners for their generous support of the Diocesan Pilgrimage. Your donation of £1,010 was received and will help provide the equipment and supplies needed to care for the sick and vulnerable pilgrims who are at the very heart of the pilgrimage. They also help to support staff with subsidized fares. Please be assured that all the associate pilgrims are remembered each day during the pilgrimage in Lourdes. Our Lady of Lourdes and St Bernadette pray for us.

**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.

**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](http://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

**Dominican College Fortwilliam Open Day** Saturday 17 January 26, 9.30 am to 1.00 pm. Principal's address at 9.30 am and 11.00 am (Primary 6 and Primary 7 pupils all welcome)

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

**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.

**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.

**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)

**St Brigid Cross** Enjoy a demonstration of St Brigid Cross Making and using the materials provided make your own cross on Saturday 7 February in North Down Museum Bangor: Limited number of places. For more information and to book now go to <https://www.visitardsandnorthdown.com/whats-on/celtic-saints-a-journey-through-time-and-tradition-p948071>

**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.