

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 6 August 2026 Winning no's 9-10-22-27 Jackpot £7,350. No Jackpot Winner. 2 Lucky dip Winners, £25 each – Trea Clenaghan – Danny Trowlen. Next week's jackpot is worth £7,400. 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, 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** stclareshallbookings@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.

WEEKLY WALKS IN GLENNAVY TUESDAYS - 6.30pm - Glenavy GAC, **WEDNESDAYS** - 12 noon - St. Clare's Community Hall, Glenavy, **SATURDAYS** - 9am - St. Clare's Community Hall, Glenavy. More walks starting soon. To register, go to: walkingforall.com

GLENCLARE COMMUNITY GROUP ARE NOW HIRING A CARETAKER/ GROUNDS PERSON for St. Clare's Community Hall, Glenavy. The hours worked should be flexible, consistent with the day-to-day use of the hall & should, on average, be approximately 10 hours per week. For details see St. Clare's Hall Facebook Page & Instagram or Tel 075117779334 or email stclareshallbookings@hotmail.com

St JOSEPH MEN'S CAMINO — *Every Camino changes us in ways we don't expect; every man needs one.* Join men from across Ireland on **Saturday 12 September** for a 25km pilgrimage through the Boyne Valley, beginning in Drogheda. The day includes Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Confessions, fraternity, lunch and dinner, with after-dinner speaker **Fr. Mark Quinn**. Open to men aged 18+. Cost: €65 (student €55). Registration, accommodation and details: www.dominicans.ie/events. Enquiries: op.evangelisation@gmail.com.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND, 2 – 4 OCTOBER 2026. Marriage Encounter Ireland invites married couples to a residential weekend at the Focolare Centre, Curryhill, Prosperous, Co Kildare. For more information www.marriageencounter.ie

Parish Bingo

in St Clare's Community Hall

EVERY THURSDAY AT 8.00PM SHARP-9.30PM APPROX.

JACKPOT £1,000 IN 51 NUMBERS



**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
16 August 2026**

Very Rev. Rory Sheehan P.P.: 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

Fighting for her child

She was a woman like many. She would fight for her child, so she took on Jesus, the best-known religious figure around. Like someone taking on the minister for health or children over a medical card for a chronically ill child and not letting them off the hook. Jesus was testing her.

He saw faith, but he wanted everyone else to see it. So, he told her she didn't fit into the local religious sphere because she was foreigner, like an asylum seeker or a refugee. She knew she fitted into the heart of Jesus simply because she was the mother of a sick child and believed he could help.

Even if he would cure everyone, maybe he would come back to her at the end. Jesus went further - he cured her child and praised her faith.

She is another of the unnamed people of the gospel. Like the woman of Samaria, the rich young man, the thief on Calvary - she is herself, and she is all of us. She is everyone, man and woman, of faith.

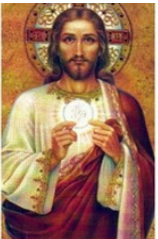
Faith in a surprising God who, in Jesus, his Son, never says no to goodness. Faith that keeps us energetic and alive, not tired, in soul as well as body.

*Remember your feeling of gratitude for the children of your family.
Lord, I believe. Strengthen my faith.*

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17—23 August 2026 Mass Intentions

	<u>ST JOSEPH'S</u>	<u>MATER DEI</u>	
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		St James Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue		10am Funeral 7pm Margaret Murray (Anniv) Danny McArdle (Anniv) 6.30pm Rosary 7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30—8.30pm Adoration	
Wed		9.30am P.I. No Adoration in July or August	
Thurs	9.30am Joseph McCann (Anniv) Aodh Cormican (Anniv) Adoration 7pm—9pm		
Fri	9.30am Liam Grant (RIP) In Honour of The Immaculate Heart		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
Sat		6pm Martin Reilly (10th Anniv) Baby Sean Jude O'Brien (Anniv)	
Sun	9.30am Paddy Gallagher (Anniv) Simone McCambridge (Anniv) 12.00pm David Bradley (Anniv) Rose & Peter Gilbride (Anniv)	10.45am P.P.	

Recently Deceased Brian McKenna (*Tromery Drive*), Shaun Brown (*Glenoak Gdns*)

Anniversaries Ethel O'Neill, Harry O'Neill, Ciaran O'Neill, John McNeice, Monica McNeice, Jerome Cleary, Ambrose McKeever, Kenneth Nelson, Patrick Boyle, Maura Babington, Margaret Murray, Danny McArdle, Joseph McCann, Aodh Cormican, William McGarrell, Daniel Crossey, Kathleen Henry, Fr Eamon O'Brien, Jim Brazier, Maureen O'Rourke.

Sanctuary lamp intentions: Liz Donnelly, G & M

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

Collection 9 August 2026

Weekly Offering: £3,356

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2026-27 (Week 15)

Winner £50 Lorraine McCaffrey (Glenavy)

Winner £100 Will Fitzpatrick (Ballinderry Upper)

Winner £500 Kathleen McCormick (Glenavy)

Congratulations to our winners!

Following Christ

**Monday Evenings from 7 September – 17 October 26,
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.

Session 1: Personal Prayer

Session 2: Hearing God in Scripture

Session 3: The Power of the Sacraments

Session 4: Forgiving One Another

Session 5: The Spirit-Empowered Life,

Session 6: The Heart of a Disciple

Session 7: Going On with the Lord.

Book your place before the 24 August as numbers are limited by leaving your name and contact details in the parish office Tel. 02894422278 or email

glenavy@downandconnor.org

CELEBRATION IN ST CLARE'S HALL ON 27 SEPTEMBER 2026 It is our intention to have a celebration for Canon Colm on 27 September 2026. Anyone willing to help with organising the celebration is invited to a meeting on Monday 17 August 2026 in the Annex of St Clare's Hall @ 7.30pm. A parish collection for Canon Colm will follow in due course.

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.

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.

CATHOLIC MOTHERS IRELAND – FAMILY DAY Catholic Mothers Ireland will hold its Annual National Mass on Sunday, 6 September at Termonbacca Retreat Centre, Derry City. The day will begin with Mass at 2.00pm, celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown, followed by refreshments, children's activities, and a talk for parents. This promises to be a lovely day for the whole family. For more information and booking details, please email info@catholicmothers.ie. All are welcome.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP—2026 DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES Many thanks to the parishioners of Glenavy & Killead for their generous donation of £1,355 in support of the Diocesan Pilgrimage. The donation will help provide the equipment and supplies needed to care for the sick and vulnerable pilgrims who are at the heart of the pilgrimage. They also support our staff with subsidized fares. Please be assured that all our associate pilgrims are remembered each day during the pilgrimage in Lourdes.

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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.

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