16th November 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

16th November 2008 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Requiescant In Pace Lately deceased:Â Annie Sharkey, Brendan Bailey, Sean Keegan, Margaret McCooe, Geraldine Holdsworth, John McGarry, Eileen Foy, Philomena McAlinden, Arthur Austin At This Time: Owen Douglas, Frank Hamill, Veronica Murray, Sheila Donnelly, Brigid Teresa Dunbar, Letitia O'Neill Sunday 16th:Â Mary Gorman, Thomas Madden, Jimmy Donnelly, Robert Donnelly, Geraldine Cullen, Cornelius Mulholland, Frank Mulholland, Rosena McCaffery Â Monday 17th: Thomas Marley, Thomas Murphy Tuesday 18th:Â Lisa Creaney, Brigid Kelly, Dumpna Daly, Ann Kelly, Annie McGrath, Frederick McCann, Mary Ann Berry, Pauline Foy, Tom Blacker, Catherine F Cullen, James McGurk Wednesday 19th: Peter Gerard Megarity, Mary McQuade, Thomas Cullen, Danny Madden, Elizabeth Gibson, Mona Lamph, William Wright

Thursday 20th: John Lawless, Joseph McQuillan, John Creaney, Christina Blacker, Vera Mullaly, Kathleen Lynch Friday 21st: Vincent Murray, Alice Black, Bridie Connolly Saturday 22nd:Â Lily Gorman, Dan Reid, Annie Hamill, Elizabeth McQuillan, Dan Murphy, John McCann

Please leave anniversary notices at Parochial House, Moy Road or either Church. Thank you.

Ministers of the Eucharist St. John the Baptist, week beginning 17th November Geraldine Lawless.

Ministry of The Word Week beginning 17th November Â 10 a.m. Tommy Mallon. Â 7 p.m. Pat Hagan.

Recent Baptisms: Eabha Marie McConnell

Parish Pastoral Council and Clustering Meeting on Thursday next at 7.30pm

Drumcree College - meting of parents on Wednesday next at 7.30pm

"Bereavement, Loss & Suicide .Understanding and Responding―. An open seminar on this topic will take place on Monc 17th November in St. Patrick's College, Killymeal Road, Dungannon, at 7.30 p.m. Â All welcome.

Dogs in Cemetery: we can not do anything about stray dogs but can it be true that dog owners are letting their dogs loose in the cemetery where they can foul the grounds? Not only should this not happen, but it is dangerous to health and safety and to those who work and visit the cemetery.

Weddings 2009 - Couples who have booked weddings are asked to confirm date, time, church, priest by contacting Fr. O'Dwyer or Fr. White.

Many thanks to all who contribute to the Sunday

collection - your continued generosity not only keeps the Parish going materially but is also a sign of your commitment to the Parish. The Gift Aid last year (2007-2008) added over £18,000 to Parish funds - again thanks to all who sign up for this. At present 773 envelopes are sent out to those who have asked for them and use them. If you would like to contribute using envelopes please contact the Parish Office - especially new Parishioners and those who have set up their own home for the first time.

Southern Area Hospice: Church Door Collection after all Masses this weekend.

Spiritual Essence Concert in aid of Southern Area Hospice in St. Paul's Church, Lurgan, on Friday 28th November at 7.30 p.m., featuring Irish Tenor Paul Redmond and Canadian Soprano Karen Lynch. Adm. £10.

Knights of St. Columbanus:Â Next meeting for CK9 on Tuesday 18th November at 8 p.m. Anniversary Mass for deceased members on Sunday 23rd November at 11 .30a.m. All brothers are invited to attend.

Liturgy Group meeting on 27th November.

Drumcree College - OLIVER - rehearsal on Saturday 22nd November from 12noon to 2pm to †give out parts'

Next Sunday, Solemnity of Christ the King - exposition of the Blessed Sacrament all afternoon in St. John the Baptist Church.

In conjunction with St. Mary's Youth Centre our parish youth group will meet in St. John's Meeting Room today Sunday 16th at 7 p.m. (15 - 20 yrs). New members welcome.

Offertory Collection Sunday 9th November Total Â £2638-49 Thanks to all who contributed

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You entrusted me with two talents; here are two more I have made.

We are familiar with the story of the boy who wanted to bring a gift to Jesus at his birth. He saw others bringing expensive gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh; he wondered what he had to offer, and thought of his drum, and how he could play a song for Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

A simple story, and isn't it true about our gifts and talents?

Each of us has different qualities, gifts: all are given by God and are valued in God's love: gifts of music, sport and art, of conversation and humour, of compassion and leadership; gifts of friendship, prayer and caring for others, of listening and encouraging; whatever your gift, your talent; your gift of being a caring parent, of being able to help a younger generation in any way; be grateful, each of us has a †bit of God' within us; and each of us can offer to God in our love and care for others what he has given to us. Â He looks on us, and loves each of us; sees us as we are and loves us. sees us as we can be and calls each of us, in our own personality and talents, to grow in love,

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to offer our talents in his service, and to become more like him.

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.

DRUMCREE COLLEGE: Christmas Craft / Food Fair, Sunday 30th November, 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. Groups or individuals wishing to sell or display crafts please register with the school on 38334725 by Wednesday 12th November (Booking fee £10 per table). Bric a brac stall - if you have any unwanted toys, books, games, ornaments etc. (no clothes) please leave at school or phone and we will collect. (Proceeds to St. Vincent de Paul & Salvation Army Christmas Appeal.

Presentation Sisters Koinonia Project:Â Programmes at 103 Thomas St. with Weekly Meditation, Monday. at 7.30 p.m. Beginning T'ai Chi Chih at Cascades Leisure Centre Wednesdays 7.30 p.m. and a morning group Thursdays 11 a.m.Â 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

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 Development Centre: Arts and Crafts Classes, 7 - 8.30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. English classes, Thursday 10 a.m. ICT for beginners. Â

Homework Club 3.15 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. For information contact Carol 028 38339916.

St. John the Baptist P.S. PTA present a Christmas Floral Extravaganza with Fr. Sean McEvoy, Tuesday 25th November, 7.30 p.m. Admission £5, includes light supper.

St. Vincent De Paul Society

BABY CLOTHES REQUIRED URGENTLY -

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.

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

St. Mary's Youth Centre After Schools Club (8 - 11 yrs) every Tuesday 3 - 5 p.m. Avening Club (12 yrs. +) Monday, Tuesday, Friday 7 - 10 p.m. Membership £3. Subs 50p. All welcome.

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. AGM Sunday 28th December 3.30 p.m. in the Naiscoil.

Tir Na nOg GFC - Winter training in Drumcree College starting Monday 17th November. U14 - 5 - 6 p.m. U12 - 6 - 7 p.m. u10 & U8 - 7 - 8 p.m.