

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 dub 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** stdlareshallbooking@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.**

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

St Joseph's GAC: Lotto results 19.02.26. Winning No's 6-16-18-21 Jackpot £6,150 No Jackpot Winner. 2 Lucky dip Winners £25 each- Joe Loughan & Joanne Campbell. Next week's jackpot is worth £6,200. The members of St. Joseph's GAC Thank you for your support.

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.

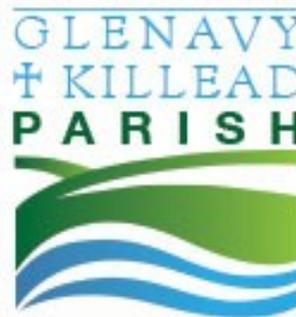
Down & Connor Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026 9 – 14 July 2026 (5 nights) or 8 – 15 July (7nights). For more information (accommodation, cost, or to request a booking form) contact lourdes@downandconnor.org or 02890 770162 or downandconnor.org/Lourdes.

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 OF LENT 8 MARCH 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
Email: glenavy@downandconnor.org
Parish Website: glenavyandkilleadparish.com
www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish
A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community

Baptised and Sent

The Season of Lent as a Journey in Renewing our Sense of Baptismal Identity

When Angelo Roncalli was elected Pope John XXIII in 1958, someone congratulated him: "This is surely the greatest day of your life!" His response was immediate. Nothing in his life, he said, could equal the day his parents carried him as a baby to be baptised in the village church of Sotto il Monte. That is how it is with all of us. Our baptism makes each of us a child of God—a reality so exalted we "scarce can take it in." The season of Lent invites us to rediscover this truth. Over forty days, the Church asks us to remember who we are as God's children and how we can live out this identity. We do this as we prepare to renew our baptismal promises at the Easter Vigil. Pope John XXIII never forgot what baptism meant. He called the Second Vatican Council to help the whole Church remember that we, the baptised, are the People of God.

As part of the Synodal Pathway of the Irish church, we are asked to reclaim the power and importance of our baptism. 'The world needs our Witness. It needs each one of us to live out the call of our Baptism.' When we gather at Easter to renew our baptismal promises, I pray that all of us, throughout the diocese, will do so with hearts on fire. The world needs our witness. It needs each one of us to live out the call of our Baptism. Our Christian witness — lived authentically and joyfully — is the gift the world is waiting for.

I invite you to use this Lent to prepare yourself: Deepen your personal relationship with Jesus through daily prayer and Scripture reading.

I pray that as we stand together this Easter to renew our baptismal promises, we will do so with a desire to become witnesses to the Risen Christ who sends us to love one another as he has loved us. The Holy Spirit is at work among us. Lives will be changed. People will encounter Jesus. Disciples will be formed. We are baptised and sent.

*Extract from Pastoral letter from Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ
February 2026*

9 – 15 March Mass Intentions

	St.Joseph's	St.James	
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		St James Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm 
Tue	7pm Elizabeth McCullagh, Peter & Thomas McCullagh (Anniv) Sean & Mary Mallon (Special Intention) Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30—8.30pm		
Wed		9.30am Mary Brazier (Anniv) Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	9.30am P.I. Adoration 7pm—9pm		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
Fri	9.30am Nancy & Brian Murphy (Anniv)		
Sat	6.00pm P.P.		
Sun	9.30am Josephine Mulholland (50th Anniv) 12.00pm Dominic Clenaghan (Anniv)	10.45am Jack, Alice & Joan Kennedy (Anniv) 3pm Dedication of Altar Mater Dei Church	

Months Mind Colette Jordan

Anniversaries Brendan Cormican, Mary Pauline Eastwood, Billy Eastwood, Ita Hyland Elizabeth McCullagh, Peter McCullagh, Thomas McCullagh, Mary Brazier, John Henry, Nancy Murphy, Brian Murphy.

Sanctuary Lamps Riverview Queen Agers, Special Intention

Baptisms We welcome to God's family Daisy Maire Laing Jude McClean Watters, Grace McGettigan, Charlie Hunter

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.

Collection 01/03/26

Weekly Offering: £2,750

Monthly Offering: £2,040

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2025-26 (Week 44)

Winner £50 Ryan Duddy (Glenavy)

Winner £100 Jacinta Brankin (Upper Ballinderry)

Congratulations to our winners!

Renovation of Mater Dei Church.

The renovation of Mater Dei is almost complete. 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.

FOR LOVE OF YOU Contemplating the Face of Christ this Lent

Come and spend one hour with us in quiet prayer and silent reflection in **Mater Dei Church, Tuesday 24 March at 10am, 2 30pm, or, 5.30pm**, contemplating the face of the suffering Christ. Gazing in His face we see more than the features of a man, we see the very image of God made visible. "Yes, a face that has been bruised and bloodied, sometimes difficult to look at but ultimately it's a face that looks at us as well and tells us, 'Look, I did all this for you and that's how much I love you' "(Fr Patrick Van der Vorst). **Will you spend one hour with me?** **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.

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

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. The weekly envelopes will be issued very shortly, if you would like to donate using envelopes and don't already do so, 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 the parish secretary or Canon McBride in confidence. Please note that there is a separate account number for the Parish Draw and this should not be used when making a weekly donation.

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.

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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