

21st 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

21st December 2008

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Go mbeanna - Dia duit is go dtuga S   Nollaig naofa is suaimhneach duit.

Go leana - A bheannacht - le sla  nte is rachmas sa bhlian le teacht.

A blessed and holy and peaceful Christmas to you. and health and happiness during 2009. May God bless you and all you love this Christmas.

Cardinal Brady sends Christmas greetings to all.

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

Youth Group will host a Nativity Play at 7.30 p.m. this evening in St. John the Baptist Church.

Have you returned your paper figure with the Christian name on it? These will be placed around the Church during the Christmas Season.

Confessions

Saturday 20th - St. John the Baptist Church after the evening Mass.

Sunday 21st after the 11.30 a.m. Mass.

Monday 22nd - St. Patrick's Church

6.30 p.m. - 6.55 p.m. & after Novena Mass

Tuesday 23rd St. Patrick's Church 12.30 p.m. - 1.15 p.m.

St. John the Baptist Church 6.30 p.m. - 6.55 p.m. & after evening Mass.

Masses:

The Nativity of Jesus

St. Patrick's Church

Christmas Eve 9 p.m.

Christmas Day 10 a.m.

St. John the Baptist Church

Christmas Eve 10 p.m.

Christmas Day 8.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

St. Stephen's Day

St. Patrick's Church 10 a.m.

Saturday 27th St. John, Apostle

St. Patrick's Church 10 a.m.

PALS GROUP - no PALS Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, otherwise as usual.

Advent/Christmas Card - if you have not received one please collect one at the back of the Church.

Christmas on RTE 1.

Christmas Eve Mass 11.15 p.m.

Christmas Day - Pope Benedict 10.55 a.m. and Cardinal Brady 12.35p.m.

Christmas Day Mass 11.35a.m.

Ministry of The Word: Week beginning 22nd December, 10 a.m. Margaret Donovan.

Recent Baptisms: Regan Stephen Fay-Judge, Oran Creaney, Molly Rose McStravick, Chance Anthony Cole

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament -
not Christmas day or New Year's Day - 8th January next.

The next bulletin will be published on Sunday 4th January.

Requiescant In Pace

Lately deceased: Philomena McCann, Eileen Mallon, Fr. P.J. O'Neill, Canon Joseph Conway,
Patrick Lappin, Vera Williams, Karl Mercer, Molly Williamson, Rose Murray

At This Time: Mary Ruddy, Annie Daley, Charles O'Neill, Michael Lynch, Frank Hamill, William Thomas McQuaid, George
Moonan, Sarah Gertrude Garvey

Sunday 21st: M.M. Sean Davidson, John Joseph Hagan

Monday 22nd: Sr. Paschal McGivern, George Matchett

Tuesday 23rd: M.M. Lil Black, Alice Oliver, Brendan Mackle, Mary Quinn

Wednesday 24th: Teresa Devine, Joseph McCabe, Edith Brankin, Joseph Cullen

Thursday 25th: Ann Hamill, Joseph McGurgan, Kelly Family, Eddie Murray, Patrick Farrell, Bernard Creaney

Friday 26th: Vincent Melaugh(1st Anniversary), Michael Henderson, James Patrick Murphy,

Saturday 27th: John McAtamney, John Henry Halfpenny, Leo Kelly, Patrick O'Neill, Thomas Foy

Sunday 14th December

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Thanks to all who contributed

Reflection

Yes!

When Mary said "yes" to the Incarnation,
she said yes to God and promised
that she would centre her life
on God's invitation to be the mother of his Son.

She said "yes" to new life,
she said "yes" to faith that God would
look after her,
she said "yes" to trust that God would
not let her down,
she said "yes" to hope that her son would find his way in life;
and isn't all this like any mother or father,
as they await new life?
She said "yes" to her questions
about pregnancy and about
marriage,
and did not expect easy answers;
as the mist takes hours to rise over the hills,
as the river takes days to return to its level,
as both dawn and darkness slowly mature,
she would be patient with life and with God.

Did she not think of this
when she heard of her cousin's
pregnancy,
when she found no room in the inn,
when she watched Jesus being rejected
and when she stood at the foot of the Cross!

If we say "yes" to faith, to hope and to love.
If we say "yes" with thanks and with trust.
If we say "yes" to God's grace in our lives,
we will never be alone.