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ST. JOSEPH'S GAC: Lotto results 11 September 2026 Winning no's 8-10-16-27 Jackpot £7,500. No Jackpot Winner. 2 Lucky dip Winners, £25 each – Danny Doherty – Rosemary McGovern. Next week's jackpot is worth £7,650. 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 stdareshallbooking@hotmail.com or **07517779334**. **ST CLARE'S 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 Clare's**

Bowling Club We welcome new members, young or old on Mondays & Wednesday at 8pm. Come along and have fun! **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

WALK FOR MATTHEW on Saturday 26 September, from St Clare's Community Hall Glenavy at 10am. Proceeds in aid of Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust. Walk is approximately 9km and refreshments will be served afterwards. Everyone welcome.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - Sunday 15 November from 12.30pm - 3pm. Contact Cecilia to book a table on 07514 630758.

LOVE TO SING OR PLAY MUSIC? Join Loughshore Parishes for a joyful **Day of Song and Prayer with Ian Callanan** Event is open to adults, young people, post primary school age (with permission from responsible parent/guardian). For more information loughshore@downandconnor.org or (028) 9037 0845

CATHOLIC MOTHERS IRELAND - are holding our Ulster Retreat Day on Saturday, 3 Oct, from 10am–6pm at Benburb Priory, info@catholicmothers.ie. Or see their Facebook page.

Parish Bingo

in St Clare's Community Hall

EVERY THURSDAY AT 8.00PM SHARP-9.30PM APPROX.

JACKPOT £1,000 IN 51 NUMBERS



Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 20 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
www.facebook.com/glenavyandkilleadparish
A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community

Deserving our rights

We often say that people don't deserve welfare or food if they don't work. We can be stingy in judging what others deserve and need. Jesus has a new way. We deserve our rights even when we do the least. The denarius was a day's wage, enough to live on. There are certain rights we all have - to have food and a job are two of them. These people wanted to work. We are rewarded by God for who we are, not for what we do.

Jesus' vision is that everyone deserves to earn enough to live on. To believe in a God who is an unconditional Friend, is to have the most liberating experience that one could imagine. On the contrary, to live in the presence of an avenging and threatening God could change us into the most dangerous and self-destructive neurotics. We need to learn not to confuse God with our own narrow and stingy plans. We sometimes wish to distort God's un-fathomable goodness.

That's the way the kingdom of God grows. It grows within us in thanks and sharing. That's what we do at every Mass. Success for Jesus is not the amount we do, but that we do things with a full heart.

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PRAYING WITH AWARENESS IN THE SEASON OF CREATION—LIVING AMONG OTHERS

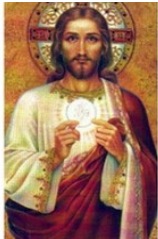
Iron sharpens iron, and one person sharpens the wits of another. (Proverbs 27:17) Our lives rely on a complex network of relationships which sustain us and to provide the food, healthcare, transport and services we need. The Season of Creation prompts us to be reflective, aware and committed to working for justice for all creation.

Sharing our common home as faithful people calls us to sharpen one another — to be reflective, aware, and committed to working for justice for all creation. Who has helped you grow in awareness of creation - a companion, a colleague, an activist? And who might you be that person for?

Speaking up "to the right people" has been named as one of the most powerful things we can do. Where might your own voice — in a parish, a formation group, a family — be heard? Review how your living in community disposes you to make changes for the good of creation. Are there opportunities for you to offer insights, make suggestions, ask for and receive recommendations about how others see you live?

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

21—27 September 2026 Mass Intentions

	<u>ST JOSEPH'S</u>	<u>MATER DEI</u>	St James Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm  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
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		
Tue		NO MASS 6.30pm Rosary 7—8.30pm Adoration	
Wed		NO MASS 10am—12pm Adoration	
Th	NO MASS Adoration 7pm—9pm		
Fri	NO MASS		
Sat	1pm Wedding	NO MASS	
Sun	9.30am Ignatius Jordan (Months Mind) 12.00pm Angela McAlister (1st Anniv) , Damien Beirne, Eithne Wilson, Peter Beirne (Anniv)	10. 45am P.P.	

Months Mind Aoife Doyle

Anniversaries Margaret Cullen, John Tierney, Liam Mulholland, John Loughan, Brendan McGarry, Frank Madden, Patrick O'Boyle, Elizabeth Courtney, Jim Nelson, Hanna Falloon, Teresa Moore, Nuala & Bobby McLarnon, Sean Drain, Brian Heffron, Austin Crossen, Joseph McGarry, Jean McComb, Frank McGarry

Sanctuary Lamps Mary & Philip Curran, F.G.J. J. M. M. & R

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 13 September 2026

Weekly Offering: £3,396

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2026-27 (Week 20)

Winner £50 Angela Hughes (*Glenavy*)
 Winner £100 Mrs H McCusker (*Glenavy*)
 Winner £500 Edward Nelson (*Glenavy*)

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. The final collection of envelopes for a gift for Canon Colm will take place on Sunday 20 September 26. For those involved in the entertainment for the event, there will be a brief run through on Friday 25 September at 7pm in St. Clare's Hall. Thank you all for your support.

To Celebrate the Season of Creation 2026, Tulip bulbs will be planted in the grounds of the churches after Masses today, Sunday 20 September 2026. Blessing of the River on 10 October 2026 at 10.30am. This will be an interdenominational service taking place beside the jetty at Glenavy river, at Glenavy Youth Club. Car parking is available at St Aidan's Church of Ireland. Everyone welcome.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION INVITATION The Diocese of Down & Connor is developing its Adoration Lay Team to promote, expand & consolidate Eucharistic Adoration throughout the Diocese. **YOU** are invited to attend one of the Special Information meetings on Thursday 1 October in The Parish centre, Ballymena, 2 Broughshane Road **OR** Friday 2 October, St Patrick's Centre, St Patricks Square, Market Street. Registration from 7.30pm. Presentation 8 – 9pm. Please contact the parish office with your name & contact details if you would like to attend or Tele 00353 (0)86-1027411 or email info@eucharisticadoration.ie

OUR LADY'S ROSARY FESTIVAL will take place from 12 -18 October 26. Join us for a week of events to honour Our Blessed Lady, ending with the annual Belfast Rosary Procession. The procession will leave St Malachy's Church, Belfast City Centre, at 2.30pm on Sunday 18 October, and finish at St Peter's Cathedral. A full list of events can be found on the poster at the back of the Church and online at belfastrosaryfestival.com

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.

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.

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.

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**.