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St. Joseph's GAC: Lotto results 16.04.26. Winning No's 6-8-14-25 Jackpot £6,550 No Jackpot Winner. 2 Lucky dip Winners £25 each-Patricia Henry & Oonagh Phillips. Next week's jackpot is worth £6,600. The members of St. Joseph's GAC Thank you for your support.

The Glenavy GAC Festival is back this Bank Holiday weekend at Chapel Hill in the marquee. We kick things off on Friday evening with family bingo, followed by a poker night. Saturday features Quid Games, a series of fun challenges where contestants compete until one person is left standing, winning £10,000 for themselves and a chosen charity. There will also be an U16 girls' tournament during the day. On Sunday night, enjoy entertainment from hypnotist Adrian Knight, followed by live music from Mistaken Identity. For updates on timings and ticket sales, please check our social media channels."

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** 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. **Sing into Summer with**

Lisburn Harmony plus special guests The Accidental Choir on Saturday 23 May 2026 @ 7.30pm in St Clare's Community Hall. Tickets £12.50 or benches available up to 2 adults and 2 children @ £25. **Glencore Community Group AGM** on Monday 27 April 2026 @ 7pm. Please join us for a review of last years work and to have your say on priorities going forward.

Blessing of the Graves at Milltown Cemetery will take place on Sunday 10 May at 3pm

Rwanda fundraising ball: Join us for an evening of food, music & dancing in the Ballymac hotel on Saturday 13 June at 7pm to raise vital funds for the mission project of the Sisters of the Community of Mary, of the Heart of Jesus (Sisters of Comunidade Servos de Maria do Coração de Jesus) in Rwanda. For more information and tickets, please visit bit.ly/4aAskIO

Tobar Mhuire Retreat Centre, Crossgar 1-day retreat Saturday 6 June, 10am – 4pm, guided by Fr John Verghese.



Fourth Sunday of Easter 26 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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Follow in Love

The first big moment of vocation is baptism. The anointing of chrism at baptism might be called the anointing for vocation.

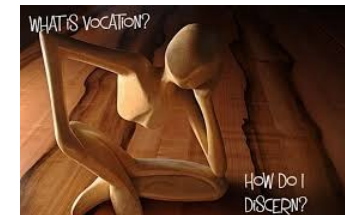
The baptismal vocation is for witness, love and service. This is expressed in ways in which people live out their baptism in married life, single life - and within the single life, maybe religious life or priesthood.

Our active witness is to the life and the values of **Jesus** in our lives. Teaching is not itself a vocation, for example, but the way we teach is a way of living out our vocation. It is the same with many of the helping professions and employments. Being a good neighbour can be a living out of our vocation.

We witness to love in marriage, in family, extended family, and in friendship. Any love is a sharing in the love of **God**. In the moments of unselfish love in any relationship, we are living out our vocation. When we love, we are doing **God's** will!

We witness to service in the wider world in our care for the poor and in welcoming the stranger: the widow, the orphan, the immigrant- in fact anybody needy.

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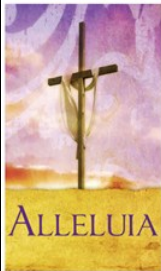


Diocesan Vocations Prayer

God, our Father, at the very beginning of your Church your Son Jesus chose twelve apostles to continue the work he had begun. By the power of your Holy Spirit, they continued to bring the Good News of your love to our world. Send that same Holy Spirit into the hearts of those you are calling to serve as priests for your people in our diocese. Fill them with your gifts of wisdom, understanding, piety and knowledge as they discern your will. Give them the gifts of right judgement and courage in following their calling. Through the outpouring of your grace may many come to the joy of knowing and responding to the invitation of Jesus to "Come, Follow Me!"

Amen

27– 3 May 2026 Mass Intentions

	St.Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue	3pm Sacrament of Confirmation	11am Sacrament of Confirmation 7pm Communion Service Rosary at 6.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30pm Adoration 7.30—8.30pm	
Wed		9.30am Special Intention Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	9.30am In Honour of St Joseph 7pm—9pm Adoration		
Fri	9.30am Dolway & Peggy McCorry (60 years of marriage) 6pm Sacrament of Reconciliation		Mon Adoration 11am—12pm
Sat	11am Baptisms	6pm Dolores Greig (1st Anniv)	
Sun	9.30am P.P. 12.00pm Kathleen Mooney & Teresa Brankin (Anniv) William Patrick Lavery (Anniv)	10.45am Letitia Kearney (Months Mind)	

Recently Deceased Michael Connolly (Park Manor Nursing Home)

Months Mind: Christopher Tennyson

Anniversaries Phylis Brankin, Mary McKillop, Mary McCorry, Sean Henry, Ciaran Heffron, Teresa McAlister, Marie Doone, Louis Courtney, Helen Moore, Kenny Jordan, Kathleen Magee, .

Sanctuary Lamps Deceased members of the Courtney Family, Special Intention V.B & L.B.

Baptisms We welcome to God's family Cuán Shéa Baxter, Pádraig Clarke, Kyllia Lee Getty, Finnbar O'Brien

Collection 19/04/26

Weekly Offering: £3,093

Trocaire: £3,242

Thank you for your generosity

Annual Parish Census 2026

A count of attendance takes place at all Masses this weekend, **25 & 26 April 2026**. The annual parish census captures valuable information about the numbers, ages, and gender of people attending Mass. This information helps the Diocese and parishes to identify pastoral priorities, make plans to address them, and provide support to our faith communities. As you arrive at Mass, you are given a small counter for yourself and for each person in your family group and are asked to place the counters in baskets labelled according to age. Red counters for females and blue counters for males. The baskets are labelled with age bands and the number of counters for each age band are recorded after each Mass. Thank you for your patience and co-operation.

Sacrament of Confirmation Please keep the girls and boys of St Joseph's PS and Ballymacrocket PS in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on 28 April 2026.

PARISH EASTER WHIST will be held on Sunday 26 April @ 7pm, in St. Clare's hall. There will be a top prize of £100. Scorecards are £10 and refreshments will be provided. There will also be a ballot on the night. All welcome **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 4th 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.

Music at St Joseph's There is an urgent need to recruit an organist or guitarist or pianist, if you or someone you know would be interested in this position please contact Canon McBride as soon as possible.

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.

60th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations to parishioners Dolway and Peggy McCorry, Lurgan Road on 60 years of marriage.

Renovation of Mater Dei Church. Thank you to the parishioners for the anonymous donation of £100 towards a row of seats in Mater Dei. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The newly renovated Mater Dei church is our legacy for future generations in our parish.

The Legion of Mary is currently visiting homes in the parish promoting devotion of the Divine Mercy.

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.

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.

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 Canon McBride in confidence

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.

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

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.

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.

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

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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.

Web Camera's Mater Dei Church & 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 of each Church. Please go to www.churchmedia.tv to access the live stream. The webcams 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.

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