

## 30th 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.

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

St. Patrick's Church, William Street - 1835

30th November 2008

First Sunday of Advent

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: Eileen Foy, Philomena McAlinden, Arthur Austin, Phyllis O'Connor, Sean Davidson, Lil Black, Joe Mallon, Rita Kane, Brigid Quigley

At This Time: Mary & Joseph Byrne, Margaret Lavery, Patrick Lavery, Veronice Murray, Patrick Aloysius Douglas, Daniel Toland, John McCrossan

Sunday 30th: Rosaleen Bagues, Paul Bagues, Connor Bagues, Patrick John Shevlin, Thomas McQuillan, John Tate, Nancy Borseley

Monday 1st: Rose McNally, Catherine Blacker

Tuesday 2nd: Michael Leonard, Eileen Dunbar, John Connolly, Mary Elizabeth Green, Mary Mulholland

Wednesday 3rd: M.M. Sean Keegan, Anthony Smith, Alice Hagan, Raymond Breen

Thursday 4th: M.M. John McGarry, Tommy Campbell, Frankie Cush, Mary McParland, Joseph McMahon, Margaret

McAlinden, Theresa McAloran, Tony Borseý

Friday 5th: M.M. Margaret McCooe, Margaret McCann, Patrick McCann, Fiona Moonan, Michelle McCann, Edward Murphy, Peter Foy, Edith Brooks

Saturday 6th: George Rowney, Charlie McCloskey, Jackie Maye

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

First Friday Notices:

Confessions - Thursday 4th

St. Patrick's 6 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.

St. John's 7.30 p.m.

Masses - Friday 5th St. Patrick's 10 a.m. (Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament 10.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

Fr. O'Dwyer will visit his Thursday and Friday calls on Monday. Tuesday and Wednesday calls on Tuesday.

Ministers of the Eucharist - December

Vigil Mary McAlinden, Martins O'Hanlon, Ruairi O'Hanlon, Kathleen Lavery, 8.30 a.m.

Eddie McVeigh, Patsy Hanratty, Thomas McCooe. 10 a.m. Kathleen Hagan, Denis McKeever, Seamus McCaffery.

11.30 a.m. Ann Murphy, Declan McAtarsney, Bronagh Hagan.

**DON'T FORGET TO CHECK INTO THE SACRISTY BEFORE MASS!**

St. Francis Madeline O'Neill.

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 1st December Mary McAlinden.

Ministry of The Word - December

Vigil Sheila Henderson. 8.30 a.m. Kevin McConville. 10 a.m. Niamh Devlin, Michael Sherry. 11.30 a.m. Monica McCaffrey.

Week beginning 1st December 10 a.m. Damien Russell. 7 p.m. Jerome Marley.

Recent Baptisms: Amy Louise Laverty

Trocaire Global Gift: Change someone's world with a Global Gift for Christmas. Order forms in Churches.

Advent in the Churches: Advent wreath: no flowers: no Gloria: purple vestments. What changes are you making in your life during Advent?

Sacrament of Confirmation: the young people of P7 along with their parents and families will attend Mass next weekend for their Commitment Ceremony as part of their preparation for Confirmation.

Lourdes: to mark the close of the Jubilee Year marking 150 yrs since the Apparitions there will be a weekend of Prayer next weekend. Mass Saturday evening, or Sunday morning; Devotions Sunday evening at 7 p.m. in St. Patrick's Church; Mass Monday for the feast of the Immaculate Conception. After the Monday evening Mass, which will be celebrated in St. John the Baptist Church, there will be a candlelit procession to the Lourdes Grotto.

Knights of Columbanus: Bus trip to Dublin on Saturday 6th December. Bus will leave Mayfair Business Centre at 9.30 a.m. Return will leave Dublin at approx. 7.30 p.m. Fare £10. Places available. If interested contact B. McCann on 07770838301 to book a seat. All welcome.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Christmas Appeal - 7th - 14th December

Brown envelopes with or without windows - who needs or wants them? But they are a fact of life. For some their arrival is a dread. This year St. Vincent de Paul Society are asking you to give a donation via a brown envelope to help others this Christmas. Please post donations in the Post Boxes provided in the Churches near the Advent Tree before or after Masses. Your generosity will bring some joy and happiness to those in need and bring a blessing on yourself.

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Offertory Collection

Sunday 23rd November

Total À £2500-44

Thanks to all who contributed

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Reflection

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Waiting

You are always there.

In a quiet room  
waiting for me  
to come to you.

This morning in  
a hilly field,  
sitting on the corner  
of a stone cattle trough,  
listening to the water  
tumbling down the hill  
into the silent river,  
watching the crows  
fly to work  
across the sky.  
Why was I surprised  
to find you there?

Lord, teach me  
to leave space  
in my mind  
so that you  
can always be there.

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.

DRUMCREE COLLEGE: Christmas Craft / Food Fair, Sunday 30th November, 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. Proceeds to St. Vincent de Paul & Salvation Army Christmas Appeal.

Presentation Sisters Koinonia Project: Programmes at 103 Thomas St. Sarah's Circle, a time for women to pray and share together, Saturday 13th December 11 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. Advent theme. All other programmes will resume the week of 12th January. 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. Homework Club 3.15 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. For information contact Carol 028 38339916.

St Mary's Womens Guild: Meeting on Wednesday 3rd December in Ashgrove Community Centre at 8 p.m. Guest Speaker. All welcome.

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 join 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.

Drumcree Community Centre: Parent and toddler group each Monday at 10.30 a.m.

Drumcree House of Health: Yoga every Tuesday 6.30 p.m. - 8 p.m. and Friday 11 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. No enrolment necessary just drop into Drumcree Centre.

Complimentary Therapies every Monday 6.30 p.m. - 8.45 p.m. Appointment necessary. Call 38334522 to book.

Naiscoil Na Banna - an Irish Language pre school.Â 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.Â U14 - 5 - 6 p.m.Â U12 - 6 - 7 p.m.  
U10 & U8 - 7 - 8 p.m.

Southern Area Hospice invite you to Light up a Life.Â By remembering someone you love and dedicating a light on the Hospice Christmas Tree to them you will be helping the Hospice.Â Dedication forms available in local press or from Hospice Fundraising 028 30251333.Â The Light up a Life Christmas Tree will be illuminated on Wednesday 10th December at Craigavon Civic and Conference Centre at 12 mid day.