

4th January 2009

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

4th January 2009

Second Sunday After Christmas

Health, Happiness, Joy for 2009. May God walk with you throughout this Year and may your life reflect the love that is God.

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 Mallon, Patrick Lappin, Vera Williams, Karl Mercer, Molly Williamson, Danny O'Neill, Edmund Cullinan, Fr. Padraic Kelly, Peggy McGurgan, Msgr. Peter F Shields, Kathleen Mullan

At This Time: Sunday 4th: Una Hewitt McQuade (1st Anniversary), Frances Keegan, Frank Ruddy, Joseph McParland,

Philomena Murphy , Eddie McNally , Damian Goodwin
 Monday 5th: (MM) Philomena McCann , Ellen Shankly, Charlie Farrell, Richard McCleery, Catherine Murray
 Tuesday 6th: Nora Rooney (1st Anniversary), John Creaney, Margaret Donnelly , Mary Black, Eugene McParland , Kathleen McCormac, Mary Hagan , Liam Corbally, James McCullough
 Wednesday 7th: Patsy Foy , Dr. Gerrard McAnallen , Isobella Cullen, Kathleen McGinley
 Thursday 8th: Peter Donnelly , Mary Thompson , Beatrice Hamill, Julia Hagan, Jennifer Donnelly
 Friday 9th: John Battersby , Peter Fay, Mary Ann Fearon, Mollie Smith, Mary McConville, Elaine Hamill
 Saturday 10th: Susan Fearnan, Mary Hooks, Ellen McCann

No devotions this evening.

Solemnity of the Epiphany - Masses
 Monday 7pm St. Patrick's Church.
 Tuesday 8.30am, 11.30am & 7pm St. John the Baptist Church.
 Tuesday 10am St. Patrick's Church.

Ministers of the Eucharist - January
 7pm- Maura Berry, Aine McCooe, Sharon Garland, Colm McCann. 8.30 am Geraldine Lawless, Margaret Marley, Catherine McCooe.
 10 am Winnie Breen, Ann Marie Hamill, Madeline O'Neill.
 11.30 am Bernie Mallon, Patricia Halfpenny, Rosaleen Hamill, Teresa Murphy
 St. Francis - Bernadette Breen.

Ministers of the Eucharist
 St. John the Baptist, week beginning 6th January Eddie McVeigh

Eucharistic Ministers meeting Tuesday 6th January after evening Mass.

Ministry of The Word - January
 7pm - Olivia McDonald.
 8.30 am David Greer.
 10 am Niamh Devlin, Aine McCreesh-West.
 11.30 am Ciara Burnett.

Ministry of The Word - Week beginning 5th January 10 a.m. Michael Sherry.
 7 p.m. Margaret Marley

Recent Baptisms: Rebecca Louise Rowney; Patrick Joseph McKeever

Msgr. Peter F Shields was the founder of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. As Director he organised for thousands of sick and hundreds of helpers to travel to Lourdes. He lived here in his younger days before being ordained in 1946 and kept in contact even recently with family friends. May the promises made by Jesus to those who follow Him, and the promise of Mary to Bernadette be fulfilled for him now. May he rest in peace.
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The sick and the housebound will be visited- Fr. White will visit his Thursday calls on Monday 5th January. Fr. O'Dwyer will visit his Tuesday & Wednesday calls on Tuesday 6th January.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday next in St. John the Baptist Church beginning at 6 p.m.

St. John's Accordion Band will join us for Mass next Saturday 11th January at 7pm.

St. John the Baptist Nursery School: application forms are now available for free pre-school places for September 2009 admissions. Closing date for applications is Wednesday 21st January 2009 at 12noon. For more information call or contact Mrs. Murtagh at 38339283.

GASt. Vincent De Paul Society
 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.

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

Offeratory Collection
 Sunday 28th December

TotalÂ Â Â£2639. 98
Thanks to all who contributed
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Reflection

THE LORD IS NEAR

In the moments of life when we need care beyond the ordinary, and in the ordinary cares, God is near in Jesus, the light of the world. In admitting our need for God, God is near.

In the moments of life when others need God and approach us in their needs, we feed them with the Word of God, the Bread of Life, with Jesus, who came among his own, the Word made flesh.

We need God, in our cries to him;
we feed God, in our service to others

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The child who is helpless and nourished by love, the quarrelling couple healed with forgiveness, the lonely person enlivened by friendship, all are fed by God, for God is near in the love and care for others.

Homeless, poor, abused, victims of greed, helpless in illness or depression, the Lord is near.

Home-care helpers, counsellors and social workers, people unravelling confusion and hopelessness, and the bread of life is given.

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The Lord is born when at any time we bring love to birth.

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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.

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A note to those who submit notices to the Bulletin.

The Communications Group, a sub-committee of the Parish Pastoral Council, met before Christmas. One of their tasks is to make sure that the Bulletin is used effectively and Parish based organisations and societies are encouraged to promote their work and activities and events. Other groups from within the Parish and outside the Parish also make use of the Bulletin from time to time.

Some weeks there is not enough space to include all notices, especially the last Sundays of the month when the list of Eucharistic Ministers and Readers for the following month is included. Some features should be more regular - feasts of the week; recent marriages; informative website details, for example.

It was also noted that some notices rarely if ever change.

In view of all this regular notices will not be guaranteed weekly space - so as to free up space for more intermittent notices and for special Church notices that may need more explanation - for example the upcoming Week of Prayer for Church Unity or Diocesan News.

I hope that all will accept these proposals and be understanding in their implementation.

prayerfully,Â Â Michael Oâ€™Dwyer

Drumcree College: Linda Mayâ€™s Dance Classes begin Monday 5th January; 5pm-6pm age 4-8years; 6pm-7pm age 9-18years. Starting soon on Monday nights adult beginners keep fit/aerobics. Wanted - old/used Christmas and greeting cards. Please leave at the College.

Presentation Sisters Koinonia Project: Programmes at 103 Thomas St. Programmes will resume the week of 12th January.

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.

Feasts of the week: Monday, St. Charles of St Andrew; Tuesday, The Epiphany; Wednesday, St. Raymond of Penyafort; next Sunday, The Baptist of the Lord.

St. Oliver Plunkett film on EWTN - Monday 5th January 3pm and Thursday 8th January 8pm.

St. Mary's Youth Centre

After Schools Club (8 - 11 yrs) every Tuesday 3 - 5 p.m.

Evening Club (12 yrs. +) Monday, Tuesday, Friday 7 - 10 p.m.

Membership £3. Subs 50p. All welcome.

St. Malachy's Hurling Club 50th Anniversary Banquet in Armagh City Hotel on Saturday 4th April 2009. Anyone wishing to attend please contact any of the following: Eamon Douglas - 07841694086; Leon Reynolds - 07917141444; Vincent McAleenan - 07979835935. Tickets £50 per person; Formal dress only.

Ashgrove Seniors Luncheon Club: Places available at the Luncheon Club on Tuesday and Thursday at 12 noon. Lunch & Bingo £1-50. If interested (over 60s), 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.

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. Any parent interested in educating their children through the Irish medium please contact Ciara at the Naiscoil 38391243.

Cumann Gaelach - Port-an-Dunain: Irish Class every Wednesday 8 - 9 p.m.

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