

DOWN & CONNOR DIOCESAN TRUST BELFAST JESUIT CENTRE VACANCY "Pastoral Ministry Co-ordinator" (Fixed Term Contract for 9 Mths). Post holder will be based within the Jesuit Centre @193-195 Donegall Street, Belfast, BT1 2FL. The Pastoral Ministry Co-ordinator will support the Director of the Belfast Jesuit Centre & Chaplain to the Ulster University, Belfast, 35 hours per week & flexibility required in relation to attendance & hours worked including evening work. Salary: £29k gross p.a. Full details relating to the vacancy can be found at <http://www.downandconnor.org>, JOB VACANCIES, and on <https://belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk> and nijob.com. Closing date for applications will be 12noon on Monday 6 July 2026

A YEAR OF IGNATIAN PRAYER 2026-27 – BELFAST JESUIT CENTRE Ignatian Spirituality returns in September. Open to those new to Ignatian Spirituality & those seeking to deepen their practice. Suggested donation: £200–£280. Bursaries available. More information <https://belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk/a-year-of-ignatian-prayer-2026-2027/>
PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE- a small number of places are still available, 29 July- 5 August 2026. For more details Contact 07706288095.

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. JOSEPH'S GAC: Lotto results 11.06.26. Winning no's 2-5-21-23 Jackpot £6,950 No Jackpot Winner. 2 Lucky dip Winners £25 each- Claire Philips – Kellie Nelson. Next week's jackpot is worth £7,000. The members of St. Joseph's GAC Thank you for your support.

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, Litle 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.

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



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
21 June 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
Secretary: Joan McShane Tel: 94 422278
Email: glenavy@downandconnor.org
Parish Website: glenavyandkilleadparish.com
www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish
A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community

THE JOY OF LOVE: POPE FRANCIS (PRAYING FOR ALL FATHERS)

A father helps the child to perceive the limits of life, to be open to the challenges of the wider world, and to see the need for hard work and strenuous effort. A father possessed of a clear and serene masculine Identity who demonstrates affection and concern for his wife is just as necessary as a caring mother. (175)

We often hear that ours is 'a society without fathers'. In Western culture the father figure is said to be symbolically absent, missing or vanished.

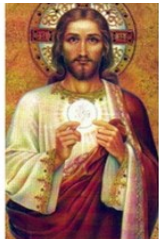
Manhood itself seems to be called into question. The result has been an understandable confusion. At first, this was seen as a liberation, a liberation from the father as master, from the father as the representative of a law imposed from without, from the father as the arbiter of his children's happiness and an obstacle to the emancipation and the autonomy of young people. Yet, as often happens one goes from one extreme to the other. In our day, the problem no longer seems to be the overbearing presence of the father so much as his absence, his not being there. (176)

The relationship of a father with his children is very different from the relationship of a mother. But it is equally important for the development of children as they grow into adulthood. The mother is usually the one who tells the father that they are expecting a baby. He generally accepts this news, often with very mixed emotions, as indeed does the mother. The mother carries the baby in her womb for nine months. The father is largely on the outside. One of the good developments of more recent times is that fathers are encouraged to get involved at the various stages of pregnancy. The mother gives birth to the baby she has been carrying. Again, one good development is that fathers are encouraged to be present at the birth. But again, they are largely on the outside and naturally so.

As a child grows from baby to young child and beyond the mother is very often seen as the main carer. The place of the father can continue to be secondary unless real efforts are made for him, and by him, to become involved in all that is necessary for the physical, emotional, and spiritual development of their child. Things are generally better now than in former times in this regard, but a lot more needs to be done by both mother and father to help him to be a full father of their children. All along this journey of parenting the father has to continue to make decisions to care for his child, and for the child's mother, in every way that will lead to a life of love in the home.

Fr Johnny Doherty

22—28 June 2026 Mass Intentions

	<u>ST JOSEPH'S</u>	<u>MATER DEI</u>	
Mon	9.30am Communion Service	10am Funeral	 <p>St James Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm</p>
Tue		12pm Leavers Mass—St Joseph's PS 7pm Colin Walsh (Anniv) 6.30pm Rosary 7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30—8.30pm Adoration	
Wed		9.30am P.I. Adoration 10am—12pm	
Thurs	9.30am Isabel Toner (1st Anniv) Adoration 7pm—9pm		
Fri	9.30am Colette McCann (Anniv)		
Sat	1pm Wedding	6.00pm Daniel McLornan (Anniv) In Honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help	
Sun	9.30am Mary Mulholland (Anniv) Malachy Nelson & Charlie Morgan (Anniv) 12.00pm Gerard McClinton (Anniv) Liam Boylan (Anniv)	10.45am P.P.	Feumore Mass Centre Sun Adoration 6.30pm—7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary afterwards starts at 6.15pm Mon Adoration 11am—12pm

Recently Deceased Malachy Donnelly (*Tromery*), Dolway McCorry (*Crumlin Road*), Amanda Sheehan (*Belfast*), Angela McLarnon (*nee McHenry*), Thomas White (*formerly Aldergrove*)

Anniversaries Sinnead McKeag (Months Mind), Isabel Toner (1st), Pat MacCreanor, Imelda Shephard, Josephine Nelson, Seamus & Paul Loney, Kathleen Nelson, Frank Armstrong, Anne Armstrong, Colin Walsh, Colette McCann, Baby Conal Joseph Moore, Ellen Courtney, Dan Trowlen, William Lewsley, John Matchett, John Angelone, Eimer Sullivan, Kathleen Crossan, Joe Nelson.

Sanctuary lamp intentions: Josephine Nelson, John Matchett (RIP 19 years)

Weddings Congratulations to Bronagh Doran & Bryan McCann who were married in Christ.

Collection 14 June 2026

Weekly Offering: £2,993

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2026-27 (Week 7)

Winner £50 Owen Brennan (Upper Ballinderry)

Winner £100 Ailish Cormican (*Ballinderry Upper*)

Congratulations to our winners!

TODAY, SUNDAY 21 JUNE, THE CHURCH ACROSS IRELAND CELEBRATES DAY FOR

LIFE on the theme *The humanity of the unborn child*, which invites us to reflect on the wonder of human life from the moment of conception. We remember how the Lord Jesus Christ Himself sanctified and experienced the beginning of life in the world as an unborn child, hidden in the womb of Mary. Mary knew that she was carrying the Son of God - God and man - as soon as He was conceived. John the Baptist leapt in his mother Elizabeth's womb when Mary greeted her. Our Lady treasured Our Lord in her heart and womb until His birth. To read the full bishops' message visit www.councilforlife.ie

PLEASE PRAY FOR DEACON THOMAS HAMPTON, for his upcoming Ordination to the Priesthood. All welcome to the Ordination and First Mass of Thanksgiving. The Ordination will take place on Sunday 28 June at 3pm, in St. Patrick's Church, St. Patrick's Avenue, Downpatrick. The First Mass of Thanksgiving will take place on the solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Monday 29 June at 7 pm, in St. Patrick's Church, St. Patrick's Road, Saul.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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. 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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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

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