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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 & 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.

ST JOSEPH'S GAC: Lotto results 3 July 2026 Winning no's 3-9-12-25 Jackpot £7,100 No Jackpot Winner. 2 Lucky dip Winners, £25 each – Gerard O'Neill – Liz Doone. Next week's jackpot is worth £7,150. The members of St. Joseph's GAC Thank you for your support.

NAOMH SEAMAS CLG Sponsored Walk 2026 Join us on Sunday 26 July for our inaugural club sponsored walk. Bring the kids, the dog, family & friends – everyone is welcome! Divis Lower Car Park, Ridge Trail, approx. 4.2 miles. In support of Action Mental Health, who provide vital mental health services across our community. Your support helps the club continue to grow and develop for future generations. Donations can be made here: <https://gofund.me/23a467848> Ní Neart Go Cur Le Chéile

THE ANNUAL PIONEER PILGRIMAGE MASS AT KNOCK SHRINE will be celebrated in the Basilica at 3pm next Sunday 19 July 2026. Pioneers extend a welcome to families and relatives of people who are undergoing treatment for addiction at this time. Contact Fr Robert: prayer@pioneers.ie for further information.

STANDING IN THE BREACH CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT Saturday 25 July 9am – 1pm, Portglenone Monastery. Contact Thomas Carey 07967 620435 or email sean@catholicminute.co.uk

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



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 12 July 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
Parish Support Officer: Joan McShane Tel: 94 422278
Email: glenavy@downandconnor.org
Parish Website: glenavyandkilleadparish.com
www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish
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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

On this and the next two Sundays we have parables of Jesus for our meditation so it would be good to remember the special characteristics of parabolic teaching.

1. *Parables are wisdom teaching.* By reading them we get a new insight into life - e.g. parenting, friendship, leadership, spiritual guidance, etc.
2. *They teach by way of paradox.* Things that we thought to be opposed turn out to be both true and taken together reveal the new insight mentioned above. We must always be on the lookout for a surprise in a parable therefore - an unexpected turn of events, something being praised that we would not normally consider praiseworthy. If we follow this up, the parable ends up challenging our values or the dominant values of our culture.

Parables are stories and we are invited to enter their movement. At a certain point the story comes to a climax - the moment when we experience the surprise mentioned above. Note that the climactic moment will be different for different readers and for us at different times in our lives.

The parable of the Sower is one of Jesus' greatest, not merely for its content, but as a masterpiece of imaginative teaching. The conclusion of the meditation is twofold

- how deep it is ! and,
- what a great teacher Jesus is!

Lord, in the world today we have become very calculating:

- whatever effort we put out must bring maximum gain;
- what does not bring results we omit altogether;
- we even relate like that in our families, in our Church community, with our friends.

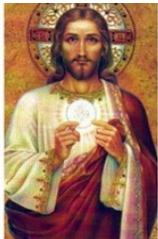
Teach us to look at the Sower going out to sow, to see in him how generous you are:

- you don't mind that some seed falls on the edge of the path and birds come and eat them up;
- or that some fall on patches of rock where they spring up right away but as soon as the sun comes up they are scorched and wither away;
- or that some fall on thorns and are choked by the thorns.

You let all this happen because you know that eventually seeds will fall on rich soil, and will produce their crop, some a hundred-fold, some sixty, some thirty.

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13—19 July 2026 Mass Intentions

	<u>ST JOSEPH'S</u>	<u>MATER DEI</u>	
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		St James Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue		7pm P.I. 6.30pm Rosary 7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30—8.30pm Adoration	
Wed		9.30am P.I. No Adoration in July or August	Feumore Mass Centre
Thurs	9.30am Gerard Maginn (18th Anniv) In Honour of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Adoration 7pm—9pm		Sun Adoration 6.30pm— 7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary afterwards starts at 6.15pm
Fri	9.30am P.I.		Mon Adoration 11am—12pm
Sat		5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 6pm Malachy Donnelly (Months Mind) & Billy Webb (Special Intention)	
Sun	9.30am P.P. 12.00pm Joe Mooney & John Brankin (Anniv) Jimmy & Sally Armour & Ellen Keys (Anniv)	10.45am Charles Hughes & Patsy Byng (nee Hughes) (Anniv)	

Months Mind Dolway McCorry, Eamon Devereux
Anniversaries Charlie McErlean, Patrick (Patsy) Shannon, Gerard Maginn, Rita Mulholland
Sanctuary lamp intentions: M.R., Seamus Loney
Adoration No Adoration in Mater Dei on Wednesday mornings in July and August.

Collection 5 July 2026

Weekly Offering: £3,018
Monthly Offering: £2,269
At James' Graveyard Collection: £1,470

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2026-27 (Week 10)

Winner £50 Jackie Valentine (Crumlin)
 Winner £100 Rosa Hamilton (Crumlin)
 Winner £500 Isobel Conere (Lower Ballinderry)
Congratulations to our winners!

SAVE THE DATE! FOLLOWING CHRIST

Monday Evenings from 7 September - 17 October 2026, 7-9pm in Mater Dei Pastoral Centre. Following Christ is a 7-week journey of Catholic discipleship. It is designed for those interested in learning about the Catholic Faith or those seeking to deepen or revitalize their faith. It offers practical ways in which to live out the Christian life - to think like, act like and to love like Jesus Christ. Register your interest now by leaving your name and contact details in the parish office, email glenavy@downandconnor.org or Tel. 02894422278

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.

THE GLENAVY BRANCH OF THE APOSTOLIC WORK are organising a one-day Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Sunday 16 August 2026. The bus will leave St Joseph's church, Glenavy at 7.45am and will return that evening at approx. 8pm. Cost £35 per person. If you would like to book a seat or would like more information, please contact 07764 797963 or 07752 879591.

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.

DOWN & CONNOR DIOCESAN TRUST VACANCY - BALLYMENA PARISH YOUTH MINISTER (3 Year Fixed Term Contract). Based at Ballymena Parish, 2/4 Broughshane Road, Ballymena, Co Antrim BT43 7DX, 35 hours per week to include evening & weekend work. Salary range £29k to £31k gross per annum – commensurate upon experience. This is an exciting new role of 'Youth Minister', within the Ballymena Parish, collaborating with the teams within the Family of Parishes, to align youth ministry with the broader mission of the parishes. For full details: <https://www.downandconnor.org> & job vacancies. Or <https://www.nijobs.com/jobs/> Closing date for applications 12 noon on Tuesday 21 July 2026.

DOWN & CONNOR DIOCESAN TRUST VACANCY ST COLMCILLE'S & FAMILY OF PARISHES 'YOUTH MINISTER' (3 Year Fixed Term Contract) Based within our St Colmcille's Parish 191 Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast BT4 3JB, 35 hours per week - evening & weekend work. Salary within the range of £29k to £31k gross per annum – commensurate upon experience. If interested, full details can be found on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: job vacancies. Also at <https://www.nijobs.com> and the Community NI website. Closing date for applications will be 12 noon on Tuesday 28 July 2026.

PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 July 2026.

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

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.

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.

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 Support Officer 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.

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 GLENNAVY 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.

WALKING FOR ALL supports local communities to establish free, volunteer-led walking groups that help people become more active, meet new people, and improve their health and wellbeing. The walks are generally between 10 and 60 minutes in length and are designed to be accessible to as many people as possible. The main aim is to encourage people to get outdoors, connect with others and enjoy the benefits of walking together. You can find out more about the programme and view existing walking groups here:

Walking for All: <https://walkingforall.com> If anyone in the Crumlin/ Aldergrove area of the parish would be interested in supporting, please contact Bridie Kelly in Antrim Civic Centre, who would be delighted to have a chat and explore the possibilities. Bridie can provide support, resources and training throughout the process, and any walking group established through the programme would be covered by their insurance. Contact bridie.kelly@antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk or Tel 02894 463113.

BURREN OUTDOOR RETREAT, Friday 4 to Sunday 6 September. Would you like to come with us on a journey through the Burren with its limestone pavements, rare flora and ancient sacred sites? Let the beauty of this place renew you in body and soul. Residential (people within easy reach may commute). Contact Mary at 087 970 1130 for information or Des at 085 161 4951 for bookings.