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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**. **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 12.03.26. Winning No's 7-9-23-28 Jackpot £6,300 No Jackpot Winner. 2 Lucky dip Winners £25 each- Anne Hallagen & Mary Holden. Next week's jackpot is worth £6,350. 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.

Good Friday Falls/Shankill Annual Inter-Church Prayer Walk -will take place on Good Friday 3 April, beginning at 4.45pm in front of Clonard Church, stopping midway at Shankill Methodist for a brief prayer, and returning to Clonard by 6pm. All are welcome.

A Musical Pilgrimage for Liturgical Music Ministers in Rome with "The Priests" Monday 29 June to Saturday 4 July 2026. Workshops, Liturgies, Cultural Site Visits, Accommodation, Meals and Final Night Concert For more information visit www.rishcollege.org/musical-pilgrimage-2026 Celebrating 100 years of the Pontifical Irish College on the Coelian Hill in Rome.

EASTER BINGO ON 26 MARCH 2026, FREE BALLOT
in St Clare's Community Hall
JACKPOT £1,000 IN 51 NUMBERS
NO BINGO ON HOLY THURSDAY



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT **22 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
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A Human Heart

When people read the Gospel today, they say they see that Jesus is a real human being, son of God and man of the earth, weeping over a friend.



His was a human heart. He liked friends and he found a home and a safe place with them, over the hill and away from the mob. We might picture him there - the talk, the chat, the prayers, the love; meals with other friends who dropped in, times of prayer and silence.

The one who can share a laugh, eat a scone, have a drink or a cuppa. The one who'd give a wink at the sign of peace! Not always so serious, even about religion. There's no such thing as a sad saint! He is a good friend.

When life is ending, we will give thanks for friends and regret the way we have drifted or hurt each other. Real friendship is when another's thoughts and life become at least as or more important than our own.

So, the resurrection and the life is not just for after death. It is for now. We raise each other up in friendship and in love. In that is the grace of the Lord, himself a friend, for when we love, God lives in us.

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Church Webcam

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 or Mater Dei, Crumlin** and the churches will appear. Click on the play button to view live stream.

23 – 29 March Mass Intentions

	St.Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30 Communion Service		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue		10am, 2.30pm & 5pm Contemplating The Face of Christ 11.30am Sacrament of Reconciliation (Gaelscoil Ghleann Darach) 7pm Paul Condie (Anniv) Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30—8.30pm	
Wed		9.30am Holy Souls 10.15 am Sacrament of Reconciliation (St Joseph's PS)	Feumore Mass Centre Sun Adoration 6.30pm—7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary afterwards starts at 6.15pm
Thurs	9.30am P.I. Adoration 7pm—9pm		Mon Adoration 11am—12pm
Fri	9.30am P.I.		
Sat		11am Baptisms 6.00pm Palm Sunday	
Sun	9.30am Palm Sunday Grow in Love 12.00pm Palm Sunday	10.45am Palm Sunday	

Anniversaries Ambrose Mulholland (32yrs), Raymond McCormick, Kevin Magerr Bernadette Magerr, Kevin Armstrong, Maureen Armstrong, Mary Gafney, May Nelson, Willie Morgan, John Kelly, Agnes Creaney, Paul Condie, James Doone (snr), Patricia Devereux, Margaret McGarrell, Malcolm Condie, Annie Deacon, James & Maria McGivern, Patrick McAlernon, Patrick Horner, Mary (Molly) Horner, Margaret McGarry, Mary Nelson (nee O'Reilly).

Sanctuary Lamps Patricia Devereux, Special Intention

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 15/03/26

Weekly Offering: £3,547
Needy Parishes £1,061

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2025-26 (Week 46)

Winner £50 Bernadette McKeivitt (Glenavy)
Winner £100 Ernest McCullagh (Crumlin)

Congratulations to our winners!

Renovation of Mater Dei Church.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the ceremony last Sunday, 15 March 2026 in Mater Dei church, at which Bishop Alan McGuckian S.J. blessed our 'new' church and dedicated the altar. It was a great celebration for us as a parish.

Thank you to everyone who was involved in the renovation work, those who took part and organised the ceremony on Sunday and the refreshments afterwards. Special thanks to those who generously gave of their time, their prayers for this sacred work and those who donated financially to the renovation work. The newly renovated Mater Dei church is our legacy for future generations in this parish.

There are some remaining rows of seats available for anyone who wishes to donate. The funds raised will go towards the costs associated with the renovation.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Please keep the girls and boys of St Joseph's Primary School and Gaelscoil Ghleann Darach in your prayers as they receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation next week in Mater Dei church.

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 5pm**, 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 at the back of the churches from this weekend, 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.

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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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 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.

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

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

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