Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe
22 November 2026

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The 'I' word!

We know this story well. The most important letter in 'it' is 'I'.
Jesus identifies himself with the people he is talking about. He doesn't say people were in prison and you visited them, or sick or naked. He says I who am in prison, sick or naked. It's even more than being a brother or sister of **J**esus. He identifies with each of us especially in need. Created as we are in the image of **G**od, Jesus sees right through us to see **G**od. **G**od is the divine life of **G**od in each person.
That makes the difference. We don't help the needy person only because he or she is needy, but because each is in the image of **G**od and **J**esus sees him or her and says 'that's me.'
This can be a programme for life. For the young - can you make a decision for your life that includes deep care from your love of those in need? For those in their busy lives already and who have chosen their way - how can you show deep care for those in need. For the elderly - can you pray for those in need each day and encourage those more active to care for them?
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Masses During the Week 23 – 29 November 2026

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James	Feumore
Mon	**9.30am Communion Service**		**Adoration 7pm-8pm**	**Adoration 11am - 12pm**
Tues	**11am** Funeral	**7pm** Hugh Ross (Anniv) James & Francis Doone (Anniv) **Rosary 6.30pm** **Adoration 7.30 – 8.30pm**		
Wed		**9.30am** Special Intention Holy Souls **Adoration 10am – 12noon**		
Thurs	**9.30am P.I.**			
Fri	**9.30am** Matthew & Eileen Doone (Anniv) Deceased Members of Doherty Family (Feumore)			
Sat		**11am Baptism** **5pm Baptism** **6pm Vigil** P.P.		
Sun	**10am** Anne Shephard (Months Mind) Paul Saunders (Anniv)	**11.30am** Floyd Maguire (Anniv) Jack, Alice & Joan Kennedy (Anniv)		**Adoration 6.30 – 7.30pm, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary**

Recently Deceased Bernard McCorry (Ballinderry), Robert Kennedy (Crumlin), Thomas McCloskey (Crumlin)
Months Mind Joseph Jordan
Anniversaries Gerard Stafford, Carmel Hearty, Margaret & Jack O'Brien, John Mulholland, Vincent Mulholland, Hugh Ross, James & Francis Doone, Matthew & Eileen Doone. Mikey Brown, Daniel & Ellen McCorry, Brian Nelson Eddie Prior, Georgie Cormican
Sanctuary Lamps F,G,J,J,M,M,R, Jinnie & Seamus Jordan
Baptisms We welcome to God's family Matthew Robin Jones & Aideen Maginn

Collections 15 November 2026	Parish Draw 2026 – 27 (Week 28)
Weekly Offering £2,611	**Winner £100** Brian Mooney (Ballinderry)
Bishop's Commission £819	**Winner £50** Rose Crozier (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.

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, to join us for one hour, on **Tuesday 8 December at 7pm in Mater Dei Church** to 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.

Christmas Cards in aid of St Vincent de Paul will be available in the Church porches this weekend. (Suggested donation £3 a pack)

The Glenavy Branch of Apostolic Work are holding their Annual Christmas sale in St Clare's Hall this 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.

Open Evening - St. Joseph's Primary and Nursery School. Crumlin We warmly Invite parents & guardians of prospective Nursery and Pl children to our Open Evening on **Thursday 3 December 2026, from 6pm - 7.30 pm**. Come along and tour our school, meet our staff and children, and find out more about school life and all the extras we have to offer. Current parents, families & parishioners are also very welcome to join us. If you know of any new families who may be interested in finding out more about our school or the Pl application process, please share these details with them. We look forward to welcoming you to St. Joseph's! www.stjosephscrumlin.co.uk

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

A very sincere thanks from all of us at Missio Ireland for your support of Mission Sunday. The support of each parishioner to this very worthy cause is very much appreciated.

Vacancy Down & Connor Diocesan Trust Sacristan – Job Share Antrim Parish, St Comgall's Church, Castle Street, Antrim, BT41 4HP. Permanent appointment of two individuals, requiring 10 hours attendance each week. Work pattern to be agreed with the Parish Priest. The post holders will be required to provide cover for the Job Share Partner during annual leave or other absences. Rate of pay £12.71 gross per hour. For full details including application form see http://www.downandconnor.org ,click on the tab: JOB VACANCIES. Application packs can also be obtained from Antrim Parish Office. Closing date for applications will be 12.00 noon on Tuesday 1 December 2026.

Glenavy St Vincent De Paul will be holding its Annual Senior Citizen's Dinner at 1pm on Saturday 12 December in Lily's, Glenavy. Anyone who would like to attend should contact a member of the local Conference before Saturday 5 December or ring 07764 797963, numbers are limited. All are welcome.

Trócaire Gifts of Change will be on sale after weekend Masses on Saturday December 5, 6pm Mass & Sunday 6, 11.30am Mass. Trócaire Gifts of Change help some of the poorest people in the world to work their way out of poverty. There are 28 gifts to choose from starting at £5 for the Gift of Soap for families in war-torn South Sudan. All the gifts are real items, sourced in-country which go to families in need of our support. For further information go to https://www.trocaire.org/gifts.

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

St.Joseph's GAC: Lotto Results **Thursday 11 November 2026** Winning Numbers; 4-9-14-26. Jackpot £1,300 - No Jackpot winner. 2 Lucky Dip Winners £25 each, The Dub, Collie O'Hare. Next Week's Jackpot is £1,350. The members of St. Joseph's GAC thank you for your support.

Join us at the Belfast Jesuit Centre, 193 – 195 Donegall St, Belfast Waiting in Wonder 2026: Lectio and Visio Divina for Advent, Tuesdays Nov 24, Dec 1, 8, 15 7pm – 9pm. Faith & Film Series dates in November & December**.** For more information & to register: https://belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk

Advent Mini Retreat at Holy Family Church (226-228 Limestone Road, Belfast) on Saturday 5 December led by Fr Columba Mary (Gary) Toman OP. Holy Mass at 11:00, followed by brunch, followed by a talk on Advent.

Medjugorje-New Year trip 27 December- 3 January. For details contact Éadaoin 07706288095.

Sonas Support's open day on Friday 4 December 26 with 2 sessions available: 2.30 - 4pm & 5-6.30pm. Come along to the Houben Centre, 432 Crumlin Road, Belfast, BT14 7GE, to meet our team, see the centre and learn about our day opportunities for adults aged 18+ with learning disabilities.

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat 11-13 December 26 young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland.

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

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

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


MINI ADVENT RETREAT
Saturday 5th December | 9.30am to 1pm
St. Oliver Plunkett Church, Toomebridge
with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal
Br. Shawn O'Connor CFR
Fr. Bernard Murphy CFR
9.30am: Arrival
10am: Mass
10.45am: Tea / Coffee Break
11.30am: Holy Hour with Confession
& Reflection on the Advent Season
12.30pm: Benediction
All Welcome
Come and Prepare Your Heart for Christmas


SONAS SUPPORT
Open Day
Discover a brighter day at Sonas Support
PLACES AVAILABLE
Day opportunities for adults aged 18+ with learning disabilities
Meet our team, explore our centre and find out what your next chapter could look like.
Families, carers and support professionals welcome.
Friday 4 December 2026
TWO SESSIONS
2:30 - 4:00 pm
5:00 - 6:30 pm
FRIENDSHIPS
Connect with others
COMMUNITY
Outings and new experiences
EVERYDAY SKILLS
Build confidence and independence
Houben Centre, 432 Crumlin Road
Belfast, BT14 7GE
028 9013 3636 | 07570 716123
info@sonassupport.co.uk
Facebook: Sonas Support
Instagram: @sonas.support


Overnight
Eucharistic Adoration
in Mater Dei Church
starting on
Tuesday 1st December
at 7pm
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