

10th February 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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First Sunday of Lent

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: Â

Fr. O'Dwyer 38350610

Fr. White 38332218

Parish Mobile - Emergency No. 07841101850

Requiescat In Pace

Lately deceased: Bridie McGeehan, James McCallan, Peter Loughran, Gerard Lyttle, Thomas Lamph, Peter Hughes, Richard McNally, Msgr. John McGrane, Joel Hamill

At This Time: .Patrick Creaney, Robert Jones, Sarah Jordan, Desmond McCleery,

Danny Hughes, Cassie Faloon, Dymrna Hall

Sunday 10th: Â John Rooney, James McConaghy, Margaret & Edward Tallon, Tallon Family, Tony Cavanagh, John Walsh, Peggy McVeigh, Ana Maria Xavier Rego.

Monday 11th: Â M.M. Charlie Hendron, Sean Mulholland, Pat McGuigan, George Blacker, Peggy Wilson, Bernard Duffy.

Tuesday 12th: Â Pat Hamill, Geordie McCann,

Theresa McCann, Harry O'Neill, Rose Lappin, Daniel Lynn, Patrick Grimes, Paddy Joe McKeever. Â Â Wednesday 13th:

M.M. Meta O'Reilly, Bill Carvill(1st Anniversary), Peggy Sloan. Thursday 14th: Annie C. O'Neill, William Shanks, Caroline Byrne, Vincent & Ellen McCoy, John Cullen, Aidan Donlon, Sarah Breen, Pat Travers, Thomas Oliver, Peter Corrigan. Friday 15th: Lyda Murphy, May Sloan, Elizabeth Walsh. Saturday 16th: M.M. Mary Brown, M.M. Annie McCullough, Agnes McCullough, Zofia Pokorna, Pokorna Family, Aidan Donnelly, Nellie Halfpenny.

Exposition of The Blesses Sacrament today in St. John the Baptist Church after the Blessing of The Sick. Devotions (Station of The Cross) and Benediction at 7 p.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes 1858 - 11th Feburary 2008.
Sunday 10th, Anointing of the Sick and blessing of carers hands 4 p.m. St. John the Baptist. Exposition continues after the Blessings.
Monday 11th, 7 p.m. Novena, St. John the Baptist Church, procession to and blessing of Grotto.

Let us carry eachothers burdens. Let us pray for each other.
Take a stone from the basket in the Church - during the coming week symbolically place your worry, your concern, your cross in the stone. Return it to the Church next weekend and take a different stone home. Pray for the person who left this stone that God, through your prayers, will give them the strength they need. And remember, someone is praying for you.

Eucharistic Ministers and Readers Afternoon of Prayer in Dromantine on Sunday 9 March. Please call into the Sacristy after Mass today.

Polish Mass on Tuesday 12th February, 7 p.m. in St. John the Baptist Church. Parishioners are welcome for a cup of tea after Mass.

Ministers of the Eucharist:
St. John the Baptist, week beginning 11th February, Mary McAlinden.

Ministry of The Word: Week beginning 11th February, 10 a.m. Belle Oliver, 7 p.m. Aidan McCormack.

First Communion Programme: children along with their parents and families will attend Mass this weekend:
Ballyoran CPS - Saturday 9th at 7 p.m.
Presentation PS - Sunday 10th at 10 a.m.
St. John the Baptist & Bunscoil - Sunday 10th at 11.30 a.m.

Recent Baptisms: Conan Brian Fox

Walk With Me - A Lenten Journey of Prayer - books available in Churches, £1.

GATE Magazine (Diocesan Youth publication) available in Churches.

If you have moved house within the Parish in the past 12 - 18 months, or recently moved to the Parish, please complete and return the slip below. Place in collection basket or leave at either Parochial House.

Name
New Address.....
Old Address.....
Tel. No.

Sunday 3rd February
£3025-34
Thanks to all who contributed

Parish & Community Notices

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

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 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. NEW SELF HELP LINE - 38339639. Response within 48 hours. URGENTLY REQUIRED - Baby Clothes.

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

ACCORD - Marriage Preparation Courses. Due to increasing demand ACCORD are advising couples to book their place at least ten months before the wedding. Marriage Preparation courses are now available for viewing on the website address www.accordni.com

Next courses - March 5th and 8th; May 14th and 17th in Synod Hall, Armagh.

BANNSIDE COMMUNITY GROUP: Arts & Crafts, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 7 - 8.30 p.m. Contact Phyllis for further information. 38339916. Volunteers needed to supervise Homework Club Monday / Wednesday.

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

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

PRESENTATION SISTERS KOINONIA PROJECT - programmes at 103 Thomas Street. MEDITATION will resume 11th February. HEALING AND EMPOWERING YOUR INNER CHILD on Wednesday 9th January to 26th February 7.30 p.m. T'AI CHI CHIH at Cascades Leisure Centre on Thursdays 10th January to 27th February 11am. Lenten Mini-Retreat 23rd February 10.45 - 3.30 p.m. at 103 Thomas Street. Theme is I Thirst: Give Me a Drink. Reflections on the Gospel of John. Soup and sandwich lunch. Open to men and women of all faiths. Call Sr. Brigid Kavanagh 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.

Drumcree Community Centre: Yoga classes Wednesday 11 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. £3 per session. Tel. 38334522. Drumcree Ramblers trip to Loughgall Park on Sunday 17th February. Meet at Drumcree Community Centre at 2 p.m. for transport. Everyone welcome.

Drumcree College: Adult Keep Fit Dance/Aerobic Classes. Phone College for more information. Wanted!!! old/used greeting and Christmas cards. Leave at office.

Armagh Diocesan PTAA - Annual Dinner Dance Friday 4th April, Ryandale Hotel, Moy. For tickets phone 07737547439.

Diocesan Pioneer Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 22nd - 27th September.

Quiz - under 27 over 16 - Sunday 2nd March

Senior Quiz - Over 16 - Sunday 2nd March

Juvenile - Under 13 - Friday 7th March

Juvenile - Under 16 - Friday 7th March

Anyone wishing to enter please phone 07737547439 before 23rd February.

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Reflection

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The Spirit of God

The Spirit of God tells us that we should fast,
because it will awaken us to our
own poverty

and to the many millions of people
who do not have enough to eat.

The Spirit of God calls us in the
season of Lent
to renew our baptismal promise
to live a Christian life of faith,
hope and love.

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The Spirit of God reminds us
that we are responsible for
everyone, everywhere,
until the end of time.

The Spirit of God challenges us
to live a life of forgiveness,
for this is the only way to
be set free
from the overwhelming power
of sin.

The Spirit of God whispers
in our hearts
that wealth and appearance
background and prestige are not important -
important -
everyone is worthwhile, lovable
and to be cherished simply
because they are alive.

The Spirit of God embraces the
sick and the handicapped,
for people who are deeply aware
of their limitations
are often the people who are most alive.

The Spirit of God believes that
the great spirit of life
is not quenched in death,
but is transformed into a new
and deeper life.