

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 Drop-off: Parish Office Glenavy **Contact:** 07541909567 Let's celebrate together and keep the history of Mater Dei alive for future generations!

Deadline for information is 19 February 2026

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 Bowling Club - quiz night in St Clares Hall on 20 Feb @ 8pm, in aid of Prostate Cancer UK & new bowling mats. Pay at the door £5. Raffle & BYOB. All welcome.

St. Joseph's GAC: Lotto results 05.02.26. Jackpot £6,050 No Jackpot Winner. 2 Lucky dip Winners £25 each- Gerard O'Neill & Scott Hope. Next week's jackpot is worth £6,100. The members of St. Joseph's GAC Thank you for your support.

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 18 February. St Joseph's Annex. All 16 - 20-year-olds welcome for Fun, Friendship and Food, while exploring the love of God.

Down & Connor Diocesan Trust Vacancy—Antrim Parish, Cleaner (Job Share) Youth Centre & Minor Hall within Antrim Parish, Castle Street, Antrim, BT41 4HP. Permanent appointment, 2 People for 7 hrs each week, Tuesday – Sunday, work pattern included in job profile. Rate of Pay - £12.21 gross per hour. Full details including application form can be found at: <http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: JOB VACANCIES and on the Community NI website. Closing date for applications 12noon, Tuesday 24 February 2026

Beginning Weekend Experience -is offering "a weekend away for a lifetime of change" at Drumalis Retreat and Conference Centre, Larne on Friday 20-Sunday, 22 March 26. For more information Contact Marie 07896119669, Pauline 07519289185 or email belfastbe@yahoo.com

Collection 08/02/26

Weekly Offering: £2,722

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2025-26 (Week 41)

Winner £50 Paul Kinnaird (Crumlin)

Winner £100 JF & BA Lamb (Crumlin)

Congratulations to our winners!



**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
15 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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BE AWARE, BE ALERT, ACT

The practice of safeguarding within the diocese of Down & Connor refers to the wide range of services, plans and activities that are put in place to protect both children and adults from being exploited or harmed, abused, or neglected in any way.

Safeguarding within our Church community is about making our Church a safe, welcoming and enriching place for children, young people and adults and those who may be at risk of harm. Although the Safeguarding Office may take a lead role in outlining the key aspects of what needs to be in place to protect children and adults from harm, safeguarding is very much a shared community responsibility in which each and every one of us has a part to play, whether that is reporting a concern about a child or adult or by simply volunteering in your parish in any of our safeguarding activities.

THE NATIONAL BOARD FOR SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN IRELAND

National Board for safeguarding children in Ireland www.safeguarding.ie

Down & Connor Safeguarding Website

www.downandconnorsafeguarding.com

PSNI 101

Social Services - Gateway Services, Child Protection –Daytime 028 9050 7000

Or Out of Hours 028 9504 9999

NSPCC Helpline 0808 800 5000

Down & Connor Safeguarding Office 028 9049 2798

Down & Connor Designated Liaison Person, Philip O'Hara 07534 992 124

Parish of Glenavy & Killead Safeguarding Committee

Maureen Loughan (Chairperson)

Canon Colm McBride

Eileen Connon

Colette McCorry-Hotchkiss

Matthew O'Brien

16 – 22 February Mass Intentions

	St. Joseph's	St. James	
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		 <p style="text-align: center;">St James Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Feumore Mass Centre</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sun Adoration 6.30pm— 7.30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary after- wards starts at 6.15pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mon Adoration 11am—12pm</p>
Tue	7pm In Honour of The Holy Face of Jesus Christ. Harriet & James Donnelly (Anniv) & Deceased members of the Donnelly Family Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30—8.30pm		
Wed	7pm Ash Wednesday	9.30am Ash Wednesday Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	9.30am William Jordan (Anniv) Holy Souls Adoration 7pm—9pm		
Fri	9.30am Margaret O'Boyle (Anniv)		
Sat	6.00pm P.I.		
Sun	9.30am Grow in Love Damian Ayre (Anniv) Sean & Mary Devlin (Anniv) 12.00pm May & Jim Lenaghan (Anniv) Anne Grant (Anniv)	10.45am P.P.	

Recently Deceased Raymond McCready (*Townland Road*)
Anniversaries Mary Cleary, Raymond Johnston, Theresa Douglas, Mary Daly, William Jordan, Rita McCorry, Paul & John Magee, Harriet & James Donnelly, Margaret O'Boyle, Sarah Heatley, Mary C Doone, Damian Ayre, Michael Loney, James McGarry, Pat Nelson, Margaret Kearns, James Kearns.

Sanctuary Lamps P.H. (Special Intention), Donald & Rosetta Jordan
Weddings Congratulations to Chloe Agnew and Damien Mulvenna who were married in Christ .

Rededication of Mater Dei Volunteers are needed for the Rededication ceremony of Mater Dei on 15 March at 3pm. Next weekend members of the Pastoral Council, will be available after all the masses to take names of those who would like to help, on this day of celebration in our parish. Please put your names forward to help with the ceremony.

Lent starts this week with Ash Wednesday on 18 February. In the readings on Ash Wednesday there is a great consciousness of our sinfulness, as we pray 'Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned'. There is also a sense that the time to repent and turn back is now. The Gospel tells us how to approach that renewal of our lives. It puts before us the remedy in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. 'Fasting is the soul of prayer; mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. If we have not all three together, we have nothing,' says St Peter Chrysologus.
(Liturgical Calendar for Ireland 2026)

Forms of Friday Penance

The following are suggested ways of fulfilling Friday Penance:

- Abstaining from meat or some other food.
- Abstaining from alcohol or smoking.
- Making a special effort at involvement in family prayer.
- Making a special effort to participate in Mass on Fridays.
- Visiting the Blessed Sacrament.
- Making the Stations of the Cross.
- Fasting from all foods for a longer period than usual and perhaps giving what is saved to the needy.
- Helping the poor, sick, old or lonely.

From the statement on Friday Penance issued by the Bishops' Conference, 2011

Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse In Ireland, a Day of Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse is marked each year on the Friday immediately following Ash Wednesday. This year it will be marked across Ireland on **Friday 20 February 2026**. This day is not only for victims and survivors who have been so severely injured inside our Church, but also for the families and communities affected by the pain and grief of their loved ones.

"It is essential that we, as a Church, be able to acknowledge and condemn, with sorrow and shame, the atrocities perpetrated by consecrated persons, clerics, and all those entrusted with the mission of watching over and caring for those most vulnerable. Let us beg forgiveness for our own sins and the sins of others. An awareness of sin helps us to acknowledge the errors, the crimes and the wounds caused in the past and allows us, in the present, to be more open and committed along a journey of renewed conversion".

Abuse happened within the Catholic Church in Ireland.
 Abuse happened in our Diocese of Down and Connor.

Seats for Mater Dei Church The seats are in the process of delivery. If a family would like to come together to help sponsor a seat, please contact the parish office. There will be approximately 50 seats and the suggested offering per seat is £1,000. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated. **Thank you** to the parishioner's who have already donated £2,000, £1,000, £1,000 & £1,000 and contributions of £200 and £100.

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. 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

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.

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.

Pilgrimage To Fatima. Belfast International, £845pps, 7 nights F/B, Avenida Hotel 14/21 August Spiritual Director Fr Andrew McMahan 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.

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

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. 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.

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.

SPRED has resumed 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.

Down and Connor Lourdes Pilgrimage Youth Team 2026 – 8 – 15 July 2026. Online applications open to all 17 – 24-year-olds (at time of travel). Applications close 7 March 2026 @5pm. Contact lourdes@downandconnor.org or 02890 770162

Down & Connor Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026 - 9 – 14 July 2026 (5 nights) or 8 – 15 July (7nights). For more information (cost, accommodation or to request a booking form) contact 02890 770162, lourdes@downandconnor.org or downandconnor.org/lourdes