

7th September 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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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Requiescant In Pace

Lately deceased: Willie McCann, Hilda Coulter, Jackie Harrison

At This Time: James McKenna, Francis & Rose Hanratty, Liam Donnelly, Elizabeth McClean, Rose Anne Robinson, Catherine McCann, Cornelious McCann, Mary Loughran, Anne Clare Sherry, Angela Woodhouse, Colm O'Callaghan

Sunday 7th: Mary Molloy, Joan Goodwin, Peter Lawless, Margaret Foy, Sally McAlinden Edon

Monday 8th: M.M. Leo Mackle, Canon P.J. Early, Charlotte Hueston, Mary Hamill, Margaret Fearon, Margaret Campbell

Tuesday 9th: M.M. Tomas Tishna, Maureen Kavanagh, Rosina Doherty, John Garvey, Lawrence Cusack

Wednesday 10th: M.M. Henryk Jasniak, Tony Gorman, James McConville, Ted McCorry, Ana Maria Xavier Rego, Sebastiao Alves, Maria da Gloria Belo
Thursday 11th: M.M. Imelda Farrell, Charlie Keegan, Patrick Gerard Lavery
Friday 12th:
Saturday 13th: Tommy McAlinden

Thanks and praise to the Oberjesingen Church Choir and Blocken-Ensemble who sang and played at Mass last Saturday.

Ministers of the Eucharist
St. John the Baptist, week beginning 9th September Eddie McVeigh.

Ministry of The Word
Week beginning 8th September 10 a.m. Damien Russell. 7 p.m. David Greer.

National Grandparents Pilgrimage at Knock: Sunday 14th September. All welcome.

Evangelium: The Knights of St. Columbanus propose a course on the Catholic faith for adults of all ages in the Parish. The Evangelium programme is based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church and offers 25 individual modules covering the Creed, Sacraments, Moral Life and Prayer. Brief information sessions will be held after Masses next weekend. Additional details on notice boards and Parish Website.

Sign Up Sunday - 27th/28th September - What can I as a member of the Church Community contribute to Parish life through involvement in Liturgy and Church based organisations?

St. John the Baptist Church car park gate will be locked at 8.30pm

JOHN MICHAEL TALBOT will sing in St. John the Baptist Church on Friday 10th October. Tickets, £7, available next week. Profits towards Parish Developing World Project.

40 Days for Life - Pro-life group PRECIOUS LIFE have organised 40 days of prayer and fasting in an effort to stop plans by Westminster to force abortion on N. Ireland. We ask for at least 40 parishioners to sign up for one or more of the 40 days. The effort begins Monday 8th Sept. and will culminate in a Rally for Life at Stormont on Saturday 18th October. For more information contact Bernadette on 02890278484 or visit

www.preciouslife.com

Forgiven ... a true story. Precious Life invite you to hear the testimony of Denise Mountenay as she shares how she found healing after the pain of three abortions. Information evening in the Europa Hotel, Belfast, on Thursday 11th September at 8 p.m.

The following courses will be offered at Iona House (Jesuits) in October:

1. "Finding God in all Things" - The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius - shared and mixed (protestant - catholic) group (limited numbers) - 32 weeks, meeting fortnightly, beginning Friday 10th October, 7.30 p.m.
2. "Faith Seeking Understanding", a fresh look at familiar beliefs - things I have wondered about but was afraid to ask the bible, the gospels, the church, its teachings - fortnightly, starting provisionally Friday October 17th, 7.30 p.m. Anyone interested in either of these please contact Fr. Michael, 211 Churchill Park, 38330366.

Offertory Collection
Sunday 31st August
Total £2764-76
Thanks to all who contributed

Reflection
A
A prayer for every day

Day after day, O Lord of my life,
shall I stand before you face to face.
With folded hands, O Lord of all worlds,
shall I stand before you face to face.

Under your great sky
in solitude and silence,
with humble heart,
shall I stand before you face to face.

In this laborious world of yours,
busy with toil and trouble,
among hurrying crowds,
shall I stand before you face to face.

And when my work shall be done in this world,
O King of Kings,
alone and speechless,
shall I stand before you
face to face.

A prayer for every day

This is my prayer to you, my Lord -
strike, strike at the root of penury in my heart.

Give me the strength lightly to bear my joys and sorrows.
Give me the strength to make my love fruitful in service.
Give me the strength never to disown the poor
or bend my knees before greed and might.
Give me the strength to raise my mind high above daily trifles.
And give me the strength to surrender my strength to your will with love.

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 clothes shop, tel. 38393898 or Furniture shop tel. 38394219 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.

Do you have an old mobile phone? If you do, would you please donate it to raise funds for charitable causes within the Parish?

During the month of September the Knights of St. Columbanus will have boxes at the entrances to both Churches at Saturday evening and Sunday Masses for collection of old mobiles.

Thank you for your support.

Presentation Sisters Koinonia Project: Programmes at 103 Thomas St. resume with Weekly Meditation, Monday 8th Sept. at 7.30 p.m. Sarah's Circle, an opportunity for women to pray and share faith together, Saturday 13th 11 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. Eight sessions of Beginning Tai Chi Chih at Cascades Leisure Centre Wednesdays 17th September 7.30 p.m. and a morning group Thursdays 18th Sept. 11 a.m. For information and to enquire about Spiritual Guidance, Inner Child work, help in Grieving, Overcoming Depression or a safe place to talk about Suicide concerns phone 38332220.

ACCORD: Marriage Preparation Courses begin in Armagh City Hotel as follows:- Course 2 - Wednesday 22nd October 7 - 10 p.m. And begin in Cohannon Inn: Course 1 Tuesday 23rd September 7-10pm; Course 2 Tuesday 21st October 7-10pm; Course 3 Tuesday 25th November 7.10pm. Due to increasing demand couples are advised to book their place at least ten months before the wedding. Telephone 38334781

St. Mary's Youth Centre U16 Football

Training every Wednesday 6 p.m. in the Park. Meet at Park Road entrance.(For players born in 1993 or 1994).All welcome.

World Suicide Prevention Day 10th September - THINK GLOBALLY,PLAN NATIONALLY, ACT LOCALLY. A total of 242 balloons will be released in Lurgan Town centre at 7pm to signify the number of people who died through suicide in 2007.

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.

Bannside Community Centre: Arts and Crafts Classes, 7 - 8.30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. English classes, Thursday 10 a.m. ICT for beginners. Homework Club resumes 8th September. For information contact Carol 028 38339916.

St. John's Accordion Band: Classes in music on Thursdays 7 p.m. in St. John the Baptist School. Anyone wishing to join contact a committee member at the school on the evening.

Drumcree Community Centre: Parent and toddler group each Monday at 10.30 a.m. Cabin Club: All clubs start back Monday 15th September. Registration for all clubs Wednesday 10th September 4 - 6 p.m. €3 per child. Meeting for those willing to volunteer to work with children on Tuesday 9th September 7 p.m. or contact James, Terri or Joanna. Drumcree House of Health: Weigh-in resumes Monday 8th September 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Naiscoil Na Banna - an Irish Language pre school. Any parent interested in educating their children through the Irish medium please contact Ciara at the Naiscoil 38391243. Three P.E.A.G.S. are available for 3-4 yr. old now.

Armagh Diocesan Pioneer Matt Talbot Mass: Annual Pilgrimage the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Sean McDermott St., Dublin will take place on Sunday 5th October. Mass will be celebrated at 3 p.m.

McMillen Coffee Morning: Ann and Liz invite you to a Coffee Morning in Ashgrove Centre on Friday 26th September, 9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. All welcome.