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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**

stclarehallbooking@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.

Quiz night, in St Clare's Hall to raise funds for Ballymacrickett PS, Friday 17 April 2026 @ 8pm. Bring your own beverages/ snacks. £5 entry; prizes to be won.

Afternoon Tea in aid of Crumlin Senior Citizens & Crumlin Residents Association in St Clare's Hall on Sunday 19 April 2026 from 2pm – 5pm. Music & Afternoon Tea, £10 per ticket. For more information, Tel. 07771 833224. Everyone welcome

St. Joseph's GAC: Lotto results 2.04.26. Winning No's 1-11-13-17 Jackpot £6,450 No Jackpot Winner. 2 Lucky dip Winners £25 each-Deirdre McCloskey & David Fox. Next week's jackpot is worth £6,500.

The members of St. Joseph's GAC Thank you for your support.

Glenavy GAC U16 girls have organised a Fund Raising Family Bingo on Sunday 19 April in St Clare's Community Hall starting at 6.30pm, £10 per book.

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.

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



Second Sunday of Easter **Divine Mercy Sunday** **12 April 2026**

Very Rev Canon Colm McBride PP: St Joseph's Presbytery, 59 Chapel Road, Glenavy, BT29 4LY Tel: 94 422278
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A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community

Thanks, Thomas!

Thomas ... thanks!

For bringing honesty into our faith. He didn't pretend that he was better than he was. He began by wanting proof and ended by being glad of faith. He is the patron saint of transitions and steps in faith. Faith is a journey. He is the saint of faith in our times. The community was the place he found faith, having lost it when he tried to go it alone. Then he came back to the community of faith and went on a journey of life that took him to martyrdom in India.

He also found Christ in wanting to touch his wounds. We find God when we enter into his wounds in the wounds of our world.

In the faith community of the church, we can keep our faith. Our faith grows here too. Thomas looked for faith by wanting to touch the wounds of Jesus. When Jesus invited him to do so, he found he didn't need to. He found faith in being present with the wounded Christ and discovered there his faith in the glory of Christ.

We can do the same. What was said to Thomas is said to us all: 'You believe because you can see me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

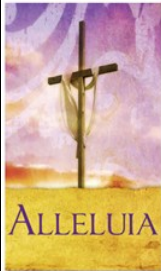
Recall those who have strengthened your faith and be grateful; picture each person and pray for each of them.

Lord, I believe, strengthen my belief

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Church Webcam The church webcam for live stream of Masses can be accessed via the Parish Website www.glenavyandkilleadparish.com Go to the top line and click on webcams and pick either **Mater Dei** or **Glenavy**. It can also be accessed at www.churchmedia.tv. Select **Antrim** & search for **St Joseph's, Glenavy or Mater Dei, Crumlin** and the churches will appear. Click on the play button to view live stream.

13 – 19 April Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue		7pm John Bartley (11th Anniv) Joseph McCann (Anniv) Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30—8.30pm	
Wed		9.30am P.I. Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	9.30am P.I. 6pm Service of Light (Ballymacrocket PS) 7pm—9pm Adoration		
Fri	9.30am P.I.		Sun Adoration 6.30pm—7.30pm
Sat		5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 6pm Phelim & Brigid McGarry (Anniv) Desmond Quinn (Anniv)	Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary afterwards starts at 6.15pm
Sun	9.30am P.P. Grow in Love 12.00pm Martha Nelson, Kevin Nelson & Frak Loughan (Anniv) Jimmy Magee (Anniv)	10.45am Lawrence Grant (1st Anniv) Geraldine Kerr & Isaac Mulholland (Anniv)	Mon Adoration 11am—12pm

Anniversaries Kathleen McQuillan (1st), Rosemary Bleakley (1st), James & Kathleen Brankin, Kathlen Mulholland, Terence Maguire, Gerald Nelson, Joseph McCann, Anne McGurnaghan, Frank Marsden, Charles Bradley, Joseph Bradley, Andy Mulholland, Neil Cormican, Eileen Cormican, Florence McAteer, Dave McCorry, Raymond Mooney (20th), John O'Neill, John Bartley (11th).

Sanctuary Lamps Moyna McAreevey & Chris McCloskey, Jackie & Marie Clarke.

Weddings Congratulations to Hanna Singleton and Donal O'Kane who were married in Christ

Collection 5/04/26

Weekly Offering: £4,263
 Easter Offering: £1,947
 Catholics in The Holyland £1,220

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2025-26 (Week 49)

Winner £50 Joan Breen (Ballinderry)
 Winner £100 Matthew O'Brien (Crumlin)

Congratulations to our winners!

Divine Mercy Sunday: The conditions for receiving this great grace, can be fulfilled by attending any of the following Churches today, 12 April 2026, Divine Mercy Sunday. St Peter's Cathedral @ 2pm, Mater Dei, Crumlin @ 2pm, Sacred Heart, @ 2pm or All Saints @ 3pm.

Renovation of Mater Dei Church. Thank you to the parishioner for their anonymous donation of £2,000 towards rows of seats in Mater Dei, this brings the total donated so far £34,000. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. There are some remaining rows available for anyone who wishes to donate. The funds raised will go towards the costs associated with the renovation. The newly renovated Mater Dei church is our legacy for future generations in our parish.

Diocesan Novena Pray for Vocations. A Nine Day Journey of Prayer 18 – 26 April 2026 Join us in prayer online or in your parish as we prepare for Good Shepherd Sunday, asking the Lord to bless our diocese vocations to the priesthood. Facebook: Down & Connor – Vocations or Instagram: downandconnor_vocations.

Rosary Rally You are cordially invited to a special rosary for the conversion of Ireland in co-ordination with over 500 other rosaries across Ireland, on Saturday 16 May @ 4pm at the St Joseph's Grotto with tea and coffee afterwards in the annex. All welcome, please spread the word.

New Parish Draw 2026/27 The Parish Draw is a valuable source of income for our parish, the new Parish Draw begins on 4 May, just £10 per month and generous prizes to be won. Renewal forms are being distributed to existing members, and we hope you will continue to support the Draw. New members are encouraged to join. If you haven't been a member before, please pick up a form from the back of the Churches or the Parish Office. For further information about joining and the options on how to pay, please contact the Parish Office on 02894 422278.

Can you spare half an hour per month? The St. Martha's cleaning team in Mater Dei would like your help, if you can help by joining this important team, please leave your name & number at the parish office.

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 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.

Trocaire Lenten campaign 2026 Please return your Trocaire box to the churches as soon as possible.

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.

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

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

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.

Anam Cara, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Monday 13 April at 7.30pm & Bereavement Information Evening for all bereaved parents on Tuesday 21 April in the Crowne Plaza, Shaws Bridge, Belfast. For more information email info@anamcara.ie or call us on 01 404 5378 or 028 952 13120. We also offer an online support group meeting.

Mater Dei Children's Liturgy We would welcome more helpers. We have a very flexible rota, and it is just during term time. So, if you can help, even one Sunday in the year, we would be delighted. Call or email the parish office if interested.