

7th December 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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Second 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: Phyllis O'Connor, Sean Davidson, Lil Black, Joe Mallon, Rita Kane, Brigid Quigley, Gerald McCusker, Philomena McCann

At This Time: Margaret Henratty, Soares Family, Alipio Jordad Do Carmo & Family

Sunday 7th: John McCoy, Maureen Mackle, John Maguire, Joseph Garvey, John Tiffney

Monday 8th: Isabella McNeice, Marie Nixon, Pauline Nixon, Bernie Cullen, Kathleen McCann, Mary McDonald, Clarence Gosney, James Freeburn, Maud Tennyson, Michael Walsh, Rosaleen McCann, Eileen McCabe, Pheobe Donnelly

Tuesday 9th: Jim Tiffney, Gerard McCormack

Wednesday 10th: Thomas McCann, Paul McGurgan, Pat Keenan, Xavier Rego Family
 Thursday 11th: James Creaney, Rory McGuigan, Francis McGinley, Anthony Foy
 Friday 12th: M.M. Arthur Austin Dympna Fearnon, Patricia Ann Begley, Teresa O'Hagan, Annie McCooe
 Saturday 13th: Kitty Tennyson, Thomas Metcalfe, Mary Quinn, Mary Jordan

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

Monday 8th December - Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception (Holy day of Obligation). Masses as follows:
 St. John the Baptist 8.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m.
 & 7 p.m. St. Patrick's 10 a.m.

Novena in honour of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal this week in St. John the Baptist Church - Monday 7 p.m. Medals available for purchase before Mass.

Ministers of the Eucharist

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 8th December Martin Barlow.

Ministry of The Word - Week beginning 8th December 10 a.m. Tommy Bradley.
 7 p.m. Paddy Gorman.

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?

Lourdes: to mark the close of the Jubilee Year marking 150 yrs since the Apparitions there will be a weekend of Prayer this weekend. Mass Saturday evening, or Sunday morning; Devotions Sunday evening at 7 p.m. in St. Patrick's Church; 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.

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. Thanksgiving Mass Saturday 13th December 7 p.m. in St. John the Baptist Church.

Legion of Mary - our Parish Praesidium, Our Lady Queen of Peace, will hold its three thousandth (3000) meeting on Monday 15th December next. To mark this special event the present members have arranged a Mass of Thanksgiving and Blessing on that date (7 p.m. St. Patrick's Church). All past members and auxiliary members are welcome to attend. My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.

New Parochial House: Fr. Brian White moved to the new house last weekend. We wish him health and happiness and comfort in his new abode and many more years among us.

New Pastoral Centre: the plans for the new Pastoral Centre are being submitted to the Planning Office these days. Pray for the successful acceptance and passing of the plans.

Evangelium: Module 4 entitled 'The Life of Prayer', 7.30 p.m. Friday 12th December in Meeting Room St. John the Baptist. Optional preparation reading includes 534 - 556 and 567 - 577 of the Compendium.

All are welcome.

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Offertory Collection

Sunday 30th November

Total À £2553-64

Thanks to all who contributed

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GATE Diocesan Youth Magazine on sale in Churches - £1-50

Jubilee Prayer

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God our Father
among all creatures, You have formed Mary,
the perfect creature, the "Immaculate
Conception"™.
Here in Lourdes she proclaimed this name and Bernadette repeated it.
The Immaculate Conception: this is a cry of hope:
evil, sin and death are no longer victors.
Mary, precursory sign, dawn of salvation!
Mary,
You, the innocence and refuge of sinners
We pray to you.
Ave Maria, gratia plena!

Lord Jesus,
You gave us Mary as our Mother.
She shared Your Passion and Resurrection.
Here in Lourdes she showed herself to Bernadette,
saddened by our sins but radiant with your light.
Through her, we entrust to You our joys and our sorrows,
our own, those of the sick, and those of all people
Mary,
Our sister and our mother,
our confidant and our help
We pray to you
Ave Maria, gratia plena!

Holy Spirit, you are the Spirit of love and unity.
Here in Lourdes, through Bernadette, Mary asked for a Chapel and for people to come in procession.
Inspire the Church which Christ is building on Peter™s faith:
that it may be one.
Guide the pilgrimage of the Church:
that it may be faithful and daring!
Mary, you are filled with the Holy Spirit,
you are the spouse and the servant.
You are the model for Christians, and the maternal face of the Church.
We pray to you.

Ave Maria, gratia plena!

For the many graces received here,
for all the conversions, all the forgiveness,
all the healings, for the vocations and promises which you have witnessed or
engendered,
for the love of serving others, which you have let us experience, Our Lady of Lourdes
we thank you!
Benedicta tu in mulieribus!

With all our brothers and sisters of the human race,
with all people in need of peace and justice,
with young people in search of a way,
you who appeared so young to little Bernadette,
with all those who are in mourning, who are ill, handicapped, or facing a setback,
with those who may have a reason for despair:
Our Lady of Lourdes
We pray to you!

Ora pro nobis!

Because you are the smile of God,
the reflection of the light of Christ,
the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit,
because you chose Bernadette in her misery,
because you are the star of the morning,
the gate of Heaven,
and the first resurrected creature

