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MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING YOU'RE INVITED! Join us for the cause, the chatter or the tasty treats at St Clare's Community Hall on Friday 11 September 2026 between 9.30am – 12pm.

ST. JOSEPH'S GAC: Lotto results 20 August 2026 Winning no's 4-11-12-15 Jackpot £7,450. No Jackpot Winner. 2 Lucky dip Winners, £25 each – Zelig Gallagher – Anne Smith. Next week's jackpot is worth £7,500. The members of St. Joseph's GAC thank you for your support.

ALDERGROVE GAC FUN DAY at the club grounds today Sunday 30 August, between 1-4pm. Arts & Crafts, Facepainting, Dunk tank, DJ, Classic Sports Day events & much more. Everyone welcome.

DOWN & CONNOR DIOCESAN TRUST BELFAST JESUIT CENTRE VACANCY "Pastoral Ministry Co-ordinator" (2 yr Fixed Term Contract) based within the Jesuit Centre at 193 -195 Donegall Street, Belfast, BT1 2FL. 35 hrs per week (flexibility required), £29k per annum, closing date Thurs 10 September @ 12noon. Full details including application form see <http://www.downandconnor.org> or <https://belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk>

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC OR WANT TO DEEPEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE FAITH? The Diocesan Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a journey of faith, formation and community for adults who wish to explore the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. It is open to those who are not baptised, those baptised in another Christian tradition, or Catholics who wish to reconnect with their faith. The 2025-26 programme runs weekly from Wednesday 23 September, 6.30-8pm at St Mary's Hall, Chapel Lane, Belfast. To register or find out more, please email rcia@downandconnor.org

A YEAR OF IGNATIAN PRAYER 2026-27 – BELFAST JESUIT CENTRE For more information, dates & registration, please visit: <https://belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk/a-year-of-ignatian-prayer-2026-2027/> **THE CHOSEN – SEASON 2 AT THE BELFAST JESUIT CENTRE**

Weekly screenings will take place each Friday at the Belfast Jesuit Centre on 11, 18, 25 Sept, 2, 9 & 16 Oct. Contact: bjc@jesuit.ie | 07955 282371 | belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk

DAY RETREAT TO LOUGH DERG SATURDAY 19 SEPTEMBER Leaving St Paul's at 6.30am & returning at 7.30pm. For more information Tel St Paul's Parish Office on 028 90325034 Mon - Thurs.

CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT - STANDING IN THE BREACH A Catholic Men's Retreat at Portglenone Monastery on **Saturday 19 September 2026, from 9am to 1pm**. The theme of the retreat is "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Galatians 2:20). The morning will include prayer, teaching, fellowship and men's testimonies, with Fr Eddie McGee as keynote speaker. All men are very welcome. For further information, contact Thomas Carey on 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



Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 30 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
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A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community

THE THIRD DAY

We meet deep human concerns and feelings in the gospel today. Peter is shocked to the core that Jesus would die; so shocked that he always later seemed to forget that Jesus promised that he would rise on the third day. Jesus talks very seriously about cost of following him, like the cost of following him, like the cost of following any commitment in life.

Jesus invites us to live at the deepest level of ourselves. In the area of life where we live and love, laugh and cry, worry and enjoy, hurt and forgive. In all these very personal sides of life, Jesus dwells, since he says that he makes his home in us.

We can call it a sort of 'third day' hope. Nothing except love which is eternal was final for Jesus. For all the worst things of life there was a third day. The day in which hope would be fuller than any despair and when life would be more lasting than death. Jesus was like that – when people met him, they remembered him and remembered how he touched the fears and anxieties of their lives with a deep hope.

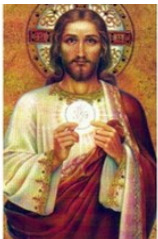
We are 'third day' people, knowing that love and life of God, promised at our baptism, will always be in the air around us, filling us with the breath of God, and breathing fragrance all around filling us with the breath of God, and breathing fragrance all around us like the best of flowers. Later they would be raised from final despair and hopelessness at his resurrection. But it took time!

Breathing in and out receive the peace of God. On the in – breath, let the word 'peace' echo within you.

Lord, may I never lose faith in you.

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31 August—6 September 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 Dominic Gallagher (Special Intention) 10am—12pm Adoration	
Thurs	9.30am Gerald Burns (1st Anniv) Adoration 7pm—9pm		
Fri	9.30am George Walsh (Snr—Anniv) 6pm Sacrament of Reconciliation		
Sat	11am Baptisms	6pm Mass	
Sun	9.30am P.P. 12.00pm Hilary McKavanagh (Anniv)	10.45am Mary Mallon (1st Anniv)	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

Months Mind Katie Mulholland, Margaret Campbell.

Anniversaries Gerald Burns (1st), Adele Fay (1st), Michael McClean, George Walsh, Dolores Cushley, Thomas McGarrell, Patrick & Emma O'Neill, Rita Crossen, Noreen Hailstone, Irene Cormican, Annie Nelson.

Baptisms We welcome into God's family Clodagh Cousins, Oisin Heatley, Maeve Kearney, Luca Connor Stelges

Sanctuary Lamps COM, JMC

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.

Parish Office will be closed on Monday 31 August 2026

Collection 23 August 2026
Weekly Offering: £2,777
Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2026-27 (Week 17)
Winner £50 Vera Donnelly (*Glenavy*)
Winner £100 Malachy Mulholland (*Gawley's Gate*)
Congratulations to our winners!

Following Christ is a 7-week journey in growing in love of God and one another. When Jesus was calling his first Disciples, he said, 'come and follow me'. We receive this calling ourselves today. God comes toward us calling us to himself to be Disciples of Christ. It takes an effort on our part to respond to that call. Will you strive to live the Christian life that Jesus calls you to and make the effort to attend the Following Christ course? It is a course that will help you to understand what it means to be a Disciple of Christ offering practical ways in which to live out your Catholic faith through learning to pray, read scripture, engage in the sacraments and more. God is forever calling us to himself inviting us to act as Christ does, so come along and learn to lean into the grace of God and be transformed by it. The course runs from **7 September to 19 October, 7 – 9pm in Mater Dei Pastoral centre**. The topics covered are; Personal Prayer, Hearing God in Scripture, The Power of the Sacraments, Forgiving One Another, The Spirit-Empowered Life, The Heart of a Disciple and Going on with the Lord. www.christlife.org

CELEBRATING CANON COLM An event will take place on Sunday 27 September 26 at 3pm in St Clare's Hall to celebrate Canon Colm's time with us in Glenavy and Killead parish. The event, which will be an admission free, will comprise of afternoon tea catered by St Clare's Hall team, followed by entertainment. If you would like to attend, please text Rose Crozier by 13 September 2026 on 07720 074213 to confirm your place. If you can contribute in any way to the entertainment, please contact Rose Crozier as above by 13 September 2026 with details. A collection for a gift for Canon Colm will take place on Sunday 6 and 13 September. Envelopes are available at the rear of both churches. Collection boxes will be placed in the porches on 13 and 20 September. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY WILL RESUME ON SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 26.

All children from P1-5 are welcome. We look forward to seeing you all again & many new children too! St Josephs, Glenavy: 9.30am, Mater Dei, Crumlin: 10.45am. We would welcome new helpers. We have a very flexible rota & it is just during term time. If you could help even one Sunday per year, we would be delighted. Call or email the parish office or speak to one of us at Mass any Sunday.

BALLYMACRICKET PRIMARY SCHOOL 'OUR PAST, OUR PRESENT, OUR FUTURE'

This year Ballymacricket is celebrating its 170th anniversary. As we look at our past, present and future, we'd love your help to remember times gone by. If you have any old photos or stories about the school, please leave them in the school office or email ophillips404@c2kni.net We invite past pupils, families, friends and members of the local community to join us on Sunday 20 September, following 9.30am Mass, in the school hall, to celebrate.

URGENT PRAYER NEEDED Most of our politicians voted to light up City Hall on 28 September 26 to 'celebrate' 'Safe Abortion Day'. Precious Life have organised a Rosary Vigil outside City Hall @ 2pm on Sunday 30 August 2026 and the Men's & Women's Rosary Groups are praying on their knees outside City Hall @ 1pm on Monday 31 August 26. Please attend and bring a friend.

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.

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.

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** 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.