

**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**

**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 26.03.26. Winning No's 11-19-25-27 Jackpot £6,400 No Jackpot Winner. 2 Lucky dip Winners £25 each-John Nelson & Carol Connors. Next week's jackpot is worth £6,450. The members of St. Joseph's GAC Thank you for your support.

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

**Down & Connor Diocesan Trust Antrim Parish Cleaner** A vacancy has arisen for a Cleaner, based at Antrim Parish, Castle Street, Antrim, BT41 4HP. More information including the job profile & application form: <http://www.downandconnor.org> click on the tab: Job Vacancies or on the Community NI website. Packs can also be obtained from Antrim Parish Office. Closing date for applications 12noon on Thursday 9 April 2026.

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



## **Easter Sunday** **The Resurrection of The Lord** **5 April 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**

**Canon Colm wishes all parishioners a Happy and Holy Easter.**



### **Alleluia - for singing, not for humming!**

The reason for the joy of Easter is that Christ is risen - the women who came to the tomb found their joy in this. They may have found joy also in a beautiful dawn in the garden, or in their friendships, but the joy of Easter is a joy of faith, which nothing need take away.

The joy of the resurrection is a joy in giving the life we have received from God: '**Life grows by being given away, and it weakens in isolation and comfort. Indeed, those who enjoy life most are those who leave security on the shore and become excited by the mission of communicating life to others'** (Pope Francis).

The Alleluia is for singing, not for humming; it is to be heard from the voice of the heart and should lift the hearts of those who hear: 'Jesus Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!'

**We** often see great joy in the middle of huge poverty: often the poor can live for the present moment and enjoy it to the full. Sometimes in the middle of illness, we find a peace we don't know from where it comes. The grace of the risen Jesus can touch our lives at any time. Let's not be like Christians 'whose lives seem like Lent without Easter' (Pope Francis). Having lived through the joyful season of Lent, our hearts are wholly lifted now in joy received and joy given.

*Breathe in and out: on the inbreath echo the word 'joy';*

*on the outbreath echo the word 'thanks'.*

*Risen Christ, raise our lives in joy.*

**Alleluia,**

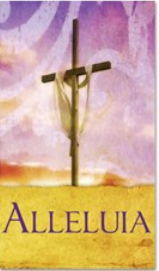
**May all the joys of Easter be yours!**

**Praise the Lord, pass round the Eggs**

**Christ has risen**

**Alleluia !**

## 6 – 12 April Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	No Communion Service		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue		7pm P.I. 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. 12pm Wedding Adoration 7pm—9pm		
Fri	9.30am Eva O'Donnell (Months Mind)		Sun Adoration 6.30pm— 7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary after- wards starts at 6.15pm
Sat		5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 6pm James & Kathleen Brankin (Anniv) Kathleen Mulholland (Anniv)	Mon Adoration 11am—12pm
Sun	9.30am P.P. 12.00pm Terence Maguire (Anniv) Gerald Nelson (Anniv)	10.45am Kathlen McQuillan (1st Anniv) 2pm Divine Mercy Sunday	

**Recently Deceased** Sonya Ferguson Higham (*Chapel Road*), Brigid McAleese (*Pigeonstown Rd*), Veronica Hamill (*Bramblewood*), Donald O'Loughlin (*Cider Court Drive*), Kathleen Keelan (*nee Nelson, Belfast*).

**Anniversaries** Patrick McCallin (1st), Mona Hutchison, Fr John Sloan, Kathleen Henry, Jimmy Heatley, Elizabeth Heatley, Martin O'Rourke, Vincent McGarry, James Loney, Mary Lightsey, Adrian Loney, Pauline Doone.

**Sanctuary Lamps** Special Intention, Special Intention.

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

**Parish Office is closed** for Easter on Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 April 2026

### Collection 29/03/26

Weekly Offering: £2,997

**Thank you for your generosity**

### Parish Draw 2025-26 (Week 48)

Winner £50 Anne Marie Brankin  
(Ballinderry Upper)

Winner £100 PJ & P Mulholland (Glenavy)

**Congratulations to our winners!**

**Divine Mercy Sunday:** Would you like your soul to be as pure as on the day you were baptised? If the answer is yes, read on. St Pope John Paul II canonized a Polish mystic, Sister Faustina (1905 – 1938) on the Sunday after Easter in 2000 and declared that from then on, the second Sunday of Easter would be known as Divine Mercy Sunday. In a revelation to Sister Faustina (recorded in her Diary 1109) Jesus told her, 'I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to confessions and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy' (Divine Mercy Sunday). The conditions for receiving this great grace, including going to confessions, can be fulfilled by attending any of the following Churches on Divine Mercy Sunday, 12 April this year, St Peter's Cathedral @ 2pm, Mater Dei, Crumlin @ 2pm, Sacred Heart, Oldpark Rd @ 2pm and All Saints Ballymena @ 3pm.

**Renovation of Mater Dei Church.** Thank you to the parishioner's who donated towards rows of seats in Mater Dei. There are some remaining rows available for anyone who wishes to donate.

**Can you spare half an hour per month?** As we move forward in our faith journey in our new Church, The St. Martha's cleaning team in Mater Dei would like your help. Time is the most precious gift we can give and receive. If you can help by joining this important team, please leave your name and number at the parish office.

**Mater Dei Children's Liturgy** We're delighted to resume from Easter Sunday. All P1-P5 children welcome. "Let the little children come". (Matthew 19:14) We would welcome more helpers and have no doubt that you will be in awe of and enriched by the children. 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.

**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.

**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 at [www.churchmedia.tv](http://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.

**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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**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.

**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](mailto: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.

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