

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** 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.

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

Glenavy Gardening Society –12 March @ 7pm at The Ballance House, An evening with Conrad McCormick (@thatbotanicguy). Tickets available at glenavygardencentre.com

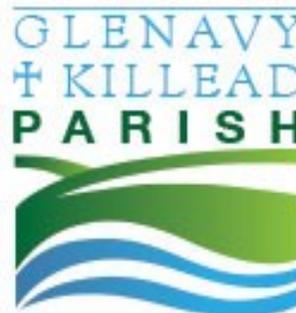
St Clare's Bowling Club would like to thank everyone who attended their recent quiz night. Thanks to all the local businesses, family & friends who donated prizes for the raffle or made donations. Special thanks to the quiz master, Councillor Claire Kemp. £400 was raised for new bowling mats and a wonderful £1,180 for Prostate Cancer UK. The club appreciate your support.

Anam Cara, next monthly Parent Support Evening **Monday 9 March at 7.30pm** in Crowne Plaza, Shaws Bridge, Belfast. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more email info@anamcara.ie or call 01 4045378.

Parish Cell System for Evangelisation National Seminar (www.parishcells.ie) will take place on 28 & 29 March at Drumalis Retreat Centre, Larne. Theme - From Encounter to Mission. More information magswebb1@gmail.com or 07779 729505 or Tel. 078099 06792, anne.mcferran@gmail.com

Eucharistic Healing Retreat in Knock Shrine, led by gifted Croatian Priest, Fr Rozo Palić Saturday 7 10am – 6.30pm & Sunday 8 March 10am – 4.30pm, St. John's Welcome Centre. No prior booking required; everyone welcome and please bring a packed lunch. For more information contact, Patricia 089 9466193 or Fiona on fionatjennings@yahoo.com.

Dromantine Summer Camp Registration for young people aged 11-17 opens on Saturday 28 February on our website. For more information see www.dromantinesummercamp.co.uk



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 1 MARCH 2026

Very Rev Canon Colm McBride PP: St Joseph's Presbytery, 59 Chapel Road, Glenavy, BT29 4LY Tel: 94 422278
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On the mountain

The hours on the mountain were a huge experience for Peter, James and John, who would always be with him. They saw him in his glory, the beloved son of the Father. *There was more to him than meets the eye.*

You climb a mountain and you see new views; you see the city from a new vantage point. You see the countryside in its beauty. We need times to climb mountains and get away from the ordinary. *Lent is a time like that - as we give something up, we take something on.*

From the mountain, we now return home with a good seed: the seed of the Word of God. The Lord will send rain and that seed will grow. It will grow and it will bear fruit. We thank the Lord for the seed but we also want to thank the Sower because you were that Sower and you know how to do it/ (Pope Francis, 2014)

Whenever we climb the mountain of the Lord or make any journey with him, we are changed. As every mountain is different, so every moment with him is well worth while!

We receive this word of God, and we receive our call to share it. The apostles would spend their lives sharing what they got on the mountain, and how it changed them.

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Pope Leo XIV's prayer intentions for March 2026

For Disarmament and Peace. Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



2 – 8 March Mass Intentions

	St.Joseph's	St.James	
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		
Tue	7pm Sean & Mary Mallon (Special Intention) Grace Meharg (Anniv) Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30—8.30pm		
Wed		9.30am Mass in St Joseph's Primary School. No Mass in St James'	
Thurs	9.30am P.I. Adoration 7pm—9pm		
Fri	9.30am Holy Souls 6pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 8pm World Day of Prayer		
Sat	11am Baptisms 6.00pm Colette Jordan (Months Mind)		
Sun	9.30am Brendan Cormican (Anniv) Mary Pauline & Billy Eastwood (Anniv) 12.00pm Ita Hyland (Anniv) The Deceased members of the Connolly Family	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

Renovation of Mater Dei Church.

The renovation of Mater Dei will be completed within the next two weeks. We are now looking forward to welcoming Bishop Alan Mc Guckian SJ, who has agreed to join us on Sunday 15th March at 3.00pm to bless our 'new' Church and dedicate the new Altar. 'New' in the sense that nothing of the original building remains apart from the walls and the roof. Invitations have been extended to a number of individuals including former priests of the parish, but the ceremony is open to all parishioners and will be followed by a reception in St Joseph's Primary School. Thanks to those who have volunteered to assist with these preparations and on the day itself and thank you to all who continue to contribute financially, or with their time, or prayer to this sacred work.

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 £2,000, £1,000, £1,000, £1,000, £1,000, £1,000, £200 & £100.

World Day of Prayer on Friday 6 March 2026 at 8pm in St Joseph's church. A Women—led global ecumenical movement prepared by Christian women from Nigeria with the theme 'I will give you rest, come'. All welcome. Tea afterwards in St Clare's hall.

Professional Certificate in Pastoral Supervision will be offered by the Centre for Mission & Ministries in September 2026. Dioceses in Ireland are faced with an aging local clergy, fewer younger priests and a growing number of priests from abroad. At the same time, we are witnessing the development of new forms of lay ministry. Against this backdrop, the Centre for Mission and Ministry is partnering with the Institute of Pastoral Supervision and Reflective Practice to offer a Professional Certificate in Pastoral Supervision. The initiative aims to grow a cohort of skilled people in different dioceses around the country to support both emerging lay ministries and the priests with whom they work. Those trained in this methodology will also be able to offer ongoing support to ministry teams in pastoral areas as well as those who meet challenging and difficult situations in ministry. This is one-year, blended learning, programme, with three in-person weekends from September to June and online sessions in between. People in the related fields of counselling, chaplaincy, psychotherapy, spiritual direction, facilitators of pastoral reflection groups, and those who are used to working in supervisory roles or in a mentoring capacity, may also benefit and are welcome to apply.

SPRED has resumed in St Claire's Hall on the following Wednesday's from 7pm to 8.30pm, 11 & 25 March 2026. We need more volunteers. For more information, please contact the parish office or Brenda on 07928979292.

Anniversaries Pat MacCreanor, Daniel, Philip, Esther & Olive McKavanagh, Joseph & Mina Mooney, Michael Maguire, John & Molly Brankin, Grace Meharg, Maud O'Neill, James, Elizabeth, Kathleen, Seamus & Daniel McKavanagh, James Moore, Maisie McCann, Catherine Cormican, Geraldine Cormican, Magdalen & Jack Kelly, Sean Loney, Joe McPeake, Susan Mailey, Bridie McCorry, Ita Hyland, John Magee.

Sanctuary Lamps Deceased Devereux Family, Special Intention

Baptisms We welcome to God's family Edward Ferguson, Lauren Charlotte King, Cara Sian Josephine Gaskin, Aodhán Patrick O'Reilly

Parish office will be closed from Monday 2 March and will reopen on Monday 9 March 2026

Collection 22/02/26

Weekly Offering: £3,272

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2025-26 (Week 43)

Winner £50 Jean Burns (Glenavy)

Winner £100 Noreen McCullagh (Crumlin)

Congratulations to our winners!

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.

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.

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. 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.

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.

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.

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 or 02890 770162 or downandconnor.org/Lourdes.

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.

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.

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