

**GH Tyres and Auto Services:** 40a Glenavy Road, Crumlin. Punctures repairs, Wheel Balancing, Wheel Alignment, Batteries, General Service and repairs Tel: 02899 4423 113.

**Eastwood Funeral Directors** are delighted to announce that we have moved premises to "Marlon House" 21 Main Street (near the town clock). As always, we can be contacted 24/7 on our telephone number 02894 454114.

**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** [stclarehallbooking@hotmail.com](mailto:stclarehallbooking@hotmail.com) or **07517779334**

**Sunday The Monthly Whist** resumes on Sunday 25th January at 7pm, in St. Clare's hall. Scorecards are £5 and light refreshments will be provided. All welcome.

**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)

**St. Joseph's GAC:** Lotto results 15.01.26. Winning nos 2–10–20–21 Jackpot £5,900 No Jackpot Winner. 2 Lucky dip Winners £25 each- Mary Holden – T Bazooka. Next week's jackpot is worth £5,950. The members of St. Joseph's GAC Thank you for your support

**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.

**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

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



**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**25 January 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)  
**A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community**

## Points to Ponder

We know that the days are now getting longer, even if is not obvious yet. Light is starting to make a comeback. We have turned a corner.

In this morning's gospel reading, Matthew compares the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus to the coming of the light. The people that lived in darkness have seen a great light. A new light is rising over people, the light of God's powerful presence.

The opening words of Jesus' public ministry are, 'the kingdom of God is at hand'. The powerful presence of God is at hand, a presence that is full of light because it is full of love.

God's presence in Jesus will mean healing for the broken and acceptance for the rejected; it will bring forgiveness to sinners and a place at table for the outsiders.

This is a light to which people will be drawn, a divine light. The gospel reading speaks of large crowds following Jesus from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Jusaea and Transjordania. The same light rises over all of us today.

The invitation of Jesus in the gospel reading today is to repent, in other words, to turn more fully towards the light of God present in Jesus, present now in the risen Lord. That call to turn is always with us and we never cease trying to respond to it ever more generously.

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**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.

## 26 – 1 February Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	St James	
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		<b>St James</b> Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue	9.30am Christopher Hickland (Months Mind)		
Wed		9.30am Special Intention Adoration 10am—12pm	<b>Feumore Mass Centre</b> <b>Sun Adoration</b> 6.30pm— 7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary afterwards starts at 6.15pm
Thurs	9.30am The anniversaries of the Gillen Family Adoration 7pm—9pm		<b>Mon Adoration</b> 11am—12pm
Fri	9.30am P.I.		
Sat	6.00pm Gerry O'Hara (Months Mind)		
Sun	9.30am P.P. 12.00pm Gerald O'Hara (Anniv)	10. 45am Jennifer Magee (Anniv)	

**Recently Deceased** Letitia Kearney, Elizabeth Ann O'Brien

**Month's Mind** Anthony McCrudden, Gerry O'Hara, Christopher Hickland  
**Anniversaries** Bridie Beck (1st), Lily Edge, Margo McNaughton, Dermot Faloon, Jimmy Quinn, Margaret McGarrell, James Heatley, James & Mary Heatley, Mary Murray, Gerald O'Hara. Robert Hutchison, Gretta Whyte, Eileen, Daniel and Phillip Gillen, The Gillen Family

**Sanctuary Lamps** Rosemary Mallon, WJC

**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.

**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.

### Collection 18/01/26

Weekly Offering: £2,675

Faith & Pastoral Development £495

**Thank you for your generosity**

### Parish Draw 2025-26 (Week 38)

Winner £50 Bernadette McCartney (Crumlin)

Winner £100 Frances Hardy (Glenavy)

**Congratulations to our winners!**

**Acknowledgement:** A donation of £50 has been gratefully received from an anonymous parishioner for the refurbishment of Mater Dei Church

**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.

**St Brigid Cross Workshop** will take place in St Clare's Hall Friday 30 January in St Clare's Hall after 9.30am Mass.

**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.

**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.

**Trócaire** would like to pass on their thanks for the generous donation of £2001 raised through the sales of Trocaire's Gifts of Change and donations made at Christmas time by the parishioners of Glenavy and Killead. Thanks to your kindness, Trócaire is able to work with communities all over the world to address the underlying causes of poverty and injustice. A special thank you to volunteer Patricia for their contribution to the appeal and support of Trócaire's work within the Parish.

**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)

**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.

**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.

**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.chuchservices.tv/materdeicrumlin](http://www.chuchservices.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).