

## 6th April 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

6th April 2008

Third Sunday of Easter

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

Jesus Christ is Risen. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lately deceased: Maurice Rafferty, Frankie McParland, Mary Quinn, Georgina

Creaney, Danny McNally, Lydia Lozova

At This Time: AnaMaria Xavier do Rego, Paulo do Rosario, Marciana da Silva, Brigid Philomena Gilravey, John Gilravey  
 Sunday 6th: Ita Murray, Eoghan Dunbar, James Grimes, Joseph Molloy, Rita Stuart, Miguel, Maria, Filipe, Joao, Maria & Miguel Soares.  
 Monday 7th: Jean McParland, Seamus McKeever, Mary McCann, Mary Carvill, Cissie & Edward Murphy

Tuesday 8th: Johnny Hamill, Bill Reid, Mary Ellen McAlinden  
 Wednesday 9th: Dympna Hagan, Jim White

Thursday 10th: Jim Creaney, Lisa Kelly  
 Friday 11th: Patrick Thompson  
 Saturday 12th: James Creaney, Arthur

Williams, Catherine Davis, Michael Henderson, John Cullen, John James McCann

Devotions and Benediction in St. Patrick's this evening at 7 p.m.

Ministers of the Eucharist:

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 8th April Theresa McCaffrey

Ministry of The Word: Week beginning 7th April 10 a.m. Tommy Mallon 7 p.m. Paddy Gorman

Eucharistic Ministers - list available in sacristy.

Parish Pastoral Council afternoon of reflection next Sunday 13th April in Armagh.

Trocaire to date is £11,969.90. Thank you for your generosity during Lent. Trocaire boxes can be returned to the sacristies.

#### 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 11 am), Cars £7, vans £10.

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

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 11 am

St. John the Baptist PS Saturday 10th May 11 a.m.

Ballyoran CPS Saturday 31st May 11 a.m.

Bunscoil Saturday 31st May 1 p.m.

New Envelopes - which have been available for collection in the Churches, begin to be used this weekend. I thank all who contribute to the running of the Parish through the Offertory Collection. Your generosity, which has increased, is commended.

If there was no box of envelopes for you and you would like to use the envelope method to contribute to the Parish, please leave your name with the sacristan.

Parishioners recently employed for the first time and new Parishioners are encouraged to add their name to the list of contributors. Tax payers can direct some of their tax payment to Parish funds by filling in the yellow envelope at the front of the box.

Fr. Michael O'Dwyer PP

Car park lining: Double yellow lines, directional arrows at St. John the Baptist Church. Parishioners and visitors have appreciated the layout of the car park and Church goes and school users are using it appropriately. Please also now respect the double yellow lines - NO PARKING PLEASE - and the directional arrows for entry and exit.

Dogs in the cemetery, accompanied by owner or minder, should always be kept on a lead. Complaints about dogs fouling and/or digging at graves should be minimal. Please keep control of your pets when out walking.

Easter Celebration in Song - St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh Sunday 27th April, 7.30 p.m. Choirs from across the diocese will take part, including choirs from the Parish. All are invited to attend.

Sunday 16th March

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Thanks to all who contributed

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Reflection

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We had been hoping

How often weâ€™ve said or thought that:

We had been hoping.

That love would last or a relationship would get deeper,  
that illness would ease or death would be delayed,  
that employment would come or a raise would be offered,  
that life would be enjoyable,  
comfortable:

We had been hoping.

And there have been disappointments:

let-downs by friends, by family  
promotions not found in a job,  
success in exams lost,  
prayers not answered,  
love lost or not found.

How to get through this?

The apostles had put faith in Jesus,  
had invested much of their lives in him.  
Their disappointment blocked their faith in his resurrection.  
We had been hoping.

Yes it was ordained that glory comes through suffering,  
Thereâ€™s love and growth and  
fullness

discovered even in disappointment.

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Even in the darkness of disappointment,  
do we not find glimpses of light?  
And we know in the heart  
that nothing except love is lasting.

He vanished from their sight,  
but left the Eucharist;  
a sure sign  
that no disappointment is final;  
that there is always hope,  
and the possibility of new life.

Was it not ordained that  
I should suffer  
and so enter into glory?

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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.Â Collection can be arranged.Â Contact the shop, tel.  
38393898.Â Clothes and Furniture shops in Mayfair Business Centre, Garvaghy Road.Â Opening hours Monday - Friday  
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.Â Saturday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
NEW SELF HELP LINE - 38339639.Â Response within 48 hours.

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ACCORD - Wanted - people to help prepare couples for marriage.

Interested?Â ContactÂ ACCORD 38334781 to reserve your place at the information evening on Tuesday 29th April at 8 p.m.

The Sacred Heart Messenger - Weekend of Prayer - Location

Servite Priory, Benburb.Â Friday 11th April, 7.30 p.m. - 9.15 p.m.

Saturday 12th, 10 a.m. - 6.30 p.m. & Sunday 13th, 10 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.

Contact Priory for details - 02837548241.Â Â

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Lourdes 150th Anniversary - Direct from Belfast (7nights) - 17th July

Jeanne Dâ€™Arc Hotel, Â£485.Â Tel 38361289 for details.

Drumcree House of Health: Yoga Wednesday 11 - 12.30, Â£4 per session or Â£36 for 12 week course.Â Laughter Workshop, Friday 11th

April, 11 - 12 noon.Â Laugh your way to better health.Â Salsa Exercise,

Tuesday 8.30, Â£1 per session.Â All in Drumcree Community Centre. Phone Jennifer 38334522.

SPRED - The group will recommence on Wednesday 9th April in Drumcree Community Centre at 7.30 p.m.Â Enquiries 38392568.

ARMAGH DIOCESAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY:Â Next lecture Wednesday 16th April in Cardinal O Fiaich Library at 8 p.m.Â All are welcome.

Aware Defeat Depression:Â Public talk and information event in The Beacon Centre, 12 Ballygawley Road, Dungannon on Thursday 10th April at 8 p.m.Â Admission free.Â All welcome to attend.

Medjugorje Pilgrimages:Â Â 31st May - 7 nights Â£419 ex Belfast. 2nd August - 7 nights Â£410 ex Belfast.Â 25th October - 7 nights Â£460 ex Dublin.Â All half board accommodation.Â For information contact Stephanie Donnelly 02820768917 or 07762130882

Holy Land Pilgrimage:Â 3rd - 12th SeptemberÂ Direct from Belfast. Â£850 p.p.s. inclusive of all taxes.Â For information contact Ann Diamond, 02879468134.

St. Oliver Plunkettâ€™s Primary School:Â Fundraising Quiz Night in Famous Grouse, Friday 11th April at 9 p.m.Â Admission Â£5.Â Light supper provided.

Christian Aid:Â Collectors required for Christian Aid Week.Â Tel.38333597.Â Last lunch of this session on Wednesday 7th May in Armagh Road, Pres. Church Hall, 12 noon - 1.30 p.m.