Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8 November 2026

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Jesus always new

The lamp is the light of love and hope, and at its centre is the light of Christ. The light is given to us in many ways in our lives - it shines within as an eternal joy, and outwards to many others. Jesus often advises, *'keep your lamps burning' and 'Let you lights shine.*
Like when the bulb goes out when the electricity fails, the lamp can go out without oil. The people of the gospel felt foolish that they had not brought oil with them to light their way. The oil is prayer and our relationship with Jesus. This is the essence of the Christian life. Our Christian life is following a real, loving person: it is an invitation to get to know Jesus, and to find ourselves drawn from our hearts to follow him. Without this living relationship with Christ, words sound empty. We sometimes hear someone speaking of their Christian faith and cannot help wondering if it comes from the inside or is just a list of things to be believed and read.
Ignatius of Loyola's famous prayer is the prayer of the follower of Jesus; *'Lord, teach me to know you more, love you more and serve you more faithfully in my life.'* (Spiritual Exercises). The more indicates that this is never a finished product: like love and friendship it grows in our lives. It is exciting that Jesus is never gone from us.: risen from the dead he is always alive, always new. Our reading of the gospel, our sharing at Mass and the sacraments and our personal prayer keep this relationship always alive, always new.
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Masses During the Week 9 – 15 November 2026

	St Joseph's	Mater Dei	St James	Feumore
Mon	**9.30am Communion Service**		**Adoration 7pm-8pm**	**Adoration 11am 12pm**
Tues		**7pm St James GAA**		
Wed		**9.30am Holy Souls Special Intention Adoration 10am – 12noon**		
Thurs	**7pm Mass for Families of the Deceased**			
Fri	**9.30am P.I.**			
Sat	**12pm Wedding**	**5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 6pm Vigil Charlotte Reid (Anniv)**		
Sun	**9.30am P.P. 12pm Patricia Cormican (1st Anniv)**	**10.45am Mary Kane (Anniv) Brendan Skelton (Anniv)**		**Adoration 6.30 – 7.30pm, Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary**

Weddings Congratulations to Tierna Kennedy & Joseph Evans and Katrina Moore & Stephen Bunting who were married in Christ.
Months Mind Mary Fitzpatrick
Anniversaries Patrick Cleary, Baby Eunan Owens, Elizabeth McNeice, Anna & Harry Connon, Jarlath Ignatius Maguire, Matthew Bradley, Phelim Cormican, Marie O'Neill, Jim McGarry, Sarah McGarry, Denis Campbell, Fr Frank Quinn (1st), Vera McGarry, Billy Brazier. Alice McGarry, Frank Quinn.
Sanctuary Lamps Jim & Sarah McGarry, Special Intention B.G.

Collections 1 November 2026

Weekly Offering £2,828 Monthly Offering £2,134

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

Changes to Baptism Times. All Baptisms must be booked in advance through the Parish Office.

Day	Mater Dei	St Josephs
Saturday	5pm	
Sunday		9.15am

Parish Draw 2026 – 27 (Week 27)

Winner £100 M & M McDonnell (Crumlin)
Winner £50 The Mulholland Children (Moira Road)

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.

November Short-Term Pledge The month of November offers a special opportunity to make a small sacrifice in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We invite parishioners and friends to consider taking a **Short-Term Pledge** throughout November. **Pioneer Offering -** *"I promise, in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and with the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to abstain from all intoxicating substances until the end of November."* Please consider joining with others in prayer, sacrifice and support for those affected by addiction.

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

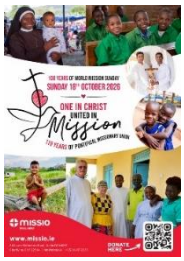
ST CLARE'S HALL, WHAT'S ON? – MONDAY Bootcamp with CM Fitness 6am – 7.20am, multi-sensory baby class 10—11am, Flip Fusion 5.30pm—6.30pm, Pilates 7pm – 9pm, Bowls 8pm – 10pm.
TUESDAY Brazier School of Dance 4.45PM – 7.45PM, Pickle Ball 8pm – 10pm.
WEDNESDAY Bootcamp with CM Fitness 6am – 7.20am, Friendship 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. Contact Cecilia to book a table on 07514 630758.

Shrines of France Pilgrimage 11 – 18 June 2027. For further information contact Jean Reymolds 07729 402311 or jeanreymolds@hotmail.co.uk

Parish Bingo

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

Belfast Jesuit Centre **Talk: The Second World War through Jesuit Archives** on **Thursday 12 November** at **7pm**. All are welcome. Light refreshments provided. Small donation suggested. **The Chosen: Season 3 plus Advent Specials** on Friday 6 November beginning at **10.45am sharp**. Tea and coffee available from **10.15am**, **Mass at 12.30pm**. As part of our Advent journey, on **18 December** we will screen the special episodes **The Shepherd** and **The Messengers** All are welcome. Small donation suggested. **Church at the Crossroads – Belfast Conference 13–14 November. Assembly Buildings Conference Centre** For more details and registration, please visit: **www.churchatthecrossroads.com/belfast**
Newell Reynolds Lecture 2026 with Rev. Dr Amy Orr – Ewing. Annual Lecture in Clonard Church on Sunday 15 November @ 7pm. All welcome.



As we come to the end of the Mission Month of October, all of us at Missio Ireland thank you for your support of Mission Sunday. If you have not donated before and you wish to do so, please use the QR code on the Mission Sunday poster. Alternatively, you may either donate over the phone [(01) 497 2035] or on our website: https://missio.ie/donate/

ST PATRICK'S ACADEMY

60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

1966 – 2026

INVITATION TO OUR ANNIVERSARY MASS

Sunday 22nd November 2026

2.00pm

St Patrick's Academy, Ballinderry Road, Lisburn

Celebrant: Fr James O'Reilly (Past Pupil)

As part of our 60th Anniversary Celebrations, the Board of Governors, staff and pupils of St Patrick's Academy warmly invite all members of our school community to join us for a special Mass of Thanksgiving.

We extend a particular welcome to:

- Past and Present Pupils
- Current and Former Staff
- Parents and Families
- Friends of St Patrick's Academy

Together, we will give thanks for sixty years of faith, learning and service, reflect on the many people who have shaped the life of our school, and celebrate the enduring spirit of the St Patrick's Academy community.

"Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me."

During our Anniversary Mass, we will remember in a special way all those who have been part of our journey throughout the past sixty years and bring before the Lord those who continue to walk that journey with us today.

Everyone is Welcome

Refreshments will be available, photographs will be on display and you will have the opportunity to meet old friends/teachers.

We look forward to celebrating this special milestone with you.

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