

## 6th January 2008

### PARISH OF DRUMCREE

Mission Statement: Our Parish is a Christ-centred community. In Baptism we are challenged by the Spirit to live and share the Gospel message. Through proclaiming the Gospel message to all, Growth in Faith, Liturgy, Justice Issues and Ecumenism we extend our love and care to all people providing support in renewing and deepening our faith. We value the gifts and talents of each of our Parishioners and invite them to use these in responding to Christ's invitation to all of us to follow Him and spread the Good News to the whole world.

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St. John the Baptist Church, Garvaghy Road (1777) - 1977

St. Patrick's Church, William Street - 1835

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Epiphany of the Lord

#### Mass Times:

St. John the Baptist

Saturday 7 p.m.

Sunday 8.30 & 11.30 a.m.

St. Patrick's

Sunday 10 a.m.

#### Weekday Masses:

St. John the Baptist

Tuesday - Friday 7p.m.

St. Patrick's

Monday - Saturday 10 a.m.

Monday 7p.m. (Novena -

Miraculous Medal)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Thursdays in St. John the Baptist Church beginning at 6 p.m.

#### Confessions:

St. Patrick's

Saturday - 12.30 - 1.15 p.m.

St. John the Baptist

Saturday - 6.15 - 6.45 p.m.

#### Baptisms:

Every Saturday, 5 p.m.

Registration for Baptism must be made in St. John the

Baptist Church, after Friday evening Mass, two weeks prior to date.

#### Marriage:

At least three months notice must be given to the Priests of the Parish.

#### Phone Numbers:

Fr. O'Dwyer 38350610

Fr. White 38332218

Parish Mobile - Emergency No. 07841101850

#### Requiescat In Pace

Lately deceased: Brian Loftus, Jimmy Dunbar, Gerald Cullen, Margaret McCabrey, Vincent Malaugh

At This Time: .Richard McCleery Sunday 6th: Eugene McParland, Liam Corbally, Thomas McQuade, Teresa McCoy, Kathleen McCormac, Mary Black, Miguel, Maria, Filipe Soares, Jim McCullough, John Creaney, Margaret Philomena Donnelly, Catherine Murray Monday 7th: Patsy Foy, James Lennon, Dr. Gerard McAnallen, Mary Stuart, Sarah Hayes, Isabella Cullen Tuesday 8th: Mary Thompson, James Creaney, Beatrice Hamill, Peter Donnelly, Julia Hagan Wednesday 9th: Tommy Hall, Bobby Hall, Peter Fay, Elaine Hamill, Molly Smith, Mary Ann Fearon, Bridget Rodgers Thursday 10th: Mary Hooks, Ellen McCann, John Francis Green, Susan Fearon, Lily McVeigh, Paulo do Rosario, Marciana da Silva Friday 11th: Maeve Hoey, Leonard McShane, Oliver Lawless, Donald McConville, Andrew Jordan,

John Hamill  
Saturday 12th: Bernadette McCann, Mary Blacker, Jim Creaney

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Fr. O'Dwyer and Fr. White thank you for your generosity over the Christmas Season.

Devotions this evening in St. Patrick's Church at 7pm.

Ministers of the Eucharist - January  
Vigil - Maura Berry, Aine McCooe, Sharon Garland, Colm McCann.  
8.30 am Geraldine Lawless, Martin Barlow.   
10 am Kathleen Hagan, Denis McKeever, Seamus McCaffrey.   
11.30 am Ann Murphy, Declan McAtarsney, Bronagh Hagan, Kate Guy

St. Francis - Madeline Neill. Grange - Mary Taggart

Ministry of The Word - January  
Vigil - Olivia McDonald. 8.30 am David Greer. 10 am Niamh Devlin, Aine McCreesh-West. 11.30 am Ciara Burnett.

Ministers of the Eucharist:  
St. John the Baptist, week beginning 8th January Paddy Gorman

Ministry of The Word: Week beginning 7th January, 10 a.m. Teresa Beattie 7p.m. Tommy Bradley

Recent Baptisms: Eoin Anthony Bell

PALS GROUP - resumes 12th/13th January

Weddings 2008 - some couples have not yet confirmed their date!!!

Armagh Hospitalite Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 12th to 17th May 2008. A limited number of both Assisted Pilgrim and Pilgrim places are available. Application forms for Assisted Pilgrim places are available in the Sacristies of both Churches. Fully completed forms must be returned before Tuesday 5th February. Pilgrim places can be booked by contacting Bernie Hanratty at 38361870. Diorect flight from Belfast including full board 670Euro.

Knock Marriage Introductions Bureau: the aim of the Bureau is to introduce people considering marriage to a suitable marriage partner. For further information contact 00 353 94 9375960 or visit the website: [www.knockmarriagebureau.com](http://www.knockmarriagebureau.com)

Christian Aid Lunch - soup, bread, cheese, in  
Armagh Road Presbyterian Church Hall, 12noon to 1.30pm Wednesday 9th January. £3 minimum  
donation. All welcome.

Reflection

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And they returned to their country by a  
different way.

They had journeyed for weeks, maybe months, through desert, towns, all sorts of weather.

Expecting to find a king, and as we know, they found a child.  
Expecting to find a palace, and as we know, they found a stable.  
Expecting to find royalty, and as we know, they found Mary and Joseph.

Surprised by God, surprised by life, isn't that how it is for us all?

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Surprised by Christmas?

An idea in a homily or a radio talk, the moments of prayer when God seemed close, the child's  
surprise gift or smile, the lift in the heart of a spouse's love?

Or the opposite?

The phone call that never came, the loneliness of being on your own, the memories of other Christmases, that bring

pain, the doubt that God is near at all.

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Like for the Magi, the journey was the best of times, the worst of times.  
But the Star always guided them, never within grasp, always within sight.

May we travel into the same places but in a different way because of the birth of Christ.

The Child of Bethlehem reminds each of us that we are loved children of God and that each of us has our star, never within grasp, always within sight of faith, guiding us into the light of God.

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#### Parish & Community Notices

When submitting notices for the bulletin please include a contact name and telephone number. Â  
Notices and anniversaries should be left in by the Wednesday prior to publication.

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

#### St. Vincent De Paul Society

Good quality used clothing and furniture welcome at all times.Â Collection can be arranged.Â Contact the shop. Clothes shop and Furniture shop in Mayfair Business Centre, Garvaghy Road, tel. 38393898. Opening Hours:Â Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.Â Saturday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Â

NEW SELF HELP LINE - 38339639.Â Response within 48 hours.

ARE YOU HAVING DIFFICULTIES IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP? SKILLED COUNSELLORS CAN HELP YOU.Â CALL ACCORD - ph. 38334781.

#### ACCORD - Marriage Preparation Courses as follows:-

Venue - Cohannon Inn.Â Tuesday 19th Feb, 26th Feb., 4th March, 8th April, 15th April, 22nd April, 6th May, 13th May & 20th May. Â  
All times 7 - 10 p.m.Â Booking now.

St. John the Baptist Nursery School: application forms now available for September 2008. Closing date Wednesday 23rd January at 12noon.

BANNSIDE COMMUNITY GROUP:Â Â Arts & Crafts, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 7 - 8.30 p.m. English/ ICT for beginners.Â December classes - TADI (talking about tough issues) and Bill of Rights. Genealogy (Family Tree) Know Yourself & Your Neighbour.Â Contact Phyllis for further information.Â 38339916.Â Volunteers needed to supervise Homework Club.

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. Â

St. Johnâ€™s Accordion Band.Â Lessons in accordion, percussion and keyboard Thursdays 7 p.m. in St. John the Baptist School.Â All ages welcome. Â

PRESENTATION SISTERS KOINONIA PROJECT -Â programmes at 103 Thomas Street. MEDITATION on Mondays 7.30pm;Â Â Â HEALING AND EMPOWERING YOUR INNER CHILD on Wednesday 9th January to 26th February 7.30 p.m. Tâ€™AI CHI CHIH at Cascades Leisure Centre on Thursdays 10th January to 27th February 11am. Call Sr. Brigid KavanaghÂ 38332220 to register and for further information.

Naiscoil Na Banna (Irish Language Pre School): If you have a child aged 2+ and are interested in Irish Medium Education contact Shileen at the Naiscoil, 38391243.