

1st February 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

1st February 2009

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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: Â

Fr. O'Dwyer 38350610

Fr. White 38332218

Parish Mobile - Emergency No. 07841101850

Requiescant In Pace

Lately deceased: Peter Jackson, Joe Rafferty, Sarah Connolly, Anna Morgan

Baby Ciaran Megaw died during the week - we pray for his parents and family

At This Time: Adelina De Fatima Lemos, Cosmi Ximenes, Doris Murphy, Stephen McVeigh, Joseph Donnelly, Rose

McShane, Catherine & James Doyle, Willie Hall, Sarah Williams, Alice Tate Sunday 1st: Tommy Lamph (1st

Anniversary), Margaret Loughran, Mary McCaffrey, Lily Brennan, Sarah McCaughley Monday 2nd: Peter Hughes (1st

Anniversary), John Murphy, Bridget Woolsey, Rosaleen Reynolds, Malachy McAlinden, John McAlinden, Jane McKeown,

Joe Grimss, Malachy Cumberton
 Tuesday 3rd: William John Quinn, Winifred Kelly, Deceased Members Armagh Diocesan Clerical Benefit Society
 Wednesday 4th: M.M. John (Jack) Hagan, Michael Breen, Annie Donnelly, Kathleen McGurgan, Neal Breen
 Thursday 5th: M.M. James Cullen, Gerald Byrne, Philomena Dunbar, Sarah Jordan, Edward Fearon
 Friday 6th: Richard McNally(1st Anniversary), Joseph Grimes, Eddie Grimes, Ronnie Magennis, Teresa Davidson, Joey Hanratty, Sarah Jane McCann, Margaret McNamee
 Saturday 7th: Lily McMahan, Desmond McCleery, Jack Roberts

Benediction in St. Patrick's Church this evening at 7 p.m.

First Friday Notices:

Confessions - Thursday 5th

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

St. John's 7.30 p.m.

Masses - Friday 6th

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

St. John's 7 p.m.

The sick and housebound will be visited as normal.

Ministers of the Eucharist

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 2nd February Martin Barlow

Ministry of The Word

Week beginning 2nd February 10 a.m. Peggy McKeever. 7 p.m. Aidan McCormack.

PALS - a meeting for all new and existing volunteers, Tuesday 3rd February after evening Mass in St. John's Meeting Room.

Francis Coll will be ordained deacon this Sunday in St. Patrick's Cathedral, for service in our Diocese. Keep him in your prayers. The Permanent Diaconate in the Archdiocese of Armagh - a CTS leaflet is available in the Churches and further information can be had from Fr. O'Dwyer or Fr. White.

St. Brigid, 1st February - renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. Born about 454, died 524. Her reputation spread to European countries. St. Brigid's Crosses will be blessed at Masses and devotions.

Monday 2nd - Presentation of the Lord, candles blessed at Masses.

Tuesday 3rd - St. Blaise - throats blessed at Masses

St. Agatha, Thursday 5th; St. Paul Miki, Friday 6th; St Mel, Saturday 7th.

World Day of the Sick - to mark this day the Sacrament of Anointing will be celebrated at 7 p.m. next Sunday, 8th February, in St. John the Baptist Church.

Armagh Hospitalite Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Annual pilgrimage 12th - 17th May. A limited number of both Assisted Pilgrim and Pilgrim places are available.

Application forms for Assisted Pilgrim Places are available from Sacristy of both Churches. Completed forms must be returned before Wednesday 4th February. To book pilgrim places contact Bernie Hanratty on 38361870. Direct flight ex Belfast, full board, 700 Euro. Lourdes Committee meeting on Wednesday 4th February after 7 p.m. Mass in St. John the Baptist Church.

St. John's Accordion Band will play at 10 a.m. Mass in St. Patrick's Church next Sunday 8th February to mark 21 yrs. in existence.

Recent Baptisms: Caoimhe Mary O'Connor, Conor Aaron Reynolds, Sean Cathal Kerr

Year of Vocation: God chooses ordinary people to speak his message. Try to perceive the voice of God in those around you. If you hear God's voice, harden not your heart. Log on to www.armaghvocations.org for vocation opportunities.

Ecumenical Prayer Service: thanks to all who helped with the refreshments last Friday, 23rd January at St. Patrick's Church.

I went to Mass in a different Parish last Sunday and didn't get a Parish Bulletin. How do I keep in touch with what's happening? If you have access to the internet you can view the Bulletin at the Parish website. www.drumcreeparish.com

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Offertory Collection

Sunday 25th January

Total £2686-85
Thanks to all who contributed
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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.

St. Paul: Called to be an apostle: to mark the year of St. Paul, this book is available for purchase at £6, at the CTS rack.

St. 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.
Tea Dance in Tir na nOg on Thursday 19th February. Ticket £2, available from shop. Bus details later.

Bringing up the gifts of bread and wine at 10 a.m. Mass in St. Patrick's Church on Sundays: Families who normally attend this Mass and would like to do this are asked to contact Francis.

Drumcree College: Linda May'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.

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.

Fatima 2009 - 4th June & 23rd July: 7 nights full board, Hotel Recinto. Full tours etc. accompanied by Spiritual Director. For more information and booking contact Rita O'Neill, tel. 90623186.

Presentation Sisters Koinonia Project: Programmes at 103 Thomas St. Weekly Meditation resumes Monday, 12th January, 7.30 p.m. Tai Chi Chih classes are Wednesday 7.30 p.m. and Thursday 11 a.m. at the Cascades Leisure Centre. For information or for appointments phone Sr. Brigid at 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.

Conwell School of Dance: Beginners classes atarting Wednesday 11th February, 8 p.m. in Ashgrove Community Centre. £5 per session or £26 for 6 week course. Call 38331650 for details or just turn up.

Tir Na nOg GFC U14 training Monday 5 - 6 p.m. U12 training 6 - 7 p.m. U10 7 - 8 p.m. All in Drumcree College.

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.

St. Mary's Women's Guild: Meeting in Ashgrove Community Centre on Wednesday 4th February at 8 p.m. Guest speaker. All welcome.

If you have moved house within the Parish in the past 12 months, or recently moved to the Parish, please complete and return the slip below. Place in collection basket or leave at either Parochial House.

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Address.....

Old
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Reflection

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And his reputation spread

They talked about him,
about the things he said and the way he said them,
about the people he healed and their confidence in him,
about his gentleness and compassion,
and the loving way he talked about his Father.

Some people liked one quality, others
another.
Some liked his smile, others liked his touch.
Some liked the new way of looking on
religion
and others liked the challenge in his message.

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And some did not like him -
the people who wanted to cheat the poor,
or oppress people with harsh
religion;
and people were guided by evil,
by greed or abuse or by sin,
heard about him, spoke badly of him,
cursed him, told lies about him.

Nobody was unmoved by this man.
His voice reached everyone,
his care for the poor, the lowly, the neglected,
challenged the powerful and
encouraged the weak.

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What have you heard of Jesus?
What attracts you?

Be glad that you love him,
be glad that you follow him,
be glad that that his reputation has spread to your life.