

ST CLARE'S HALL is temporarily closed for renovations.

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 16 July 2026 Winning no's 13-17-20-22 Jackpot £7,200 No Jackpot Winner. 2 Lucky dip Winners, £25 each – Janice McLachlan – Paula Carlin. Next week's jackpot is worth £7,250. The members of St. Joseph's GAC Thank you for your support.

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** 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.

24 HOURS OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS on the Feast of St John Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests, 3 – 4 August. The Parish of St Colmcille, 191a Upper Newtownards Rd, Belfast invites you to 24 hours of prayer beginning with Mass at 7pm on Monday 3 August & concluding with Mass at 7pm on Tuesday 4 August. If you can spare an hour please join us, all are welcome. Please email Fr Conor - c.mcgrath@downandconnor.org

GIVE BLOOD SAVE LIVES. Northern Ireland Blood Transfusion Service will be at the Leisure Centre in Crumlin on 6 August between 12.30pm and 7.30pm. The link to book an appointment is: <https://nibts.hscni.net/online-booking-for-blood-donation-appointments/> For more information www.nibts.org Tel: 028 9053 4713 / 07823 391 620

ST PETER'S CATHEDRAL JOIN US FOR THE INAUGURAL FÉILE TOURS of St Peter's Cathedral, led by Stevie Corr, as we celebrate its 160th anniversary! This special guided tour offers a unique opportunity to explore areas of the Cathedral that are rich in history and significance. Dates are Mon 3, Tues 4, Wed 5 & Thurs 6 August at 3pm each day. Tickets: £5 per person, payable at the entrance (please bring the exact amount).

ST PETER'S CATHEDRAL. FUAIMLAOI IN CONCERT on Thursday 6 August @ 7pm. **Tickets £5.50** <https://fleadhfringe.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173683951> Don't miss this special evening of music in the stunning surroundings of St Peter's Cathedral.

Parish Bingo

Due to renovations in St Clare's Community Hall there will be no Bingo on 23 or 30 July 2026.

Bingo will recommence on Thursday 6 August 2026



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly 26 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 **A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community**

Grandparents – and Great Grandparents The Joy of Love: Pope Francis

We must reawaken the collective sense of gratitude, of appreciation, of hospitality, which makes the elderly feel like a living part of the community. Our elderly are men and women, fathers and mothers, who came before us on our own road, in our own house, in our daily battle for a worthy life. Very often it is grandparents who ensure that the most important values are passed down to their grandchildren, and many people can testify that they owe their initiation to the Christian life to their grandparents. Their words, their affection or simply their presence help children realise that history did not begin with them, that they are now part of an age-old pilgrimage and that they need to respect all that came before them. A family that fails to respect and cherish its grandparents, who are its living memory, is already in decline, whereas a family that remembers has a future.

6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly



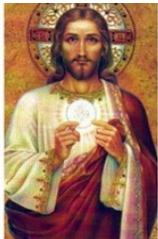
The theme chosen by Pope Leo XIV for the 6th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – “I will never forget you” (Is 49:15) – reminds us that God's unwavering love is the ultimate answer to the isolation and neglect so often experienced by the elderly. It brings comfort and hope, assuring us that the Lord knows each of us personally, forgets no one, and loves us unconditionally, even through the frailties of old age.

Since its creation in 2021, the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly has grown into a cherished tradition that teaches our communities to truly value the elderly, not through occasional gestures, but as a permanent, central part of our lives.

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is a beautiful highlight, a privileged moment of the Church's broader ongoing pastoral care towards our older brothers and sisters, and is not designed to replace the continuous, rich pastoral life that must animate Christian communities throughout the year. The true spirit of the prophet's words comes alive in our ordinary daily routines — through weekly visits, patient listening, and shared prayer.

Extract from Dicastery for the Laity Family & Life
Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Prefect, Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life
+ Dario Gervasi, Secretary, Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life

27 July — 2 August 2026 Mass Intentions

	<u>ST JOSEPH'S</u>	<u>MATER DEI</u>	St James
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue		7pm John Ignatius Moore (Anniv) 6.30pm Rosary 7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30—8.30pm Adoration	 Feumore Mass Centre Sun Adoration 6.30pm— 7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet, Chaplet for Holy Souls & Rosary after- wards starts at 6.15pm Mon Adoration 11am—12pm
Wed		9.30am George & Lily Daly & Robert Daly No Adoration in July or August	
Thurs	9.30am P.I. Adoration 7pm—9pm		
Fri	9.30am John Larkin (1st Anniv)		
Sat		11am Baptisms 6pm P.P.	
Sun	9.30am Sean Murphy (Anniv 4th) 12.00pm Sinnead McKeag (Months Mind)	10. 45am Willie McLornan (Anniv)	

Anniversaries John Larkin (1st), Matt O'Brien, Kevin Fairley, Malachy Cormican, Elizabeth O'Brien, Teresa Heffron, Helena McPeake, Patrick McPeake, Bridget McPeake, John Ignatius Moore, George Daly, Lily Daly, Robert Daly, John Paul Nelson, John Magee, Bernadette Magee, Willy Galloway, Allan Jardine, Tommy & Patsy McLarnon.

Baptisms We welcome to God's Family Harper Sinead McIlroy, Isabella Grace O'Neill,

Sanctuary lamp intentions: Deceased Devereux Family, McCorry, Family Belfast Road

Adoration No Adoration in Mater Dei on Wednesday mornings in July and August.

Collection 19 July 2026

Weekly Offering: £ 3,063

Diocesan Pastoral Services £ 897

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2026-27 (Week 12)

Winner £50 Patricia Connolly (Glenavy)

Winner £100 Ciara & Martin McGoran (Glenavy)

Congratulations to our winners!

PRAYER FOR THE 6TH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Holy Father Who watches over every person Watch over me too when I am elderly.

You have revealed your name to me in Christ, And You were not discouraged by my frailties.

You hold me tenderly in your hands, And You caress my lines.

You will never forget me! (see Is 49:15).

Grant that I may not fear my weakness;

Help me learn to love it Just as You love it.

Help me learn to listen to it Just as You listen to it.

Help me embrace it Just as You have chosen it –

You who, though all-powerful, clothed yourself in humility.

May growing old strip away all our pride and all division So that we may live these years united in You.

You will never forget us! (see Is 49:15)

Amen.

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

THE GLENNAVY 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 during the summer months 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 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.

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

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.

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 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.