

**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 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**. **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 05.03.26. Winning No's 9-13-26-27 Jackpot £6,250 No Jackpot Winner. 2 Lucky dip Winners £25 each- Eadoain Norris & Conor McPeake. Next week's jackpot is worth £6,300. The members of St. Joseph's GAC Thank you for your support.

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

**Christians from all denominations will gather at St Patrick's grave** in Downpatrick @ 5:45am, 17 March, to pray The Our Father/ Lord's Prayer, one hundred times for peace & unity in Christ. Everyone welcome. Please spread the word. For more information [legacyofsaintpatrick@gmail.com](mailto:legacyofsaintpatrick@gmail.com)

**Ballyclare Male Choir** concert to raise funds for the Youth Ministry in the Loughshore Parishes on Friday 20 March in Star of the Sea, Whitehouse @ 7.30pm. Tickets £15. Tel. 02890370845. or [loughshore@downandconnor.org](mailto:loughshore@downandconnor.org)

**Youth 2000 Ulster Spring Retreat** in St. Benedict's College, Randalstown, for those aged 16 - 35, Friday 27 - Sunday 29 March 2026.. To register or more information [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie).

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



## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT** **15 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](mailto:glenavy@downandconnor.org)  
Parish Website: [glenavyandkilleadparish.com](http://glenavyandkilleadparish.com)  
[www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish](http://www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish)  
**A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community**

### **The Feast of St Patrick**

**Tuesday 17 March 2026**

#### **Mass Times**

**St Joseph's**

**7pm, Vigil Mass on Monday 16 March**

**Mater Dei**

**9.30am & 7pm on Tuesday 17 March**

### **The Eye of Faith**

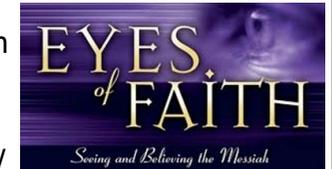
Some saw a blind man being cured and walked on amazed. Others saw the same cures and found faith. We can see things - everyday things - with different eyes. A sick woman may be seen with the eye of compassion for illness, hope for a cure/ profit from a profession. The Christian tries to see the world with the eye of faith.

Faith grows in many ways - by opening ourselves to our human desire for God, by mulling over the good things of life/ by experiencing the good within ourselves/ by looking over times of faith in the past and by allowing the goodness of others to bring us to new and stronger faith. This is the call of the gospel today - to open our eyes to the Lord who is at work in many ways.

We learn to see and love with the eye of faith by looking at the look of Jesus towards us. It is often a big jump to believe in what we cannot see. Even the blind man today was reminded by Jesus '*You are looking at the Son of Man/ he is speaking to you.*' Jesus looks at each of us with faith in our goodness and with love.

Maybe we can walk around in this atmosphere of faith, "seeing" God in a flower, or in a parent holding a child's hand, or in a person pushing a wheelchair with courage/ and notice that in many ways God is near and the presence of Jesus is at hand.

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## 16 – 22 March Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
<b>Mon</b>	7pm Vigil Mass Feast of Saint Patrick		<b>Monday Adoration</b> 7pm—8pm
<b>Tue</b>		9.30am Feast of Saint Patrick 7pm Feast of Saint Patrick	
<b>Wed</b>		9.30am In Honour of St Joseph Adoration 10am—12pm	
<b>Thurs</b>	9.30am Children's Mass Adoration 7pm—9pm		
<b>Fri</b>	9.30am P.I.		
<b>Sat</b>		5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 6.00pm Raymond McCormick (Anniv) Kevin & Bernadette Magerr (Anniv)	
<b>Sun</b>	9.30am Kevin Armstrong, Maureen Armstrong & Mary Gafney (Anniv) May Nelson (Anniv) 12.00pm P.P.	10.45am John Kelly (Anniv) Agnes Creaney (Anniv)	

**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

**Recently Deceased** Moya Sloan (St John's Close), Eva O'Donnell (Darachrean Rd)

**Anniversaries** Jim Doherty, Josephine Mulholland, Mary O'Loughlin, Jack, Alice & Joan Kennedy, Dominic Clenaghan, Ambrose Mulholland, Matthew Heatley, Lorna Doone, Paul & Brenda Loney, Kathleen Marsden, Molly McMaster, James Nelson, Alphonsus O'Brien

**Sanctuary Lamps** Francis & Isabella McCorry, Riverview Queen Agers

**Migrant Collection** at all Masses on Saint Patrick's Day. Funds raised will be used to support the work of the Council for Migrants, Refugees & Justice & Peace and other projects that provide pastoral outreach to marginalised & vulnerable communities within Ireland and among Irish people abroad.

### Collection 08/03/26

Weekly Offering: £2,807

**Thank you for your generosity**

### Parish Draw 2025-26 (Week 45)

Winner £50 T & P McCloskey (Crumlin)  
Winner £100 Gerard & Josephine Owens (Stoneyford)  
Winner £500 Christine Dwyer (Crumlin)

**Congratulations to our winners!**

## Renovation of Mater Dei Church.

The renovation of Mater Dei is complete. We will welcome Bishop Alan Mc Guckian SJ, who will join us today, 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.

We are grateful to the parishioners who have donated towards the seating, the total donated so far is £28,800. Thanks to those who have volunteered to assist at the ceremony today 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?**

**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.

**The Glenavy Branch of Apostolic Work** are holding their Annual Easter Sale in St Clare's Hall on Sunday 22 March, 10am – 1pm. Usual stalls Tombola, Bric a Brac, cakes, Easter Ballot. Please come along and support the Missions. A Church Door collection will be taken up outside churches in the parish after all Masses that weekend.

**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

**Parish Office** will be closed on Tuesday 17 March, the Feast of Saint Patrick.

**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.

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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](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.

**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.

**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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**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.

**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).

**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.