

24th 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

24th February 2008

Third 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:

Fr. O'Dwyer 38350610

Fr. White 38332218

Parish Mobile - Emergency No. 07841101850

Fr. O'Dwyer and Fr. White

thank all who contributed to the

February Dues

Requiescat In Pace

Lately deceased: Peter Hughes, Richard McNally, Msgr. John McGrane, Joel Hamill, Stephen Fitzpatrick, Patrick Mulligan, Very Rev. John Reid (served in this Parish 1970-75), Jim McKeever, Maeve McConnell, Charlie McVeigh

At This Time: Molly Murphy, Mary Josephine Sherry, Kathleen & Hugh O'Prey,

Margaret Smyth, Sheila Gorman, Rose Judge, Annie McConnell

Sunday 24th: Charlie O'Neill(1st Anniversary), Mary Ellen Kelly, Sarah Jane

Donnelly, John McGuigan. Monday 25th: Winifred McConaghy, Elizabeth Murphy, John McNally, Mary Theresa

Freeburn, Maire Jackson, Pat Shevlin. Â

Tuesday 26th:Â Brendan Smyth, Tommy Knox, Catherine Kelly, Anna Sommers, Francie McMahon, Patsy Wilson, Nora Cullen, Rose Monaghan.Â Â

Wednesday 27th:Â Â Mary Lavery, Mary Lucy McKeever, Etta Burns, Brian O'Neill, Sarah Mallon.Â Â Thursday 28th:Â Dolly Tennyson, Donal McNeice, Denis Gallagher, Jean South, Gerry Hamill, Esther PrenticeÂ Â Â Friday 29th:Â Nell Follis. Â Saturday 1st:Â M.M. Thomas Lamph, William Hugh Whitla(1st Anniversary)

Ministers of The Word - March

Vigil - Pauline Campbell.Â 8.30 a.m. James Lawless.Â 10 a.m. Marcelle McAtarsney, Theresa Beattie.Â 11.30 a.m. Gemma McKenna.

Ministers of The Eucharist - March

Vigil -Â Bernadette Breen, Mary McAlinden, Martina O'Hanlon, Ruairi O'Hanlon. 8.30 a.m. Catherine McCooe, Thomas McCooe. 10 a.m. Ann Fleming, Maurice Hagan, Pat Devlin. 11.30 a.m. Teresa Murphy, Mary Taggart, Roisin Kelly, Gerry Barlow. St. Francis - Madeline O'Neill.

Ministers of the Eucharist:

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 25th February, Teresa McCaffrey.

Ministry of The Word: Week beginningÂ 25th February, 10 a.m. Theresa Beattie, 7 p.m. Pat Hagan.

First Confession dates:

St. John the Baptist PS/Bunscoil

Tuesday 4th March at 5.30p.m.

Ballyoran CPS

Tuesday 11th March at 6 p.m.

Both in St. John the Baptist Church.

Cemetery Sunday/ Blessing of the Graves on Sunday 1st June at 11.30 a.m.

CULTRA - OLD DRUMCREE CHURCH - trip and Mass on Sunday 22nd June.

ME? - Need time for yourself?Â Come along to

Ashgrove Centre on Monday 25th February, 8.15 p.m. - 9 p.m. for 45 minutes of quietness, reflection and prayer.Â All are welcome, bring a friend.

Recent Baptisms:Â Aine Julia Gorman, Stephen Gerrard John Millar

St. Joseph's Young Priest Society - meeting after evening Mass on Wednesday 27th February.

Cemetery: Parishioners and visitors comment on the tidiness of the cemetery. Cleaning of graves is encouraged, but please take home any discarded flowers/wreaths/containers. Thank you.

Let us carry each others burdens. Let us pray for each other. Return your stone this weekend and take another. 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.

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

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.Â Place in collection basket.

Name

New Address.....

Old Address.....

Tel. No.

Reflection

Anyone who drinks the water
that I will give will never
be thirsty again

So much in life we want, desire, need,
food and drink,
friendship and love,
sex and acceptance;
Jesus, what have you to offer?
What does it mean that
Anyone who drinks the water
that I will give will never be thirsty again?

Human wants and desires are
confused;
we want happiness and look
in the wrong places;
we're like the woman at the well,
looking for happiness in a
place we can't find it,
and open to the love Jesus
offers:
Anyone who drinks the water
that I will give will never
be thirsty again.

I thank you Lord, for faith,
for the roots of my life which
nobody else can give;
I thank you for a meaning in life
which makes me strong from
birth to death;
I thank you for the Eucharist
which nourishes all life's moments;
I thank you for forgiveness,
which means I need never stay stuck in faults.

Thank you for this living water;
Anyone who drinks the water
that I will give will never
be thirsty again.

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.

'IS GOD A DELUSION?' - A year ago last Christmas the book

"The God Delusion", by biologist Richard Dawkins, was on the best seller list. If anyone is interested in joining a study/discussion group on the theme, please get in touch with Michael Bingham at Iona House, Church Park, or phone 38330366.

Women's World Day of Prayer - Friday 7th March, 8 p.m. at Thomas St. Methodist Church. Prayer Service prepared by Christian Women of Guyana on the theme, God's Wisdom Provides New Understanding. All are welcome: men, women, young people. Refreshments following.

Tir Na nOg GFC: OPEN NIGHT - Friday 7th March. Registration 7.30 p.m. for all players (boys & girls) U8 - U16. Estates Blitz, Sunday 9th March. 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. Sarah's Circle, for women to pray and share faith together, Saturday 1st March, 11 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. MEDITATION, Mondays, 7.30 - 8.30 p.m. New series of T'AI CHI CHIH at Cascades Leisure Centre begins on Thursday 3rd April 11 a.m. 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.

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.

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.

St. John the Baptist P.T.A. are currently recycling old mobile phones to raise funds. Phones may be left in Mallon's Butchers (Ashgrove), Costcutters, or Litter's Garage. Please place phone in box provided. No chargers please.

ASHGROVE WOMEN'S GROUP: Jumble and Bric a Brac Sale in Ashgrove Community Centre, Friday 29th February, 10 a.m.

All proceeds to charity.

Drumcree College: J.W. Promotions present "Stars in Yer Eyes" in the college on Wednesday 27th February at 8 p.m. All welcome.

Youth 2000 Youth Festival: Youth festival in St. Pius X High School, Moneymore Rd., Magherafelt from Friday 29th February - Sunday 2nd March. For more information contact Martin on 07858523141