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PARISH OF DRUMCREE

THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

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Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Is. 49:1-6

Islands listen to me,  
pay attention, remotest peoples.  
The Lord called me before I was born,  
from my mother's womb he pronounced my name.

He made my mouth a sharp sword,  
and hid me in the shadow of his hand.  
He made me into a sharpened arrow,  
and concealed me in his quiver.

He said to me, "You are my servant (Israel)  
in whom I shall be glorified";  
while I was thinking "I have toiled in vain,  
I have exhausted myself for nothing";  
and all the while my cause was with the Lord,  
my reward with my God.  
I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,  
my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken,  
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
to gather Israel to him:  
"It is not enough to you to be my servant,  
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel:  
I will make you the light of the nations  
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 138

R. I thank you for the wonder of my being.

Second Reading: Acts 13:22-26

Paul said: "God made David the king of our ancestors, of whom he approved in these words, 'I have selected David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will carry out my whole purpose.' To keep his promise, God has raised up for Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose coming was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said, 'I am not the one you imagine me to be, that one is coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandal.'"

"My brothers, sons of Abraham's race, and all you who fear God, this message of salvation is meant for you."

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel: Luke

The time came for Elizabeth to have her child, and she gave birth to a son; and when her neighbours and relations

heard that the Lord had shown her so great a kindness, they shared her joy.

Now on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother spoke up. "No," she said, "he is to be called John." They said to her, "But no one in your family has thus made signs to his father to find out what he wanted him called." The father asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And they were all astonished. At that instant his power of speech returned and he spoke and praised God. All their neighbours were filled with awe and the whole affair was talked about throughout the hill country of Judaea. All those who heard of it treasured it in their hearts. "What will this child turn out to be?" they wondered. And indeed the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew up and his spirit matured. And he lived out in the wilderness until the day he appeared openly to Israel.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Church Notices

ANNIVERSARIES

RECENTLY DECEASED: Martin McKee, Mary Donnelly, Leonor Sereno, Canon John Mulgrew  
AT THIS TIME: Josephine Hughes, Michael Halfpenny, Kitty Duffy, Antonio Branco, Fernando Branco, Hugh Boyle, Brigid McAneney, Eddie Kelly Jose and Silvina De Pereira Da Silva, Patrick McCourt, John Hamill, John McGrane  
SUNDAY 24th: Sean Quinn, Mary Creaney, Matthew John Devlin, Elizabeth McAlinden, John Daly, Mary Ellen McGrane  
MONDAY 25th: Francie McGuigan, John Hamill, John Joseph McNiece, John Hamill  
TUESDAY 26th: Mary Cullen, Lily McConville, Elizabeth Taggart, Roseann Dunbar  
WEDNESDAY 27th: Peter Celestine Donnelly, John Irwin  
THURSDAY 28th: M.M. Anna Donnelly, Patrick Rodgers, Frank Walker, Charles McCann(Sen)  
FRIDAY 29th: Kathleen Heaney, John Dunbar, May Lavery  
SATURDAY 30th: M.M. May Waterson, Gertrude McConville(1st Anniversary), James Mackey, Mary McDowell, Denis Corr

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday

St. Patrick's 12.30 - 1.15 p.m.

St. John's 6.15 - 6.45 p.m.

Baptism: Next Baptisms Saturday 30th June in St. John's Church at 5 p.m. Pre-baptismal meeting in St. John's Friday after evening Mass. Recent Baptisms: Reese Alexandre Morais

Offertory Collection

Sunday 10/17th June - £2095-68

Thanks to all who contributed

DUES: Fr. O'Dwyer and Fr. White thank all who contributed to the June Dues.

World Youth Day 2008 - The Armagh Diocesan Youth Council are taking a group of young people to World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia, in July 2008. Forms with information are available in the churches. Also contact Kate or Sarah at 37525592 or Fr. White or Fr. O'Dwyer.

Knock Summer Youth Festival: Thursday 26th - Sunday 29th July. Cost is on a donation basis with accommodation and food provided. Free buses from certain locations. For more information contact Ann 094-9388100 or Sheena 01-6753690.

YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TEAM will visit our Parish this week.

When: one night only,

Friday 29th June at 8.10pm

Where: St. John the Baptist Church

What: Short drama; a series of testimonies; info about upcoming youth festival

Who for: 14-30age group

Ministers of The Eucharist

July - Vigil: Ruairi O'Hanlon, Aine McCooe, Sharon Garland, Theresa McCaffrey- . 8.30 a.m. Eddie McVeigh, Patsy Hanratty- 10 a.m. - Ann Fleming, Kathleen Hagan, Denis McKeever 11.30 a.m. -Teresa Murphy, Mary Taggart, Declan McAtarsney, Ann Murphy .  
 Grange - Ann Murphy  
 St. Francis: Bernadette Breen  
 St. John the Baptist, week beginning 26th June, Eddie McVeigh.

Ministry of The Word - July  
 Vigil: Olivia McDonald  
 8.30 a.m. David Greer  
 10 a.m. Sarah Lawless  
 Tommy Bradley  
 11.30 a.m. Ciara Burnett  
 Week beginning 25th June, 10 a.m. Mass, Tommy Mallon.  
 7.30 p.m. David Greer.

Useful Numbers: Fr. O'Dwyer - 38350610  
 Fr. White - 38332218  
 Parish Mobile: to contact the Priest on Duty or for emergencies, contact 07841 101850.

Children are always welcome in our Churches to Masses and other liturgies. Parents and other adults who accompany children to Church are asked to keep children under reasonable control so as not to be a distraction to others. All Parishioners and visitors to the Churches have a responsibility to keep a prayerful atmosphere at all times.

St. John the Baptist Church - Altar Society: All members, including those who signed up on "Sign Up Sunday", are invited to a meeting after 7.30 p.m. Mass in St. John's on Wednesday 27th June.

St. Oliver Plunkett celebration next Sunday, 1st July in St. Peter's Church, Drogheda. Procession from Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 3pm. All welcome.

Anniversaries left in late for inclusion in the Bulletin should be left in the Sacristies for inclusion in the List of the Dead.

St. John's Independent Accordion Band: Classes in music and drumming on Thursdays, 7 p.m. in St. John the Baptist School. Anyone wishing to join contact a committee member at the school on the evening.

McArts Crafts: Vocational Training Unit for Adults with a Learning Disability, Unit H, Mayfair Business Centre. McArts Crafts can offer interested trainees a variety of work activities, experiences and skills within a creative and supported working environment. Contact Eithne for further information 38339119.

Legion of Mary: Meeting every Monday evening after Novena Mass in St. Patrick's Church. New members always welcome. Any enquiries please contact Lee Walters 028 38341496.

GAMBLING: Is Gambling affecting your home life, work life, or reputation? Contact the local GA helpline on 07926170921.

NaÃ-scoil na Banna: If you wish your child to be taught through the medium of Irish there are places available at NaÃ-scoil na Banna. Contact Shileen 02838 391243.

Ballyoran Over 50 Club: Every Wednesday 2 - 3 p.m. in Ashgrove Community Centre.

St. Mary's Youth Centre: Visit the Centre's web-site for further information at [www.stmarysync.org](http://www.stmarysync.org)  
 SUMMER SCHEME

July 9th - 26th - Ages 8+  
 Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. - 4 p.m. Membership Â£5 per family, Â£3 individual. Come and enjoy the fun!

Drumcree House of Health - Another 10 week weigh in has started. Every Monday 11 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. or 7 p.m. - 7.45 p.m. A men only weigh in each Monday 7.45 p.m. - 8.15 p.m.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Pilgrimages - Medjugorje:  
 23rd August - 30th August, Spiritual Director, Fr. Brian White. Full spiritual programme. Travel insurance included ex Belfast International Airport. (And 27th September - 4th October). Tel. Josephine 028 38343091.

FOYER OF CHARITY: Five day silent Retreat. For venues and detailed brochure contact Hugh & Anna Donnelly at

3083090, e mail - hugh@donnelly.freeuk.com and Mai Keating  
E mail marykeating@gmail.com.

#### ASHGROVE PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP:

Now enrolling for 2007/2008 year. For further details contact Catherine 07849599813.

#### KNOCK - ANNUAL PADRE PIO PILGRIMAGE:

Weekend 15th/16th September, staying in convent. Bus from Portadown via Maghery. Contact Theresa 38331629.

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBANUS - Charity Table Quiz, Thursday 28th June at 8.30 p.m. in The Parkside Bar. Entrance £3 per person. Spot prizes, Raffle, Light Snack.

#### St. Vincent De Paul Society

Good quality used clothing and furniture welcome at all times. Collection can be arranged. Contact the shop. Clothes shop and Furniture shop in Mayfair Business Centre, Garvaghy Road, tel. 38393898. Opening Hours: Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. NEW SELF HELP LINE - 38339639. Response within 48 hours.

URGENTLY REQUIRED!!! - MEN'S CLOTHING.

#### BANNSIDE COMMUNITY GROUP:

Bannside Scribblers, Monday 7 - 9 p.m. Arts & Crafts, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 7 - 8.30 p.m.

ICT for beginners. Contact Carol for further information.

HOMEWORK CLUB: VOLUNTEER NEEDED for September to supervise Homework Club. Homework Club takes place Monday - Thursday, 3.30 p.m. - 5 p.m. Contact Phyllis or Carol 38339916.

Cafe Lisboa - authentic Portugese and local food. Open Monday - Saturday 9.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

DRUMCREE COLLEGE: Social Dance Lessons continue in Drumcree College. Swing Jive lessons Wednesday 8 p.m. £2-50 per night. For more information phone 38337745.

CEILI CLASSES - Drumcree College Wednesday 8 p.m. - 9 p.m. (James Murphy Tutor) £2-50 per week. Everyone welcome.

Attend the two classes above and only pay £2-50!!

WANTED! old/used greeting cards for craft classes. Please leave in office at Drumcree College.

Tir Na nOg GFC: Bingo every Tuesday 8.30 p.m. The bigger the crowd the bigger the prizes. Support the Club Lotto.

Rome & Assisi Pilgrimage - 4th August for seven nights, led by Fr. Peter McAnenly, (includes day trip to Sienna). Total cost, to include taxes, insurance and service of coach throughout is £710. For booking or further details contact Sullivan Travel, Coalisland, tel. 8774 0339.

Pilgrimage to Santiago (The Way of St. James) -

9 nights, 13th - 22nd Sept. £1300 per person. Flights from Dublin, coach throughout. Further information and booking phone P. McConville 38891247.

Fatima Pilgrimage - 19th - 26th July. Celebrate 90th Anniversary of Fatima. Spiritual Director Fr. Martin McAlinden. Price £399 includes full board, flights and coach to and from Dublin. For more information contact Moyraverty Parish Office, tel. 38343013.

15 day Pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, San Giovanni, Loreto, Venice, Padua and many other shrines. Departing August 8th. Phone 00353 57 9355050, mornings only.

ASHGROVE SENIOR LUNCHEON CLUB: Trip for 'The Young at Heart' - Tralee, Monday 27th August, £199. Price includes B/B and evening meal and excursion every day.

A few places left. £20 deposit secures. Contact John 38394722 for more information.