11th 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

11th May 2008 Pentecost Sunday

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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Lately deceased: Jim McAreavey, Joe Harrity, Lena Hickman, Kieran O'Connor,

Maureen Falls, Oonagh Snell, John Murphy

At This Time: Agnes McGurk, Ana Maria Xavier Rego, Francisco Xavier, Ofelia do Rego, Joseph Hamill, Robert Hamill, Catherine Quinn, Veronika Diman & Lorenso Guterres and Families.

Sunday 11th: A John Lappin, Mary Josephine Murphy, Thomas Beattie

Monday 12th: John Connolly, Sarah South, Kathleen Grimley, Mary McMahon

Tuesday 13th:Â Ellen McConnell, Francis McShane, Fr. Peter Taggart Â

Wednesday 14th: M.M. Bridie Maher, Jim Cullen, Hugh Mulholland, Paddy McGurk, John McCormac, George Davidson, James & Josephine Treanor, James Davidson. Â

Thursday 15th: M.M. Francis McDowell, Kathleen Flanagan, Aaron Reynolds, Isabella Gribbon, Sam Connolly Friday 16th:Â Sarah Foy, Luke Haughian Â

Saturday 17th:Â M.M. Noel McCann, Lena McCann, Patrick Joseph Cullen

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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.

Cardinal Sean Brady will lead 1300

pilgrims on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes next week, accompanied by

Cardinal Daly and Bishop Clifford. A For those in Lourdes and those at home - let us pray for each other.

Portadown Lourdes Committee: The committee express sincere thanks to all who supported or helped in any way during the past year. Masses and candles will be offered for your intentions in Lourdes.

As departure for Lourdes is on 12th May please join in spirit for the 5 days by saying the following Lourdes Associate Prayer.

Blessed by the Holy and Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God.

Our Lady of Lourdes pray for us.

Our Mother have pity on us.

Our Lady of Lourdes heal us for the greater glory of the Most Holy Trinity.

Our Lady of Lourdes heal us for the greater glory of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Lady of Lourdes, heal the sick, convert sinners.

Help of the sick, help of the suffering pray for us.

O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

St. Bernadette pray for us.

Parish Pastoral Council meeting Thursday 15th May at 7.30 p.m.

Exam Mass, organised by St. Mary's Youth Group, on Friday 16th May at 7 p.m. in St. John the Baptist Church. All those preparing for exams or sitting exams welcome, along with family and friends. Prayers for exams will be distributed.

Ministers of the Eucharist:

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 12th May Geraldine Lawless.

Ministry of The Word: Week beginning 12th May 10 a.m. Aidan McCormack. 7 p.m. Ursula Barlow

Recent Baptisms: Â

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.

Cemetery Sunday 1st June - open air Mass at 11.30 a.m.

Mass in old Drumcree at Cultra on Sunday 22nd June. More details later.

Sunday 4th May £2352-67 Thanks to all who contributed

Reflection

As the Father sent me, so am I sending you

Today we remember the birth of the Church, the day we give thanks to God for being part of the work of Jesus, sent among us from the love of God, sent within us to share the love of God.

The bravest of all life's calls is to love, to say Yes to the call to love husband or wife, children; to say Yes to the call to love the large family of God's people.

A call to all, married, single, priest, religious.

The birth of the Church is like celebrating the birth of someone we love: we celebrate who the person is, not the ideal of what the person might be; we give thanks for the person's past, rejoice in another's present life, and hope for the future.

We do that this day as Christians: celebrate our Church as it is, with its sinful members and its saints, with its weak and its strong, with its young and its old.

We celebrate the good done for many centuries by people who took joyfully the words to their hearts, As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.

And we want the Spirit of God to refresh and renew within us the desire we have to receive and spread the love of God wherever we can.

As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.

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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.

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.

Precious Life: 3 days of Prayer and Fasting against the "HFE

Bill― on 12th May - 14th May. Precious Life asks you to unite with them on these three days in sending up a great outpouring of prayers to Heaven by fasting and offering Rosaries to Our Lady of Fatima, so that through her intercession, the Holy Spirit will descend into the hearts of all Westminster MPs and they will respect the sanctity of human life and vote against the †Human Fertilisation and Embryology Bill' and any attempts to extend abortion to N. Ireland. For furthe information please contact Precious Life 028 90278484.

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

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

Medjugorje Pilgrimages: 2nd August - 7 nights £410 ex Belfast. 25th October - 7 nights £460 ex Dublin. All half board accommodation. For information contact Stephanie 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.

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. Â For information or application pack phone Rosemary Gartland 30267711.

Cycle 21st June. Any enquiries to Margaret Coleman, tel. 38343411.

Craigavon Marie Curie Cancer Care: Future fundraising events include annual "Walk in the Park― 14th May and Craigavo

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.

JUMBLE SALE - BRIC A BRAC - COFFEE MORNING: Saturday 24th May in Ashgrove Community Centre, commencing at 9.30 a.m. All proceeds to Craigavon Cardiac Care Association.