

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

**Join the Glenavy Garden Centre Team!** We are looking for seasonal staff to work 16-24 hrs per week. If you are interested or know of anyone who might be interested, please get in contact with Maurice (07798924459) or Dominic (07874005422) or email [glenavygardencentre@outlook.com](mailto:glenavygardencentre@outlook.com).

**St Clare's Hall, What's on?– Monday** Bootcamp with CM Fitness 6am – 7.20am, Multi Sensory baby class 10–11am, 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** [stclareshallbooking@hotmail.com](mailto:stclareshallbooking@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.

**St Clare's Community Hall is a drop off point for the Hygiene Bank.** You can now bring unopened toiletries to help people in our community who need them most. Donation box is in the front entrance of the hall, so items can be donated any time the hall is open.

**St. Joseph's GAC:** Lotto results 12.02.26. Jackpot £6,100 No Jackpot Winner. 2 Lucky dip Winners £25 each- Eugene Clenaghan & James O'Donnell. Next week's jackpot is worth £6,150. The members of St. Joseph's GAC Thank you for your support.

**Sensory Friendly Mass** St Colmcille's Parish, Ballyhackamore invites you to our monthly Sensory Mass on Saturday, 28 February at noon Refreshments after Mass in the parish centre, with supervised activities for all.

**St Patrick's Way Pilgrim Walk** Downpatrick with guides Martina Purdy & Elaine Kelly on Saturday March 14 in honour of St Patrick and the 25 Anniversary of The Saint Patrick Centre. To book & more information [www.thesaintpatrickcentre.com](http://www.thesaintpatrickcentre.com) or 02844 61900

Cappella Caeciliana warmly invites you to a special performance of Mozart's *Requiem* on Sunday 29 March at 6:30pm in Clonard Monastery. General Admission £20, Under 25s £5 Available at our website [www.caeciliana.org](http://www.caeciliana.org)

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



## **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT** **22 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)  
**A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community**

### **Co-creators**

Jesus is tempted to use creation just for himself. This can happen with money, to other people, the environment and religion. We are called to look after God's creation, not control it.

To be co-workers with God is our call - to focus on people as well as plans, to feel the needs here and abroad.

One view of God is that he looks after the world for good or bad, and we are just the receivers. The other is that we are co-workers in developing the world and God's creation. Jesus was tempted to throw himself away from the world as he knew it, but he did not. He would live by the word of God, and God would care for him as for the parents in the first reading.

'A Christian who doesn't safeguard creation, or who doesn't make it flourish, is a Christian who isn't concerned with God's work, that work born of God's love for us' (Pope Francis, 2015).

The temptation to Jesus was to take him off the path of his father. Like him, we are often tempted to use the creation of God just for our benefit. Our call is to be co-creators of the world with God.

*Imagine a garden where everything is beautiful. It is the creation of a gardener. Then imagine that someone has ruined one corner of it- notice the difference. Apply this to how we treat God's creation.*

*May we care for your creation, O Lord,  
with the love you have for creation and for us.*

**CatholicIreland.net**

### **Rededication of Mater Dei**

Volunteers are needed for the Rededication ceremony of Mater Dei on **15 March at 3pm**. This 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.

## 23 – 1 March Mass Intentions

	St. Joseph's	St. James	
<b>Mon</b>	<b>9.30am Communion Service</b>		<b>St James Monday Adoration</b> 7pm—8pm  <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 <b>Mon Adoration</b> 11am—12pm
<b>Tue</b>	<b>7pm</b> Anna Sophia Gallagher (Special Intention) <b>Rosary</b> at 6.30pm <b>Divine Mercy Chaplet</b> 7.30pm <b>Adoration</b> 7.30—8.30pm		
<b>Wed</b>		<b>9.30am</b> Catherine O'Callaghan & Stuart Hatton (Special Intention)	
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>9.30am</b> P.I. Adoration 7pm—9pm		
<b>Fri</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Margaret Scott (1st Anniv)		
<b>Sat</b>	<b>11am</b> Baptisms <b>6.00pm</b> P.P.		
<b>Sun</b>	<b>9.30am</b> Pat MacCreanor (Anniv) Daniel, Philip, Esther & Olive McKavanagh (Anniv) <b>12.00pm</b> Michale Maguire (Anniv) John & Molly Brankin (Anniv)	<b>10. 45am</b> Joseph & Mina Mooney (Anniv)	

**Anniversaries** Margaret Scott (1st), Sean & Mary Devlin, Damian Ayre, Seamus Stafford, May & Jim Lenaghan, Anne Grant, Rosemary Barbour, Bernadette Megarr, Terry McLornan, Mary & Gerard Hughes, George Brown, Bridie McGarry, Eddie Heatley, Thomas McGarrell.

**Sanctuary Lamps** G,F,J,J & MN

**The Legion of Mary** We meet on Thursdays at 7.30pm in the Annex of St Joseph's church, Glenavy for further information call or text 07581292226 (Emma). Join us.

**CCTV Camera's** Please be aware that St Joseph's Church and graveyard and Mater Dei Church and grounds are monitored by CCTV.

<b><u>Collection 15/02/26</u></b>	<b><u>Parish Draw 2025-26 (Week 42)</u></b>
Weekly Offering: £2,807	Winner £50 Dolores Henry ( <i>Glenavy</i> )
Sick & Retired Priests £1,045	Winner £100 Andrew McNeice (Crumlin)
<b><u>Thank you for your generosity</u></b>	<b><u>Congratulations to our winners!</u></b>

**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 parishioners who donated £1,000 and £1,000.

**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.

**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.

**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

**This month's Whist** is on Sunday 22 February at 7pm, in St. Clare's hall. Scorecards are £5 and light refreshments will be provided. All welcome.

**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 SVPD** 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.

**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](mailto:lourdes@downandconnor.org) or 02890 770162

### 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**

**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. 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.

**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

**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.

**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.

**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.

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