

9th March 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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Fifth 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.

Devotions 1st and 2nd Sunday

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: Jim McKeever, Maeve McConnell, Charlie McVeigh, Jack Derry, Bernadette McConville, Nicola Murray, Sean Dunbar, Thomas Cullen, Ann Lilly, Martin Breen, Isadore Campbell

At This Time: Sr. Gertrude Taggart, Jimmy Sloan, Brendan O'Connor, Denis Kelly, Paddy Halfpenny, Julia Bennett, Stephen McGurk, Dan & Rose Coleman, Josephine & Jim Coleman, Arthur O'Neill, Gerald Grimley, Patrick Gorman., Sunday 9th: Joseph McCoy(1st Anniversary), Patrick Austin, Bertie Redmond, May Batty, Elizabeth Murphy Monday 10th: Kathleen Topping, Martha Hutchinson, Sean McBennett, Ana Maria Xavier Rego, Miguel & Maria Soares. Tuesday 11th: Michael Turley, Kevin Cullen, Mary Wilson, Mary McCooe, William Moore, Francis Joseph Brown, Mary Frances Douglas. Wednesday 12th: Colette Schofield, Mary McCarthy, Patrick McCaffrey, Joseph & Annie McGlade, Alex Hannah, Mariah Hall, Bridgid Brown. Thursday 13th: M.M. Stephen Fitzpatrick, Sarah Reynolds, John Halfpenny, James Lappin, Sean McCausland, David Henderson. Friday 14th: Thomas & Gertrude McConville, Thomas Hamill,

Alexander & Mary Mulligan, Gerard McCreesh. Saturday 15th: Bella McGuigan, Frank McShane

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament in St. John the Baptist Church today, commencing at 4 p.m. and concluding with Benediction at 7 p.m.

Polish Community Mass on this Tuesday, 11th March in St. John the Baptist.

Liturgical celebration for St. Patrick's Day on Saturday 15th March:

Masses: St. Patrick's Church - 10 a.m. in Irish

St. John the Baptist Church - 11.30 a.m.

Liturgical Celebration for St. Joseph on Friday 14th March.

The days of Holy Week take precedence over these two feasts.

Ministers of the Eucharist:

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 10th March, Geraldine Lawless.

Ministry of The Word: Week beginning 10th March, 10 a.m. Damien Russell,
7 p.m. Theresa Beattie.

Eucharistic Ministers/Readers - afternoon of prayer Sunday, 9th March, in Dromantine, beginning with lunch at 1 p.m.

First Confession dates:

Ballyoran CPS Tuesday 11th March at 6 p.m. (St. John the Baptist Church)

Presentation PS. - Wednesday 12th March, 5.45 p.m. St. Patrick's Church

Recent Baptisms: Maeve Barbara Borsey,
John Michael Hearn

Your Wedding - a guide to getting married in the Catholic Church - book available in Churches £2.

Proposed New Pastoral Centre for The Parish:

We are seeking an architect design team to be considered for this project. An outlined budget is in the region of £750,000 including professional fees. If interested, please forward the following to: Very Rev. Michael O'Dwyer, Parish Priest, 15 Moy Road, Portadown, BT62 1QL.

The CV of proposed project architect(s)

Details of members of design team

Details of your professional indemnity insurance

Your previous experience in design of Parish/Pastoral centres

St. Joseph's Young Priest Society - Afternoon of Prayer: The annual afternoon of prayer will take place in Dromantine on Sunday 9th March commencing at 2.30 p.m. and concludes with Mass at 5 p.m. The afternoon will be led by Fr. Darragh Connolly from Kilmore Diocese.

Tea/coffee will be available. You are very welcome to join with us in praying for vocations and for the continued work of the society.

Parish Pastoral Council meeting on Thursday 13th March at 7.30 p.m.

Catholic Truth Society CTS Bookstand

You might have noticed that at the back of the Church we have a new bookstand from CTS. Formed 140 yrs ago CTS publish a wide range of booklets helping to inform us about our faith and help us better understand the love which God has for each of us personally. Subjects will include social issues, lives of the saints, Church teaching, prayer and scripture. Why not take a booklet home today, perhaps even on a topic that is unfamiliar to you. All the CTS booklets are written in a friendly style and are reasonably priced.

This week we also have a small range of Easter cards for you to send to your friends to celebrate the most joyous time of our year - the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. Cards are priced at only 50p each.

COMING SOON: In times past no Catholic home would have been without a bible. Perhaps you would like to have a

new Bible but are unsure which one to choose. Well, CTS has just launched a new range to suit all needs. The range includes compact, travel, standard and presentation variations, all of the highest quality, with pleasing layout and footnotes. The Bibles also contain information relating to our Catholic faith, placing each book of the Bible in the Church's liturgical year. In the next few weeks you will be able to inspect copies and purchase any of these Bibles.

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Sunday 2nd March

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Thanks to all who contributed

Reflection

From death to life

What a way to receive great glory:
to die!

Jesus paints a picture of death and life -
the ears of corn ripening colourfully in the air of God,
these will be life giving food - a miracle of God.
And when the grain dies, and falls into the earth,
it multiplies, nourishes even more than
before.

The glory of the grain of wheat begins when it's buried in clay,
the glory of Jesus begins on the cross.

The glory of a person is in dying to
the false self,
the arrogant self,
the grasping self,
and rising in the love of God
in truth, humility, sharing.

We rise and die each day
as we are called forth in the
^ resurrection of Jesus
to show to people
the victory of Jesus in love over hate,
in reconciliation over bitterness,
in faith over despair.

Lord Jesus,
die in us,
rise in us,
that we in you may serve our Father.

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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.

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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?^ 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

Tir Na nOg GFC: OPEN NIGHT - Estates Blitz, Sunday 9th March. Bingo every Tuesday 8.30 p.m.

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, Mondays, 7.30 - 8.30 p.m. New series of Tai Chi 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.

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.

Medjugorge Pilgrimage - departs Dublin 5th April returns 12th April.
Price £379. Spiritual Director Fr. John Gates. For details contact
Maureen McKeown, tel. 04837522188 or 07752465339.

Drug & Alcohol Awareness for Parents: Meeting Monday 10th March, 7 - 9 p.m. in First Presbyterian Church, Portadown.

Armagh Diocesan Historical Society: Launch of the 2007/2008 Journal on Friday 14th March in the Palace Stables, Armagh, at 8 p.m.
All welcome. Refreshments afterwards.

Drumcree House of Health: Drumcree Ramblers will walk at Slieve Croob today, Sunday 9th March. Meet at Drumcree Community Centre at 1.30 p.m. for transport. All welcome. Phone Jennifer on 38334522 for more information.

Thornton Trust Concert Series: Next Concert, (Lismore Comprehensive School), on Wednesday 12th March in the Millennium Court Centre, William Street, 1.10 - 2 p.m. Admission free.