4th May 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. www.drumcreeparish.com

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

St. Patrick's Church, William Street - 1835

4th May 2008 The Ascension of the Lord

Mass Times: St. John the Baptist Saturday Â 7 p.m. Sunday Â Â 8.30 & 11.30 a.m. St. Patrick's Sunday Â 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: Â Fr. O'Dwyer 38350610 Fr. White 38332218 Parish Mobile - Emergency No. 07841101850

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Jesus Christ is Risen. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lately deceased: Francis McDowell, Bridie Maher(McNeice), Noel McCann, Jim McAreavey, Joe Harrity, Lena Hickman, Kieran O'Connor, Maureen Falls, Oonagh Snell , Sean Murphy Â

At This Time: Kathleen Chambers, James McKeever, Mary Catherine Coleman, Michael Coleman, Eileen Hagan Sunday 4th:Â Jackie Lavery, Triborsio Soriano, Philomena McCaughley, John &Kathleen Reynolds, Harry Connolly, Patrick Murphy, Jack Greer Â Monday 5th: Anne Reilly, Teresa McDonald. Â Tuesday 6th: M.M. Noel Hannon Mackey, Stella Loughlin (1st Anniversary), Joseph McVeigh, Lily O'Hare, Mollie Corr, Eric Dale, Seamus O'Neill, Joseph F. Atkinson, Michael Marley Â Wednesday 7th: M.M. Eileen Marley, Patricia Mulligan(1st Anniversary). Thursday 8th: Nellie Campbell Â Friday 9th: M.M. Brian Derry, John Daley, John Duffy Saturday 10th:Â Jeannie McParland, Mary Jane Shevlin, Stephen Toal

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Sacraimint an Chóineartaithe Dé hAoine 9 Bealtaine ar 5 i.n. in ArdEaglais Naomh PÃidraig do phÃiisti atÃi ag freastal ar Bhunscoil Eoin Baiste. â€œTar, a Spioraid Naomh.― FÃiilte roimh chÃich.

Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 9th May at 5 p.m. in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, for those attending St. John the Baptist Bun Scoil. â€œCome Holy Spirit―. All welcome.

First Holy Communion:Â St. John the Baptist P.S. in St. John the Baptist Church Saturday 10th May at 11 a.m.

Portadown Lourdes Committee: Â

Pre-Pilgrimage Mass and meeting for all pilgrims on Wednesday 7th May at 7 p.m. in St. John the Baptist Church.

Liturgy Group meeting on Thursday 8th May at 7.30 p.m. in St. John the Baptist meeting room.

Ministers of the Eucharist: St. John the Baptist, week beginning 5th May Eddie McVeigh.

Ministry of The Word: Week beginning \hat{A} 5th May 10 a.m. Tommy Bradley. \hat{A} 7 p.m. David Greer

Recent Baptisms:Â Phoebe McManus, Schuyler Norman Dane, Rian John Fox, Darren Diogo Esteves Moreira, Kacper Michal Szymborski

Adoration Group: Meeting of the group in St. John the Baptist Church after evening Mass on Wednesday 7th May. New members most welcome.

Legion of Mary: Annual Retreat in Benburb Priory on Sunday 11th May. Total cost for the day is £20. Bus departs as follows:-

St. Patrick's Hall Â Â Â Â Â 9 a.m.
St. Mary's Hall Â Â Â Â Â 9 a.m.
St. John the Baptist Church Â 9.30 a.m.
Any enquiries to 38333563.

Rosary on CD, produced by the Diocesan Prayer and Spirituality Group, available in sacristies: price £3. Can be used in the car; at home for the sick or housebound or family prayer time. Voices and music of Drumcree Parishioners are used in the recording.

Armagh Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock - Sunday 25th May, the Feast of Corpus Christi.

In conjunction with St. Mary's Youth Centre, there will be a meeting for all interested 15 - 20 yr olds, this evening at 7 p.m. in St. John the Baptist Church, to gather together to explore issues of faith and spirituality that affect the world they live in.

New buildings:Â work began on the new Parochial House, Moy Road, last week:Â the Hall subcommittee met architect teams last week with a view to designing the new Parish Pastoral Centre.

Sunday 27th April £2689-44 Thanks to all who contributed

Reflection Â Why are standing here, looking into the sky?

It's a strange sort of parting, the feast of the Ascension. It looks as if Jesus is gone forever. As if the word made flesh is now the human flesh become a divine spirit.

And his friends looked into the sky, lost, bereft, confused,

because he said he would be with them, all days even to the end of time.

It's a strange sort of parting, because it's a new sort of presence.

Listen to what he had said:

where two or three are gathered in my name there I am among you.

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them,

I make my home in you, make your home in me.

And these are statements of presence, the real presence of Jesus in love, in sacrament, in friendship.

Why are you standing here, looking into the sky? For the Lord we seek is among us. Â

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, tel. 38393898. Clothes and Furniture shops in Mayfair Business Centre, Garvaghy Road. 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.

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ACCORD - Wanted - people to help prepare couples for marriage.Interested? Contact ACCORD 38334781 to reserve your place at the information evening on Tuesday 29th April at 8 p.m.

Lourdes 150th Anniversary - Direct from Belfast (7nights) - 17th JulyJeanne D'Arc Hotel, £485. Tel 38361289 for details

Drumcree House of Health: Yoga Wednesday 11 - 12.30, £4 per session or £36 for 12 week course. Salsa Exercise, Tuesday 8.30, £1 per session. Â All in Drumcree Community Centre. Phone Jennifer 38334522.

SPRED - The group meet on Wednesday in Drumcree Community Centre at 7.30 p.m. Enquiries 38392568.

St. Mary's Youth Centre: Senior Ladies Netball every Tuesday7 - 8 p.m. Ages 15 yrs - Adult. All welcome. Phone 38337524.

Ashgrove Seniors Luncheon Club: Places available at the Luncheon Club on Tuesday and Thursday at 12 noon. Lunch & Bingo

£1-50. If interested (over 60's), contact Ashgrove Community Centre.

Rotary water project "Sit Out― by Rotarian Tom Lee on next Saturday 3rd May. 6,000children under the age of five die every day due to lack of fresh water and poor sanitation. Money raised from this †Sit Out' will help Munura, South Kenya and will supply and install five wells and a water pipeline. 100% of mioney collected goes to the project. Be as generous as you can, please.

Ballyoran Over 50 Club: Wednesday 2 - 3 p.m. New and old members welcome.

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

07762130882

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

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

Bannside Community Centre: Arts and Crafts Classes, 7 - 8.30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. English classes, Thursday 10 a.m. ICT for beginners. Cross community trip to Dublin, 4th - 11th July for children P5 - P7. Homework Club, Volunteer needed Wednesday. For information contact Carol 028 38339916.

GATE - Diocesan Youth Magazine on sale in Churches £1.50.

Southern Area Hospice Services:Â Due to an expansion of services the Hospice have volunteering opportunities in various roles. For information or application pack phone Rosemary Gartland 30267711.

Craigavon Marie Curie Cancer Care: Future fundraising events include annual "Walk in the Park― 14th May and Craigavo Cycle 21st June. Any enquiries to Margaret Coleman, tel. 38343411.

Garvaghy Park & Close Comm. Assoc. AGM will be held in Ashgrove Centre on Wednesday 21st May at 7.30 p.m. All residents are invited to attend.

St. Mary's Women's Guild: Meeting on Wednesday 7th May in Ashgrove Community Centre at 8 p.m. Guest speak All welcome.

Armagh Diocesan Historical Society: Annual Dinner on Sunday 11th May in the Charlemont Hotel at 8 p.m. Tickets can be had from Joe Canning on 37522981.