

## 23rd 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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The joy of Easter and the greeting of the Risen Christ to all â€œ  
Peace be with you.

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

St. Patrick's Church, William Street â€œ 1835

23rd March 2008  
Easter Sunday

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Mass Times:

St. John the Baptist

SaturdayÂ Â 7 p.m.

SundayÂ Â Â Â 8.30 & 11.30 a.m.

St. Patrick's

SundayÂ Â Â 10 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

St. John the Baptist

Tuesday - Friday 7p.m.

St. Patrick's

Monday - SaturdayÂ 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 beÂ 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

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lately deceased:Â Â Nicola Murray, Isadore Campbell, Seamus Cavanagh,  
Vincent Barlow, Hugo Hannaway, Maurice Rafferty, Frankie McParland, Mary Quinn

At This Time: Terry Davies, Kevin Lavery, James Bunting, Mary Vallely, Gerald Toland  
 Sunday 23rd: Peter Kelly, Rosalie Taggart, Nano McKeown, Felix Dalzell, Kitty Daly, Mary McKeever, Monday 24th: James Creaney, Sue McNally, Frank Reid, Daniel O'Neill, Harry Breen, Owen Brankin, Terence A. McKeown  
 Tuesday 25th: Pat Shevlin, Kathleen Brown, Peggy Hendron, Kathleen Thornbury, Ellen Lappin, Mary Muldoon, Nancy Heyburn, Anne Mulholland  
 Wednesday 26th: Ralph McNally, Jim McClean, Patrick Bunting, Martha Nugent, Agnes McCann, Peter James McCann, James Marley  
 Thursday 27th: M.M. Jack Derry, Michael Crealey, Kathleen Vallely, Jimmy Connolly, John Jordan, Noel Toland, Dan McAreavy  
 Friday 28th: M.M. Martin Breen, M.M. Sean Dunbar, Johnny Coleman, Martin McCourt  
 Saturday 29th: Paddy Wilson, Teresa Wright, Hugh Daly, Peter Lynn

Urbi et Orbi – Easter Message and Blessing of Pope Benedict XVI televised live on RTE and BBC at 11am.

EASTER DAWN SERVICE - Everyone is invited to a brief service organised by 'Churches Together' on Easter Sunday morning at 6.30 a.m. at Craigavon Lakes Water Sports Centre. "It was very early on the first day of the week when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb".

Easter Morning Masses:

St. John the Baptist 8.30 & 11.30 a.m.  
 St. Patrick's Church 10am

Easter Week Masses:

St. Patrick's Church  
 Monday - Wednesday 10 a.m. (The Novena Prayers will be said during Monday morning Mass).  
 Saturday - 10 a.m.  
 St. John the Baptist Church  
 Thursday & Friday - 7 p.m.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament on Thursday St. John the Baptist Church 6pm-6.55pm

Portadown Lourdes Committee - Annual Church Door Collection weekend of 29th & 30th March.

Confessions will not be held next Saturday

Due to pressure of space some notices are held over til April 6th bulletin.

Ministers of the Eucharist:

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 24th March, Mary McAlinden.

Ministry of The Word: Week beginning 24th March, 10 a.m. Aidan McCormack, 7 p.m.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Bunscoil Friday 9th May in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh at 5 p.m.  
 Parish Celebration Saturday 24th May in St. John the Baptist Church at 3 p.m.  
 Ceremony of Light, Sunday 27th April in St. John the Baptist Church at 7 p.m.

First Communion:

Presentation PS Saturday 26th April at 11 a.m.  
 St. John the Baptist PS Saturday 10th May at 11 a.m.  
 Ballyoran CPS Saturday 31st May at 11 a.m.  
 Bunscoil Saturday 31st May at 1 p.m.

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

Cultra - Old Drumcree Church - trip and Mass on Sunday 22nd June.

EXPLORE THE MEANING OF LIFE - Ever wondered what it's all about? Over 2 million people have explored this question and many more in the UK and Ireland through ALPHA. This is an opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting over ten thought-provoking weekly sessions, with a weekend away. Starting Tuesday 1st April. For more information contact David Greer 07704751325, Martin Barlow 07765405902 or Denis McCourt 07813126421 or visit [www.alpha.org](http://www.alpha.org)

Walk with Me - an Eastertide journey of prayer - book available in Churches £1.

## WORLD YOUTH DAY SYDNEY

This July, 7 people from our Parish will embark upon the trip of a lifetime...to travel to Sydney, Australia for World Youth day 2008 to join 2000 people from all over Ireland to be present at a Mass led by Pope Benedict XVI. World Youth Day is the largest youth event in the world and will be held in Sydney from 15th to 20th July. Organised by the Catholic Church, World Youth day gathers young people from around the world to strengthen faith, to build bridges of friendship and hope between continents, peoples and cultures. In order to send these 7 lucky people on their journey, numerous fundraising events have been organised. Below are a few of the events coming up in the next few weeks;

Sunday 6th April - sponsorship required for one of the group to run in the Paris Marathon

Thursday 10th April - flower arranging in Ashgrove Community Centre with Fr. Sean McEvoy.

Saturday 12th April - car-boot sale in the Chapel car park (8am to 10.30am)

We would as a group like to invite you to take part in these events, for without your support the trip could not happen. Thank you for your support - The WYD 2008 Committee

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Ministers of the Eucharist - April

Vigil - Kathleen Lavery, Maura Berry, Aine McCooe, Sharon Garland.

8.30 a.m. - Eddie McVeigh, Patsy Hanratty, Margaret Marley.

10 a.m. - Kathleen Hagan, Denis McKeever, Seamus McCaffrey.

11.30 a.m. - Ann Murphy, Declan McAtarsney, Bronagh Hagan, Kate Guy.

Ministers of the Eucharist:

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 31st March, Martin Barlow,

7th April Teresa McCaffrey.

Ministry of The Word - April

Vigil - Louise Wilson.À 8.30 a.m. Caroline Lavery.À 10 a.m. Tommy Bradley, Damien Russell.À 11.30 a.m. Margaret Marley.

Ministry of The Word: Week beginningÀ 31st March, 10 a.m. Tommy Mallon, 7 p.m. Gemma McKenna. À

7th April 10 a.m. Theresa Beattie, 7 p.m. Paddy Gorman

Sunday 16th March

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Thanks to all who contributed

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## NOTICES FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 30TH MARCH

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Anniversaries

Sunday 30th:À Patrick Lappin, Rita Kelly, Teresa Wright

Monday 31st: Elizabeth O'Neill, Jack Hamill, Josephine Mulholland Tuesday 1st: Denis McGuigan Wednesday 2nd:

Pope John Paul, Jackie Grimley, Pat Grimley, Patrick Mulholland, Henry McGuiganÀ À Thursday 3rd: M.M. Isadore

Campbell, Martin McVeigh, Michael

McGoldrick, Elizabeth Corr, Joe CorrÀ À Friday 4th:À Vincent Creaney, Kathleen Crozier, Josephine Atkinson, Britta

Judge, Fr. John McAteerÀ À

First Friday Notices:

Confessions - Thursday 3rd April

St. Patrick's À À À 6 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.

St. John'sÀ À À 7.30 p.m.

Masses - Friday 4th April

St. Patrick'sÀ À À 10 a.m. Adoration after Mass til 6pm.

St. John'sÀ À À 7 p.m.

The sick and housebound will be visited this week.

Liturgy Group meeting Thursday 3rd April at 7.30 p.m. - have you returned your questionnaire?

Feast of The Annunciation transferred to Monday 31st March - the Easter Octave takes precedence.

New Envelopes are now available in the Church. If there was no box for you, and you would like to use the envelope method to contribute to the Parish, please leave your name with the sacristan. Any changes to names or addresses

should be forwarded to the Parish Office.

Reflection

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They have taken the Lord out of the tomb

She had come back to the tomb,  
a woman who missed Jesus,  
as we visit the graves of our loved ones.

She couldn't wait and arrived in the  
darkness.  
And don't we often go to God in our  
darkness?

Our darkness of grief, doubt, sadness;  
the days we feel downcast, let-down,  
hopeless about a job,  
anxious about a child,  
worried over an exam;  
we go to God in our deadness and  
darkness.

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Like Mary going to the tomb;  
something had died in her  
when Jesus died.

In her darkness she went  
where she would find some hope:  
to the tomb of the One who gave her life.

And she found life again; but not  
immediately.  
Maybe then there were glimmers of hope,  
like joy returning slowly at times in life.  
With the disciples who gradually  
recognised  
that his promise of rising again  
was true,  
she knew again the light and joy she once had.

We go to the tomb of Jesus in our own darkness,  
in our hope that peace, courage and good times will follow.  
Let Easter nourish our faith,  
increase our hope.  
and keep alive our love  
that the Lord has risen.

Nobody took the Lord out of the tomb!  
He was raised from death by God his Father.  
He is risen indeed.  
Like the apostles may we believe this truly;  
He is risen indeed,  
Alleluia.