

**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 & 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.

**The Annual Blessing of Graves** St Joseph's, Sunday 28/06/26 @ 3pm  
St James, Sunday 5/07/26 @ 3pm, Crumlin Cemetery Sunday 5/07/26 @ 4.15pm.  
There will be a gate collection for the upkeep of the graveyards.

**Coffee in The Courtyard** We would like to resume coffee in the courtyard after 10.45am Mass in Mater Dei, weather permitting. Volunteers are needed. If you can help, please contact the Parish office.

**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.

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

**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.

**Summer Singing Course** for young people aged 8 – 16. St Peter's Cathedral Belfast, 6 – 10 July 26. Book by 30 May for 5-day course. For more information email [cathedralmusic@downandconnor.org](mailto:cathedralmusic@downandconnor.org)

**One Day Retreat, Tobar Mhuire**, Crossgar, Saturday 6 June 26, 10am – 4pm, guided by Fr John Verghese. Limited spaces (£30 pp). To book or for more information 02844 830242

**An Ignite Ireland day conference**, with special guest speaker Scott Hahn, Saturday 23 May, Convention centre, Dublin. More information & to book [www.dominicans.ie](http://www.dominicans.ie)

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



## The Ascension of The Lord 17 May 2026

**Very Rev Canon Colm McBride PP:** St Joseph's Presbytery, 59 Chapel Road, Glenavy, BT29 4LY Tel: 94 422278 (If unavailable and in an emergency only, contact Fr Declan Mulligan P.P. Aghagallon 92 651214)  
**Parish Office at St Joseph's Glenavy:** Monday- Friday 10am -3pm  
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**A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community**

### **Fully Alive**

I asked a woman once if Johnny was in the house. She pointed at a chair and said, '*If he was here he would be there.*' He never moved far! **Jesus - he is here and there. The risen lord has moved on, but he has not fully left us. His Spirit dwells in us.**

The one who came to earth has now gone back to heaven, bringing with him all that is human. His body - the man of heaven and the God of earth - is now the church, and that's us.

Before we are of any denomination or group, we are Christ's. We are baptised into the church of Christ; and yes, we live out our faith in different denominations. Today is the feast of the whole church - we begin in him and end in him, like the **Alpha** and **Omega**, the beginning and the end, on the paschal candle. Our faith is also renewed through living with Jesus - we are partners in our mission. Our faith is also renewed in reading and praying the gospel each day.

On earth we are his body, with all our strengths and weaknesses, goodness and sin. Icons have Jesus smiling as he reaches heaven, smiling on us and living through us. We prepare for the way he is with us now next Sunday - in the Spirit. Where the qualities of the Spirit are alive, he is alive and well among us.


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### **Church Webcam**

The church webcam for live stream of Masses can be accessed via the Parish Website [www.glenavyandkilleadparish.com](http://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](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. 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.

## 18– 24 May 2026 Mass Intentions

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James
Mon	No Communion Service 11am Funeral		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue		<b>7pm</b> Donald O'Loughlin (Months Mind) <b>3.30pm</b> Marian Novena <b>Rosary</b> at 6.30pm <b>Divine Mercy Chaplet</b> 7.30pm <b>Adoration</b> 7.30—8.30pm	
Wed		<b>9.30am</b> Special Intentions of The McMullan Family Holy Souls <b>Adoration 10am—12pm</b> <b>3.30pm</b> Marian Novena	<b>Feumore Mass Centre</b>  <b>Sun Adoration</b> 6.30pm—7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary afterwards starts at 6.15pm <b>Mon Adoration</b> 11am—12pm
Thurs	<b>9.30am</b> P.I. <b>7pm—9pm</b> Adoration	<b>3.30pm</b> Marian Novena including Mass <b>7pm</b> Marian Movie in Pastoral Centre	
Fri	<b>9.30am</b> William Killen (Anniv)		
Sat	<b>12pm</b> Wedding	<b>6pm</b> Patrick McCallin (1st Anniv)	
Sun	<b>9.30am</b> P.P. <b>12.00pm</b> Brenda McCloy (Anniv) Mary Loughan (Anniv)	<b>10.45am</b> Olive McLornan (Anniv) Thomas McKeever (Anniv)	

**Recently Deceased** Sinnead McKeag (*The Grange*), Robert McManus (*Laurelvale*)

**Months Mind** Donald O'Loughlin

**Anniversaries** Eamon Eastwood (1st), William Webb, John Hanna, James & Geraldine Keenan, Mairead Bartley, Theresa McAlister, Patrick Daly, William Killen, John Devereux, Ethel & Isaac Mulholland, Joe Falloon, John Murray, Kathleen Lavery, Noel McGarry

**Sanctuary Lamps** John Devereux, Special Intention

**Weddings** Congratulations to Sherrie Ward & Ryan McDonagh and Catherine O'Callaghan & Stuart Houston who were married in Christ.

**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

### Collection 10/05/26

Weekly Offering: £3,333

**Thank you for your generosity**

**Sacrament of Holy Communion** Congratulations to the girls and boys of St Joseph's PS on receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on 16 May.

**Novena to Mary The Mother of God** Please join us in praying a Novena to Mary the Mother of God (Mater Dei) during the month of May in honour of Mary, our refuge and help in times of trouble. We will offer our prayers in thanksgiving for our newly refurbished church of Mater Dei in Crumlin, for peace in our troubled world and for all our personal intentions. The Novena continues this week at 3.30pm each day and will end with a celebration of Mass on **Thursday 21 May** in Mater Dei Church at **3.30pm - 4.30pm**. You are also invited to join us on **Thursday at 7pm** in Mater Dei Pastoral Centre for a **Movie Night** to watch *The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima*. (Popcorn will be provided) **Rosary at the Grotto**. St Joseph's Church, Glenavy at 7pm every evening in May in Honour of Our Lady. Everyone welcome.

**Prayer for those in our parish who are doing Examinations** This month of May going into June, is a very important time for many people. It is exam time! It can be a time of anxiety and worry. Much depends on these few weeks the outcome of which can have a huge effect on the direction of the rest of their lives. During the month of May, at the back of each Church in our parish a book is available in which the names of those taking exams may be entered. You can also add the name of their school, college, university, or company, if you wish. This book will be placed in the sanctuary of the Church during each Mass when we will acknowledge all those listed in the book and pray for their success and peace of mind. Our Lady seat of Wisdom, pray for them.

**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.

**Deacons** Those who are discerning a vocation to the permanent diaconate are encouraged to make contact with the Diocesan Director for the Permanent Diaconate, b.lockhart@downandconnor.org. Rev Brett Lockhart.

**New Parish Draw 2026/27** The Parish Draw is an essential source of income for our parish, just £10 per month and generous prizes to be won. Renewal forms have been 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, there is still time, 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.

**The Future of Feumore Mass Centre** The Parish Finance Committee have prepared a Consultation document on the Future of Feumore Mass Centre. The document is available at the back of the churches for your perusal. The Parish Finance Committee invites you to respond to the options by completing the form attached to the back of the Consultation document. Please return your completed response to the Parish Office no later than **12noon on Friday 29 May 2026**.

**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.

**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.

**Encounter Weekend** Donegal, Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. 6pm - 10.30pm Friday 5 June. 9am - 10.30pm, Saturday 6 June. Come and be refreshed and empowered by the Holy Spirit and learn from the Saints how to live the lifestyle God intended you to live. For more information see <https://encounterschoolofministrydoneg.regfox.com/encounter-conference-donegal> or email [donegal@encounterschool.org](mailto:donegal@encounterschool.org).

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