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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: walkingforall.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**.

CATHOLIC MOTHERS IRELAND are holding our Leinster Retreat Day on Saturday, 7 Nov, from 10am–6pm in Ely House, Dublin. Cost is 50 euros (lunch & refreshments included). To book www.catholicmothers.ie/retreats

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK Day Pilgrimage to Knock on Monday 2nd November for feast of All Souls, leaving St Agnes at 7.30am. Price £30 (includes tea and scone). Contact Pat 07946917354 or Harriet 07812098991.

Parish Bingo

in St Clare's Community Hall

EVERY THURSDAY AT 8.00PM SHARP-9.30PM APPROX.

JACKPOT £1,000 IN 51 NUMBERS



**Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
11 October 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
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A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community

Look to the Heart

There is a big problem with this story. In a good story Jesus always raises a question. It seems a bit unfair to be thrown out, having been brought in at the last minute, because you had no garment. However, the garment means you want to be there and to take on the values of the feast. The garment is the desire of the heart to be a follower in name and deed.

God invites all but expects us to come with a good heart. Often, we see people around mass who seem not to respect it. They may not come often, but God looks to the desires of the heart. Maybe the non-churchy parents who want their child baptised know deep down that their love for the child brings them to baptism. Is that not a good reason? Or maybe the young people who come to mass because they have exams coming up and need all the help they can get?

While Jesus is totally the inviting one, he wants us to remain with him. The heart that follows is the heart that wants to love, and that desire is the wedding garment.

The man knew in his heart that he should not be there. Jesus sees into the heart. What we look for is the sincerity in what brings us to God and that can be different for everybody. Religion is firstly of the heart and then practice. We never know what's in the heart of our people who sometimes come in faith. You never can tell! Let God be the judge of that!

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12—18 October 2026 Mass Intentions

	<u>ST JOSEPH'S</u>	<u>MATER DEI</u>	St James
Mon	9.30am Communion Service		Monday Adoration 7pm—8pm
Tue		7pm Kevin Flood (Months Mind) 6.30pm Rosary 7.30—8.30pm Adoration	
Wed		9.30am P.I. 10am—12pm Adoration	
Thurs	9.30am Dolway McCorry (Special Intention) The Deceased Members of the McTaggart Family Adoration 7pm—9pm		
Fri	9.30am In Honour of St Faustina 1pm Wedding		
Sat		5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 6pm P.P.	
Sun	9.30am Rosemary & Mary Mulholland (1st Anniv) 12.00pm P.I.	10.45am Angus & Kathleen Grant (Anniv) Isaac Nelson (Anniv)	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

Recently Deceased Mary Fitzpatrick (Ballynadrentagh Rd), Anne Shephard (Lisburn Rd), Catherine McCann (Ballyvannon Rd), Fr Aidan O'Kane

Months Mind Kevin Flood, Rosemary Mulholland, Mary Mulholland

Anniversaries Mary Stewart (1st), Colette Brankin, Brendan McGarry, Frank Madden, Jackie Brown, Patsy McPeake, Baby Beth Duddy & her little cousin, Luarena Rice, Eithne Magennis, Brian Cormican.

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 4 October 2026

Weekly Offering: £2,850

Monthly: £2,069

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2026-27 (Week 23)

Winner £50 Anne McKavanagh (Glenavy)

Winner £100 Isobel Flood (Upper

Ballinderry)

Congratulations to our winners!

Mission Weekend, Parish Volunteer Fair 17 & 18 October 2026.

We are giving you advance information after Masses this weekend about the groups that run in our parish. There will be an Information Fair after Masses the weekend of 17 & 18 October (Mission Weekend) at which members of the parish groups will be available to speak to you if you are interested in joining one of the groups. Where do our talents lie? All ages are invited to volunteer.

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'. 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

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE will take place on Thursday 22 October 2026 @ 7pm in the annex of St Joseph's church.

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.

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

SAVE THE DATE! All are invited to come and hear from representatives of 6 Christian Churches who will consider: **'Who is Mary in God's Plan of Salvation?'** Martina Purdy will present on behalf of the Roman Catholic tradition. There also will be time for audience questions, chaired by Alf McCreary (*Belfast Telegraph*, *BBC News*) This is an opportunity to listen and understand other perspectives. **Wednesday, 2 December 26 at 7pm in Corr's Corner Hotel, Newtownabbey.** Refreshments will be served. To aid in planning please rsvp to ecumenical@downandconnor.org

VACANCIES DOWN & CONNOR DIOCESAN TRUST vacancies have arisen for two Sacristan posts within Antrim Parish, at St Joseph's Church, 56 Greystone Road, Antrim, BT41 1JZ & St Comgall's Church, Castle St, Antrim, BT41 4HP. They are Permanent appointment's, each post is 20 hrs per week, work pattern to be agreed with the Parish Priest. Flexible approach to working hours will be a requirement within the roles. Rate of Pay - £12.71 gross per hour. Full details including application form see: <http://www.downandconnor.org> clicking on the tab: JOB VACANCIES & on the Community NI website. Closing date for completed application forms will be 12noon on Tuesday 20 October 2026 .

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.

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.

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.

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 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 your local community

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