

19th August 2007

PARISH OF DRUMCREE

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Liturgy of the Word

Opening Prayer

God our Father, Â
may we love you in all things and above all things
and reach the joy you have prepared for us beyond all our imagining.

First Reading:Â Â Jeremiah. 38:4-6.8-10

The king's leading men spoke to the king.Â "Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this.Â The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin." "He is in your hands as you know," King Zedekiah answered, "for the king is powerless against you." So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes.Â There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king, "My lord king," he said, "these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die." At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: "Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies."

This is the word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 39

R.Â Â Â Lord, come to my aid.

Second Reading:Â Â Hebrews.Â 12:1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started.Â Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne.Â Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage.Â In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

This is the word of the Lord.

Gospel:Â Â St. Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already!Â There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

"Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth?Â No, I tell you, but rather division.Â For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter - in - law against mother - in - law."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ANNIVERSARIES

RECENTLY DECEASED:-Â Â Jim McVeigh, Peter Keeley, Madge McKevitt, Eileen McCabe, Mona McCann, Michael Carvill, Colm Oâ€™Connor, Matt Harbinson, Oliver Hughes, Josie Sweeney
 AT THIS TIME: Agnes Wright, Jose Pereira Da Silva, Silvina Pereira De Jesus, Dermot Hamill, James Grimes, Valentine Blacker, Francis Hughes
 SUNDAY 19th:-Â Patrick Quinn, Catherine White, Bernard White
 MONDAY 20th:-Â Dolores McConville (1st Anniversary), Gerald McGrann (1st Anniversary), Jackie Harte, Patrick McCann, Tommy Hendron, Michael Creaney, Laurence Hall, William & Eileen Greer
 TUESDAY 21st:-Â Brian McNeice, Malachy Hagan, Thomas McKeown, Kathleen Breen, Michael McCann
 WEDNESDAY 22nd:-Â Margaret Marley, Brigid Donnelly, Bro. James McCann
 THURSDAY 23rd:-Â M.M. Annie Fee, Kathleen Shanks, Rose Ann Robinson, Stephen Wilson, Eddie Lappin, Michael McVeigh, Brendan Rafferty, Brendan Hamill
 FRIDAY 24th:-Â M.M. Kathleen Marley, Sarah Hughes, James McKenna, Ann Wilson
 SATURDAY 25th:- Lee Cusack, Kathleen McKernan, Mary McNally, Francis Leo Murphy, Cassie McCann

Church Notices

Sacrament ofÂ Reconciliation

Saturday

St. Patrickâ€™sÂ Â Â 12.30 - 1.15 p.m.

St. Johnâ€™sÂ Â Â 6.15 - 6.45 p.m.

Baptism: Next Baptisms Saturday 25th AugustÂ in St. Johnâ€™s Church at 5 p.m.Â Pre-baptismal meeting in St. Johnâ€™s P after evening Mass.Â Â Recent Baptisms:-Â Â
 Lilly Rose Tennyson, James Michael Tennyson, Nathan Krzyczmonik, Declan Joel Lucas

Offertory Collection

Â 12th August - Â£2441-78

Thanks to all who contributed

LOUGH DERG:

Quiet Days - 9th May - 5th September:Â Arrive 10 a.m., departure 4 p.m.Â Cost Â£15, includes boat fare and lunch.Â Reservations essential.

One Day Retreats: Aug. 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29.Â Sept. 1, 2, 3, 4, 8,

10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23.Â The retreats are not suited to children.Â Numbers limited so advance booking is essential.

Each retreat begins at 10 a.m. and ends at approx. 5 p.m.Â Cost Â£18 includes boat fare and lunch.Â Reservations essential.Â For bookings tel. 00353 71 9861518.

Theology by Distance Learning September 2007 to January 2008 including:Â Introduction to Theology and Scripture: The Gospel of Mark and Moral Theology.Â For more information contact The Priory Institute, Tallagh, tel. 00353 1 4048124 or www.prioryinstitute.com.

Ministers of The Eucharist

Aug. - VigilÂ Paddy Gorman, Miriam Loftus, Bernadette Breen.Â 8.30 a.m.Â Catherine McCooe, Thomas McCooe. Â

10 a.m. - Winnie Breen, Ann Marie Hamill, Madeline Oâ€™Neill. Â

11.30 a.m. - Patricia Halfpenny, Rosaleen Hamill, Nicola Fay, Bernie Mallon.

Grange: Eithne McAtarsney.

St. Francis: Madeline Oâ€™Neill.

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 21st Aug. Teresa McCaffrey.

Ministry of The Word - Aug.

VigilÂ Â Â Ursula Barlow

8.30 a.m. Â Â Â Julia Lawless

10 a.m.Â Â Â Â Â Damien Russell

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11.30 a.m. Jerome Marley

Week beginning 20th Aug, 10 a.m. Mass, Michael Sherry.

7.30 p.m. Jerome Marley. Â

Useful Numbers:Â Fr. Oâ€™Dwyer - 38350610

Fr. White - 38332218

Parish Mobile: to contact the Priest on Duty or for emergencies, contact 07841101850.

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.

Charles Wood Summer School, Armagh: Sung Mass in St. Malachy's Church, Tuesday 21st August at 7.30 p.m. followed by Bach at Twilight. Church Evensong in Church of Ireland Cathedral, Sunday 19th August at 5 p.m.
Sung Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Saturday 25th August at 7 p.m.
More events can be found on www.charleswoodss.s.org or booking at 37529632.

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.

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. Note: from 1st September opening hours on Saturday will change to 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
NEW SELF HELP LINE - 38339639. Response within 48 hours.
Senior Citizen Outing and Social Evening - Wednesday 22nd August. Tickets available in St. Vincent De Paul Shop, £2 each. (Tickets limited). Bus times as follows:-
St. Patrick's Hall 12.30 p.m.
Parkside 12.40 p.m.
Obins Avenue 12.30 p.m.
St. Mary's Hall 1.00 p.m.
St. John's Church 1.10 p.m.
Mayfair 1.20 p.m.
Spar 1.30 p.m.

St. John the Baptist P.S. - Due to supplier difficulties, uniforms and school jackets will not be available for collection until week beginning Tuesday 28th August.

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Not always a peacebringer

Jesus talks so much about reconciliation
forgiveness and love
that we may wonder
about all his words of division.

He says he will not always bring peace,
but because of him people will be divided,
even in families.

Where now is the calm in the storm,
or the offer of rest and refreshment?

We know that we can be divided
about what is right and just.
Families and societies
can be divided about
the cares of life,
the cares of marriage,
the care of the young,
the care of the poor.

In the face of poverty and hunger,
of abuse and violence,
the word of Jesus is divisive,

for it highlights the rights of all,
 born and unborn,
 rich and poor,
 young and old,
 sick and well,
 to the gifts of the earth,
 the gifts of wealth,
 and the care of society.

While we love all,
 we want justice for all,
 and our following of Jesus
 may bring division.

May we be encouraged to do what
 is right, strong to take the side of God,
 and open to reconciliation
 and compassion for all.
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St. John's Independent Accordion Band: Â Classes in music and drumming on Thursdays, 7 p.m. in St. John the Baptist School. Â Anyone wishing to join contact a committee member at the school on the evening.

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

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

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

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

St. Mary's Youth Centre: Â Visit the Centre's web-site for further information at www.stmarysync.org

ASHGROVE PRE-SCHOOL PLAYGROUP:

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

Junior Phoenix Players - Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat in Portadown Town Hall Theatre, Thursday 20th August - Saturday 1st September at 8 p.m. Â Admission Â£7. Â Tickets available from Winnie's, Litters and Wray Dry Cleaners.

St. Malachy's Indoor Bowling Club: Â Recommencing Thursday 30th August at 7.30 p.m. in Ashgrove Community Centre. Â New Season. Â New Division, Â New challenge. Â New members always assured of a warm welcome.

BANNSIDE COMMUNITY GROUP: Â

Bannside Scribblers, Monday 7 - 9 p.m. Â Arts & Crafts, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 7 - 8.30 p.m. ICT for beginners. Â Â Contact Carol for further information.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tir Na nOg GFC:Â Bingo every Tuesday 8.30 p.m.Â The bigger the crowd the bigger the prizes.Â Support the Club Lotto.
Sunday 19th Aug. Senior Championship Quarter Final, Tir Na nOg v Carrickcruppin at 2 p.m. in Abbey Park, Armagh.Â
All support welcome.

SUMMER CAMP 2007 - Gaelic Skills for boys & girls - ages 6 - 14 yrs.Â Tuesday 21st August -Thursday 24th,
commencing 10 a.m.