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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** [stclareshallbook-
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ing@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: walking-forall.com

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

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**.

ST. JOSEPH'S GAC: Lotto results 18.09.26. Winning nos. 8--9--22--28 Jackpot £7,650 No Jackpot Winner. 2 Lucky dip Winners £25 each- Justin O'Neill -- Trisha O'Hare. Next week's jackpot is worth £7,700. The members of St. Joseph's GAC Thank you for your support

Parish Bingo

in St Clare's Community Hall

EVERY THURSDAY AT 8.00PM SHARP-9.30PM APPROX.

JACKPOT £1,000 IN 51 NUMBERS



Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 27 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)
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Parish Support Officer: Joan McShane Tel: 94 422278
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A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
Each year the Season of Creation invites us to pause, reflect and renew our commitment to caring for God's creation, our common home. This year's theme, "Living Water", inspired by Ezekiel 47:1-12, offers us a powerful image of hope, healing and renewal. In the prophet's vision, water flows forth bringing life wherever it goes, transforming what is barren into places of abundance and growth.

In his Message for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, Pope Leo XIV reminds us that "environmental justice can no longer be regarded as an abstract concept or a distant goal. It is an urgent need; it is a matter of justice, social, economic and human." This challenge invites us to see care for creation not as an optional concern but as an essential expression of our Christian faith and our love of neighbour.

As the Season of Creation began this year on the 1 of September, Pope Leo Offered another profound invitation. He encouraged us to place our daily lives into "silent mode" for a while, setting aside the constant noise and distractions that surround us, so that we might hear "the melodious voice of creation, through which God, the Author of all things, speaks to us."

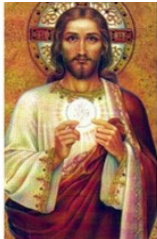
We need moments of stillness in which we can rediscover our place within God creation, hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor, and recognise Once more the beauty and harmony that God has entrusted to our care. Pope Leo reminds us that such contemplation is the beginning of an authentic ecological conversion, one that transforms the way we relate to the world around us.

I am particularly struck by the theme of "Hope from Faith and Action" contained within the Season of Creation resources - At a time when many people feel overwhelmed by environmental concerns, we are reminded that Christian hope is rooted in faith expressed through action. As the Season of Creation materials beautifully express it, "Every act to care for creation becomes part of a global stream of hope."

May this Season of Creation deepen our gratitude for the gift of creation, strengthen our commitment to environmental justice, and inspire us to become faithful stewards of the earth entrusted to our care.

With every blessing,
*Alan McGuckian SJ
Bishop Of Down and Connor

28 September 4 October 2026 Mass Intentions

	<u>ST JOSEPH'S</u>	<u>MATER DEI</u>	St James Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm 
Mon	9.30am Communion Service 1pm Wedding		
Tue		No Mass 6.30pm Rosary 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 11am—12pm
Wed		No Mass 10am—12pm Adoration	
Thurs	No Mass Adoration 7pm—9pm		
Fri	9.30am No Mass		
Sat		No Mass	
Sun	9.30am P.P. 12.00pm Stephen McAlister & Anne Agnew (Anniv) Special Intention MB	10.45am Olivia McArdle (Months Mind)	

Months Mind Ignatius Jordan

Anniversaries Angela McAlister (1st), Anne Young (McMaster) (1st), Damien Beirne, Eithne Wilson, Peter Beirne, Ann Hughes, Mary Lewsley, Joan Nelson, Kathleen McAreevey, Pat McCoy. William Wilkinson

Sanctuary Lamps Falloon Family, F.G.J.J.J.M.M.R.

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.

Collection 26 September 2026

Weekly Offering: £2,699

Autumn Offering: £735

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2026-27 (Week 21)

Winner £50 Maureen Elwood (Ballinderry upper)

Winner £100 Vernon Barr (*Crumlin*)

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

To Celebrate the Season of Creation 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.

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 GLENARY 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.

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 in-fo@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.

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