Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
15 November 2026

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Red Wednesday 18 November 2026

Today two great themes of Pope Francis and of Pope Leo come together – it is World Day of the Poor, and it is the launch of Aid to the Church in Need's Week of witness including Red Wednesday, 18 November, when many churches around the country will be lit in red to remember the blood of martyrs – past and present. More Christians have been killed because of their faith in Christ in the last century than the previous 1,900 years of Christian history. 220 million Christians live in countries where they are directly exposed to persecution, while 413 million Christians live in countries where religious freedom is severely violated. This Red Wednesday, Aid to the Church in Need invites you to wear something red, light a red candle in your window and pray for their welfare.

Masses During the Week 16 – 22 November 2026

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James	Feumore
Mon	**9.30am Communion Service**		**Adoration 7pm-8pm**	**Adoration 11am - 12pm**
Tues		**9.30am** Service of Enrolment (Gaelscoil) **7pm** Rosemary Cardwell (Anniv) Denis Campbell (Anniv) **Rosary 6.30pm** **Adoration 7.30 – 8.30pm**		
Wed		**9.30am** Michael Gilbride (Anniv) Nell Mulholland (Anniv) **Adoration 10am – 12noon**		
Thurs	**9.30am P.I.**			
Fri	**9.30am** George Walsh (Anniv) Paddy & Mary McCorry (Anniv)			
Sat		**5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation** **6pm Vigil** Gerard Stafford (Anniv) Carmel Hearty (Anniv)		
Sun	**9.30am P.P.** **12pm** Vincent Mulholland (Anniv) John Mulholland (Anniv)	**10.45am** Margaret & Jack O'Brien (Anniv)		**Adoration 6.30 – 7.30pm, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary**

Recently Deceased Edwin (Eddie) Wathey (The Beeches), John Thompson (Legacurry Road)
Anniversaries Patricia Cormican (1st), Mikey Brown (1st), Sean McGarry, Charlotte Reid, Mary Kane, Brendan Skelton, Rosemary Cardwell, Denis Campbell, Nell Mulholland, Michael Gilbride, George Walsh, Paddy & Mary McCorry, Rosaline Marsden, Rosie Bradley, Jarlath Ignatius Maguire, Michael O'Neill, Hugh Cormican, Gerard Cormican, Matthew Doone.
Sanctuary Lamps Eamon Devereux, Mikey Brown
Weddings Congratulations to Anna Deery and Eámann Donnelly who were married in Christ.

Collections 8 November 2026	Parish Draw 2026 – 27 (Week 28)
Weekly Offering £2,916	**Winner £100** Monica Hickland (Upper Ballinderry) **Winner £50** Grainne & James Smith (Crumlin)

Overnight Eucharistic Adoration in Mater Dei Church, starting on Tuesday 1st December at 7pm with the theme being praying for our families and parishioners. Come along and enjoy some quiet time this Advent with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Changes to Baptism Times (December 26 onwards) All Baptisms must be booked in advance through the Parish Office, Tel 028 9442 2278.

Mater Dei Saturday @ 5pm	St Joseph's Sunday @ 9.15am

Change in Mass times effective from 1st Weekend in Advent (28 & 29 November)

Day	Mater Dei	St Josephs	St James
Saturday	Vigil 6pm		
Sunday	11.30am	10.00am	
Holy Days		7pm	9.30am

Keeping Watch with the Shepherds An Advent Reflection As the "Christmas Experience" gets bigger and earlier each year with its tinsel and Turkey and the elf on the shelf, we invite you, for one hour, to put aside the trappings of a commercial Christmas to keep watch with the shepherds of Bethlehem, the first people called to behold the Christ child and to announce his arrival into our world. On Tuesday 8 December at 7pm in Mater Dei Church we will watch a short video clip from the TV series, The Chosen, followed by quiet prayer reflecting on how we are asked to imitate the shepherd's vigilant wait for Christ, to allow Him to transform our hearts in the waiting and to offer Him our gifts of adoration and praise. Tea/Coffee and light refreshments will be served immediately afterwards in Mater Dei Pastoral Centre or Church Porch. "We watch with the shepherds when we look at our world, with all that's in it, good and bad, and see light there, namely, God's presence, grace, graciousness, forgiveness, love, unselfishness, innocence." *(Fr Ronald Rolheiser)*

The Glenavy Branch of Apostolic Work are holding their Annual Christmas sale in St Clare's Hall on Sunday 22 November 2026 after Mass. Cakes, Tombola, Ballot, Bric a Brac, stalls, tea and coffee available. A Church door collection will be taken up at all Masses in the parish that weekend. Gift Aid envelopes for taxpayer donors are available at the back of Mater Dei and St Joseph's churches. Please complete all sections of the form and return envelopes at the door collection or Parish office.

Annual Mass for Deceased Diocesan Clergy & Religious will take place on Tuesday 24 November in St Peter's {Cathedral}, Belfast at 7:30 pm. We remember and offer Mass for those who have died in this past year. All are welcome to join Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ as he celebrates this Mass.

Ballymacricket Primary School & Nursery Unit Open Night Thursday 3 December 2026, 6.30 – 7.30pm. Meet the staff and find out more about the exciting opportunities we offer for your child in Nursery and P1. For more information see www.ballymacricketprimaryschool.co.uk

GH Tyres and Auto Services 40A Glenavy Road, Crumlin. Punctures, repairs, wheel balancing, wheel alignment, batteries, general services and repairs. Tel 028 9442 3113

Care Assistant available Monday – Friday, 25 Years experience. Tel 07870 697727

Celtic Carols by Candlelight 2026 will take place in St. Michael's Church, Finaghy Road North, Belfast Bt11 9EH, beginning at 7pm, the event is being presented in association with the West Belfast family of parishes. There will also be congregational carol singing as part of the event, and seasonal refreshments will be served afterwards. For more information, contact Patrick Davey: info@daveymusic.com

Recharge Advent Retreat Aged 18-35? Join us on Saturday 12 December for a mini-Advent retreat in St Colmcille's, Belfast! Come and spend a few hours in prayer to prepare well for the coming of Christ this Christmas.

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, Litle 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 stclareshallbooking@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 Mon days & Wednesday at 8pm. Come along and have fun! **WEEKLY Walks in Glenavy** 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.

Parish Bingo

In St Clare's Community Hall
Every Thursday at 8pm sharp – 9.30pm (approx.)
Jackpot £1,000 in 52 numbers

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 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 contact the Diocesan Director, Rev Brett Lockhart for the Permanent Diaconate, b.lockhart@downandconnor.org.

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 help line 07754427088. Donations can be made via the Crumlin SVP conference bank account. Account number 41965035, sort code 980460. **ST JOSEPH'S GLENAVY 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 the local community





A WEEKEND LIKE NO OTHER

Catholic Marriage Encounter Weekend

St. Mary's, Knock, Co. Mayo
Friday 9th to Sunday 11th April 2027

This residential Weekend starts at 7.30pm on Friday and finishes at 4.30pm on Sunday and is open to all married couples.

Online booking only at **www.marriageencounter.ie**