

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 4 September 2026 Winning no's 7-11-12-17 Jackpot £7,550. No Jackpot Winner. 2 Lucky dip Winners, £25 each – Mark Cormican – Ronan O'Neill. Next week's jackpot is worth £7,600. The members of St. Joseph's GAC thank you for your support.

St Clare's Hall, available for private, community & business functions, including birthday parties, fund raisers and funeral's **Telephone 07517 779334 or stclareshallbooking@hotmail.com**

St Clare's Bowling Club We welcome new members, young or old on Mondays & Wednesday at 8pm in St Clare's Hall. Come along and have fun!

PIONEER GATHERING A meeting for all Pioneers who are interested in helping to renew & strengthen the Pioneer Association in Down & Connor will take place on Sunday 27 September at 3pm in Holy Family Gathering Space, Holy Family Church, Newington Avenue, Belfast. We welcome as many Pioneers as possible.

COULD YOU HELP SHARE THE TRUE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS? Each year, volunteers in parishes set up a small stall after Masses to sell Trócaire's Gifts of Change — meaningful gifts that make a real difference to families living in poverty around the world. We provide everything you need including training & support. mark.mcmahon@trocaire.org or **028 9080 8030**.

BELFAST JESUIT CENTRE POETRY & PRESENCE BEGINS Thursday 1 October at 7pm, opening with the theme of Water in this Season of Creation. You are invited into an evening of poetry, art, music, & Scripture: a space to pause, breathe, and let the imagery of water in God's story speak to the depths of your own heart. To register, visit <https://belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk/poetry-presence/> **A SPECIAL HYBRID BOOK LAUNCH** Monday 19 October at 7pm for Conquest or Leaven: Reflections of a Catholic Priest in Palestine/Israel by Fr David Neuhaus SJ. Join us for a short talk from the author and live Q&A with Fr Neuhaus who will join via live video link. To register <https://belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk/hybrid-book-launch-conquest-or-leaven-by-david-neuhaus-sj/>

PADRE PIO MASS, Saturday 26 September at 7pm. Veneration of the Holy Relic of Padre Pio will be available during the Mass, in St Patricks, Aghagallon, followed by blessings. All are welcome to attend.

JOIN THE DOTS TOGETHER is launching a report on its Earth Day Conference, *An Economy of Enough* as part of the Season of Creation. Taking place on Thursday 24 September, 7.30pm in Windsor Hub, 22 Lower Windsor Ave, Belfast. Email info@jointhedotstogether.org

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



Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
13 September 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

Forgiveness

We are called to forgive; and that can be really difficult. You have been defrauded by the banks of your life's savings - can you forgive? You were abused as a child - can you forgive? You were done out of a job because another lied to get it - can you forgive? The answer is maybe 'no'. What then does God want? He asks us to open our hearts to the other so that we may forgive. Forgiveness is the deepest of God's desires on our behalf, and he hopes that we can forgive each other. Our hurts and burdens are heavy to carry through life. To forgive can release some of that weight. The person who hurt us may be dead or may not even know (or care) that we are hurting. When we desire to forgive but don't know how, one way of looking for this strength is to pray for it. We often pray, '*Lord, make my heart like yours*'. When we pray that, we are praying to be forgiving people! Another way is to pray for the person. When we realise that as God loves me, he also loves everyone, we may find a spark or light of forgiveness in our souls. Out of this we may find the will to meet the other and talk to him or her and find the grace of forgiveness between us. Forgiveness sometimes comes slowly. When God sees us wanting to be on the road to forgiveness, he gives us the graces we need to unburden ourselves and be able to love like him. Sit in silence for a while and send a blessing or prayer to someone you need to forgive.

Lord, I ask - make my heart like yours.

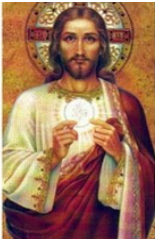
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Praying with Awareness in the Season of Creation--Everyday choices

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10:31) What does "living simply" look like in your own week — the food you consume, in what you buy or want provided for you, in how you choose to travel? What one small habit are you already glad of? When you need something new, how much weight do you give to buying locally, repairing or reusing, versus a new purchase or ordering online? Is there a purchase coming up where that question might shape the decision? Reusing, mending, borrowing, sharing — where has sustainability and living responsibly already found a place in your life or in your community, even in a small way?

Tom Layden, S.J.
Chair, Diocesan Ecumenical Commission

14—20 September 2026 Mass Intentions

	<u>ST JOSEPH'S</u>	<u>MATER DEI</u>	St James Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm 
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		
Tue		7pm In Honour of Our Lady of Sorrows 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 afterwards starts at 6.15pm Mon Adoration
Wed		9.30am P.I. 10am—12pm Adoration	
Thurs	9.30am P.I. Adoration 7pm—9pm		
Fri	9.30am P.I.		
Sat		5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 6pm Margaret Cullen (Anniv)	
Sun	9.30am P.P. 12.00pm Liam Mulholland (Anniv) John Loughan (Anniv)	10.45am Aoife Doyle (Months Mind)	

Recently Deceased Olivia McArdle (*St James Meadow*)

Anniversaries Noel McComb (2nd Anniv), Patsy Moore, Pat McElroy, Sheila Hall, Edward McMaster, Joseph McGann, Thomas McPeake

Sanctuary Lamps Noel McComb, Thanksgiving

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.

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

Collection 6 September 2026

Weekly Offering: £2,941

Monthly Offering: £2,133

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2026-27 (Week 19)

Winner £50 Callum Grant (*Aldergrove*)

Winner £100 Anne McNally (*Gawleys 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. The course runs each Monday **until 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 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. The envelopes for a gift for Canon Colm can be returned to the collection boxes in the porches at the back of the churches or alternatively can be placed in the baskets during Mass times, up to Sunday 20 September 26. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

THE FINAL MEETING FOR THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CANON COLM'S PRESENTATION will take place on Tuesday 15 September 26 @ 7.30pm in the Annex of St Joseph's.

PASTORAL COUNCIL The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will take place on Wednesday 16 September @ 7pm in the Annex of St Joseph's.

SEASON OF CREATION 1 SEPTEMBER TO 4 OCTOBER, Feast of St Francis, a dedicated time for Christians to commit to prayer, protection of the environment and care for creation. Volunteers needed for the parish Season of Creation Team, please contact the parish office.

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY HAS RESUMED for children from nursery age up to year 3. 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, 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.

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.

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.

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.