

DOWN & CONNOR DIOCESAN TRUST BELFAST JESUIT CENTRE VACANCY "Pastoral Ministry Co-ordinator" (2 yr Fixed Term Contract) based within the Jesuit Centre at 193 -195 Donegall Street, Belfast, BT1 2FL. 35 hrs per week (flexibility required), £29k per annum, closing date Thurs 10 September @ 12noon. Full details including application form see <http://www.downandconnor.org> or <https://belfastjesuitcentre.co.uk>

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, DONEGALL STREET, BELFAST @ 6 pm on Sunday, 6 September Celebrant: Fr Piaras Jackson SJ, with interfaith contributions. This Mass marks the beginning of the Season of Creation (1 Sept–4 Oct), under the theme "Living Water".

THE CHOSEN – SEASON 2 AT THE BELFAST JESUIT CENTRE Weekly screenings will take place each Friday at the Belfast Jesuit Centre on 4, 11, 18, 25 Sept, 2, 9, 16 & 23 Oct. Contact: bjc@jesuit.ie | 07955 282371

CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT - STANDING IN THE BREACH A Catholic Men's Retreat at **Portglenone Monastery on Saturday 19 Sept 26, from 9am– 1pm.** The theme of the retreat is "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Galatians 2:20). The morning will include prayer, teaching, fellowship and men's testimonies, with Fr Eddie McGee as keynote speaker. All men are very welcome. For further information, contact Thomas Carey on 07967 620435 or email sean@catholicminute.co.uk.

HLI IRELAND: Fr Lawrence Carney (USA), international speaker & popular author, Provincial Tour of Ireland. Join us for the Ulster event at the Canal Court Hotel, Newry, on Tuesday 29 September at 6:45pm, with a Relic of St Thérèse. Free admission.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE is offering a programme of bereavement support in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Ave., Belfast on Saturdays 26 Sept, 24 Oct & 21 Nov. Booking essential. To find out more contact Marie 07896119669 or email belfastbe@yahoo.com

ANAM CARA, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Monday 14 Sept @ 7.30pm** in the Crowne Plaza, Shaws Bridge, Belfast. Online support meeting also available. For more info 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING YOU'RE INVITED! Join us for the cause, the chatter or the tasty treats at St Clare's Community Hall on Friday 11 September 2026 between 9.30am – 12pm.

GH TYRES AND AUTO SERVICES: 40a Glenavy Road, Crumlin. Punctures repairs, Wheel Balancing, Wheel Alignment, Batteries, General Service and repairs Tel: 0289 4423 113.

JOIN THE GLENNAVY GARDEN CENTRE TEAM! Seasonal staff to work 16-24 hours per week. If you have interest or know of anyone who might be interested, contact Dominic 07874005422 or email to glenavygardencentre@outlook.com.

ST. JOSEPH'S GAC: Lotto results 28 August 2026 Winning no's 2-10-15-28 Jackpot £7,500. No Jackpot Winner. 2 Lucky dip Winners, £25 each – Fionnuala McLernon – Karen Stockham. Next week's jackpot is worth £7,550. The members of St. Joseph's GAC thank you for your support.



**Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
6 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)
Parish Office at St Joseph's Glenavy: Monday- Friday 10am -3pm
Parish Support Officer: Joan McShane Tel: 94 422278
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Parish Website: glenavyandkilleadparish.com
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A member of Lisburn Pastoral Community

Season of Creation 2026

"Future generations will never forgive us if we miss the opportunity to protect our common home. We have inherited a garden; we must not leave a desert for our children."

Joint statement from Pope Francis, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury.

THEME: "LIVING WATER"

This year's theme, "Living Water", explores Ezekiel 47:9 and 12 as a powerful biblical vision of hope and ecological healing. Set amid exile and loss, the image of living water flowing from God's sanctuary reveals divine healing that renews land, water, biodiversity, and human responsibility towards the whole creation.

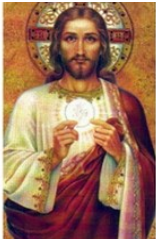
"Swarms of living creatures will live wherever the river flows. There will be large numbers of fish, because this water flows there and makes the salt water fresh; so, where the river flows everything will live. [...] Fruit trees of all kinds will grow on both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, nor will their fruit fail. Every month they will bear fruit, because the water from the sanctuary flows to them. Their fruit will serve for food and their leaves for healing." (Ezek 47:9,12)



PRAYING WITH AWARENESS IN THE SEASON OF CREATION Living among Others Jesus' invites us to stay awake, to seek and respond to the signs of God's loving presence that are all around us. Websites like Sacred Space and Pray-as-you-go follow the structure of the Examen of Consciousness — or Awareness Prayer — in offering guidelines for prayer. The points listed below are to help you heighten your awareness of living in response to God's presence by considering aspects of everyday life. They may enhance your prayer in this Season of Creation as you reflect on them or discuss them with others. **OUR STARTING POINT** The beauty of creation reflects the infinite beauty of the Creator and ought to inspire the respect and submission of man's intellect and will. (Catechism of the Catholic Church, §341) The Catechism teaches that the order, harmony, and beauty we find in creation are not incidental — they point beyond themselves to the Creator who gave them. How do you notice yourself relating to the created world? When have you recently noticed real beauty in creation - something that stopped you, even briefly? What did that moment invite in you? We are commissioned to till and to keep, to work and to guard the garden the Earth (Genesis 2:15): what efforts do you notice yourself making to care for and protect creation?

Tom Layden, S.J.
Chair, Diocesan Ecumenical Commission

7—13 September 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 In Honour of Our Lady 6.30pm Rosary 7.30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 7.30—8.30pm Adoration	
Wed		9.30am Mass of Thanksgiving for Doctors and Nurses in the Cancer Centre 10am—12pm Adoration	
Thurs	9.30am P.I. Adoration 7pm—9pm		
Fri	9.30am In Honour of The Holy Name of Mary		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
Sat		5.30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 6pm P.P.	
Sun	9.30am Noel McComb (2nd Anniv) 12.00pm Mass	10.45am Mass	

Recently Deceased Brendan Kevin Flood (*Glengormly*)

Anniversaries Mary Mallon (1st), Hilary McKavanagh, Fidelma Ward, Louis Heatley, Brigid Trowlen, Nathan Crean, Paddy O'Hara, Jim McGarrell, Liam Brankin, Ernie Thomas.

Baptisms We welcome into God's family Cathal John McNamara, Naoise Joseph Morgan, Torin Lewis Damien Stevenson & Kaii Paul Thomas.

Sanctuary Lamps Special Intention, C.H.

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 30 August 2026

Weekly Offering: £3,017

Thank you for your generosity

Parish Draw 2026-27 (Week 18)

Winner £50 Seamus Kavanagh (*Crumlin*)

Winner £100 G & M McGarry (*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 from **7 September to 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

CELEBRATING CANON COLM An event will take place on Sunday 27 September 2026 at 3pm in St Clare's Hall to celebrate Canon Colm's time with us in Glenavy and Killead parish. The event, which will be an admission free, will comprise of afternoon tea catered by St Clare's Hall team, followed by entertainment. If you would like to attend, please text Rose Crozier by 13 September 2026 on 07720 074213 to confirm your place. If you can contribute in any way to the entertainment, please contact Rose Crozier as above by 13 September 2026 with details. A collection for a gift for Canon Colm will take place on Sunday 6 and 13 September. Envelopes are available at the rear of both churches. Collection boxes will be placed in the porches on 13 and 20 September. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

SEASON OF CREATION 1 SEPTEMBER TO 4 OCTOBER, Feast of St Francis, a dedicated time for Christians to commit to prayer, protection of the environment and care for creation. Volunteers needed for the parish Season of Creation Team, please contact the parish office.

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY HAS RESUMED 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.

BALLYMACRICKET PRIMARY SCHOOL 'OUR PAST, OUR PRESENT, OUR FUTURE'

This year Ballymacricket is celebrating its 170th anniversary. As we look at our past, present and future, we'd love your help to remember times gone by. If you have any old photos or stories about the school, please leave them in the school office or email ophillips404@c2kni.net We invite past pupils, families, friends and members of the local community to join us on Sunday 20 September, following 9.30am Mass, in the school hall, to celebrate.

FRIENDS OF THE ORDER Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem Lieutenancy of Ireland help sustain the living Christian presence in the Holy Land. The Order is a Catholic Order under the protection of the Holy See, dedicated to supporting the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem and the Christian communities of the Holy Land. To register your interest as a Friend or to donate holysepulchre.ie/friends, Facebook: [EHOSJ Ireland](https://www.facebook.com/EHOSJ-Ireland) Email: friends@holysepulchre.ie Tel: 086 3253882

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.

MUSIC AT ST JOSEPH'S There is an urgent need to recruit an organist or guitarist or pianist, if you or someone you know would be interested in this position please contact Canon McBride as soon as possible.

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.

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

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.

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.