

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 3rd Tuesday 7.30pm – 9pm, Traditional night 1st Sunday 7pm – 9pm, Whist Last Sunday 7pm – 10pm. Also available for private, community & business functions, including birthday parties, fund raisers and funeral's **Contact** stclareshallbook-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.

Multi-Sensory baby class every Monday at St Clare's Hall, Glenavy from 10-11am. To join & for further information contact Carla on 07889782940. **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.

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 29.01.26. Winning no's 7-9-23-26 Jackpot £6,000 No Jackpot Winner. 2 Lucky dip Winners £25 each- Canon McBride & Justin O'Neill. Next week's jackpot is worth £6,050. The members of St. Joseph's GAC Thank you for your support.

Knit & Natter , St Joseph's P.S. Crumlin, invites you to Knit & Natter in the school commencing 24 February 2026 from 9.30am – 10.30am. Bring your own projects and enjoy wool, words and warmth. Refreshments provided.

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

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Give Blood Save Lives, Crumlin Leisure Centre on Monday 23 February between 12.30pm & 7.30pm. The link to book an appointment is: <https://nibts.hscni.net/online-booking-for-blood-donation-appointments/>



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time **8 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
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Salt for the Eucharist

In Galilee around the time of Jesus, there was a flourishing fishing industry. Peter, James and John were part of it, and they were big-time fishermen. Fish from Galilee went all over the then known empire, and to Rome along the trade route, which went through Galilee. It was kept fresh, as much food was, as we kept food fresh for years before freezers - by salting it. The word of God is kept fresh within us by prayer; otherwise, our Christian life may become weak and tasteless.

A big food of Jesus is the Eucharist. His bread of life can go stale unless we 'salt' it. We salt the Eucharist by our lives. We keep the Mass alive by the way we live. The Eucharist is entrusted to us. God gives us his Son, his food, and leaves it to us how we live by it. Jesus invites us to be the 'salt of the earth' - to be people whose lives are centred on helping others and making the places around us places of kindness, compassion, hope, fun and life. We don't say 'You're salt of the earth', if someone just receives communion. We are the salt of the earth if we live out our communion. The bread of Jesus is salted with the goodness of men and women, young and old, everywhere. Our response then links in with the first reading - if we feed, shelter, clothe and help our neighbour, we are 'the light that rises in the darkness'.

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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 this momentous occasion together and keep the history of Mater Dei alive for future generations! **Deadline for information is 19 February 2026**

9 – 15 February Mass Intentions

	St.Joseph's	St James	St James
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue	7pm Vincent Lavery (1st Anniv)		
Wed		9.30am Holy Souls Special Intention Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	9.30am P.I. Adoration 7pm—9pm		
Fri	9.30am Helen Killen (Anniv) Holy Souls		
Sat	6.00pm Mary Cleary (Anniv) Raymond Johnston (Anniv)		Feumore Mass Centre Sun Adoration 6.30pm— 7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary after- wards starts at 6.15pm Mon Adoration 11am—12pm
Sun	9.30am P.P. 12.00pm Rita McCorry (Anniv) Paul & John Magee (Anniv)	10. 45am Theresa Douglas (Anniv)	

Anniversaries Vincent Lavery (1st), Anne Leitch (1st), Molly Stafford, Selina Crossan, Sam Crossan, Bridie O'Neill, Jim O'Neill, Isabella McCorry, Maureen Jordan, Sean Hackett (25 yrs), Helen Killen, Fr Patrick White, Hannah White, Maureen Morgan, James Lavery, Geraldine Bell, Rosaleen O'Hara, Willie Lewsley, Barry Kerr, Brian Kerr, Philomena (Phil) Crookes, Patsy Rogan, William Colquhoun.

Sanctuary Lamps Molly Stafford, Ann, Patricia & Brian Moore

Baptisms We welcome to God's family Maeva Anne Boyland, Cora Erin Hanna & Aoife Sadhbh O'Toole

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: £2,834

Monthly Offering £2,084

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2025-26 (Week 40)

Winner £50 Gerard Hartley (Crumlin)

Winner £100 Ann Shephard (Glenavy)

Winner £500 Fionnuala Saunders

(Glenavy)

Congratulations to our winners!

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 20th 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

Thank you to the parishioner who donated £1,000 to fund the weekday vestments for Mater Dei Church. Thank you also to the parishioners who donated £200, £500 & £1,000 towards new Ciboria. The donations are greatly appreciated.

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.

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.

Mary's Meals – Thank You A heartfelt thank you for the **£4,470.86** raised during the recent parish visit. These precious donations will enable more than **233 children**, in the world's poorest communities, to receive a daily meal at school for a full year & a better future through education. Please continue to keep our work in your prayers. Further details about our work & how to get involved contact Caoimhe McCann 07394564065 or see www.marysmeals.org.uk.

Discernment Retreat for Diocesan Priesthood 6 –8 March 2026 For young men who are open to the question: "Is God calling me to be a priest? A chance to step away from the noise and busyness of everyday life. Time for prayer, silence, and honest conversation. No pressure to decide anything — just space to listen and reflect. For more information, contact Fr Conor McGrath C.mcgrath@downandconor.org

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 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 SVP** 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.