

1st March 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 March 2009

First Sunday of Lent

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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: Kathleen Fearon, Rita McPheafon, Fernando Moniz, Anthony Fay, Eileen McCoy, Catherine Kenny

At This Time: Mary Ellen Kelly, Rosaleen Magee, Alipio Jordao Do Carmo, Thomas James Reid, James O'Neill Kevin Atkinson, Marjorie O'Neill, Husu Misa ba Matebian, Rui Soares, Filomena de Fatima Borges Amaral

Sunday 1st: Martin Breen(1st Anniversary), Molly & Leo McCooe, James Mulholland, Nell Follis, Sarah Ann Fox,

Margaret McNeice, Barney McKeown, Bro P. Atkinson

Monday 2nd: Bill McAtamney, Brian McGeough, Kay McNally, Ita Freeburn, Mary Rafferty, Tommy McParland, Kitty O'Neill

Tuesday 3rd: Isadore Campbell(1st Anniversary), Mary Agnes Dunbar, Hugh McCoamac, Patrick Marley, Mary Catherine Campbell, Anastasia McKeever, Mary McAnallen, Patrick Kelly

Wednesday 4th: Vera Burke, Mary Austin, Mary Rafferty, Dr. Joseph Fearon, Sr. Agnes Collins

Thursday 5th: Peter Guy, Elizabeth Carson, Julie Litter, Patrick Gorman, Noel Kelly
 Friday 6th: James Conlon, Margaret McCusker
 Saturday 7th: Jimmy Sloan, Felix McKeever, Andy Mulligan, Christina McNally, Eileen Marley, Venia Prunty

Anniversaries late for bulletin should be left in the Sacristy for inclusion on the proper day.

Holy Hour - Year of Vocation - in St. Patrick's Church this evening 7 p.m. Theme: Call to Life - each of us is created in God's image and likeness. We celebrate anew that call to life.

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.
 Fr. White will visit his First Friday calls as usual.

Ministers of the Eucharist

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 2nd March Paddy Gorman.

Ministry of The Word

Week beginning 2nd March 10 a.m. Tommy Mallon. 7 p.m. Jerome Marley.

Evangelium continues Friday 6th March at 7.30pm The next module The Lord's Prayer takes place in St. John the Baptist Church. Preparatory reading could include questions 578 to 598 of the Compendium.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Ceremony of Light next Sunday, 8th March, in St. John the Baptist Church at 7 p.m. All those preparing for Confirmation, their families and sponsors should attend. All parishioners welcome to come and pray with and for our Confirmandi.

Parish gift programme for boys and girls making their Confirmation continues Friday 6th March at 6.30 p.m. in St. Mary's Youth Club. Confirmandi are encouraged to attend.

Womens World Day of Prayer Friday 6th March in

St. Patrick's Church at 8pm. Light supper following. As our parish is hosting, we look forward to a good turnout to welcome members of other churches.

Clustering: Strengthening Parishes for the 21st Century. Draft map of proposed Pastoral Areas of the Diocese available in Churches. Our proposed cluster included Kilmore, Loughgall and Tandragee. An open meeting will take place, with a Diocesan Facilitator, on Thursday 19th March in St. John the Baptist PS at 7.30 p.m. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

Liturgy: Fr. Paul Byrne, P.P. Coalisland, will give a talk on the Roman Missal on Tuesday 12th March in St. John the Baptist meeting room at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.

Sacrament of Marriage: congratulations to Maeve McCann and Owen Kerr who were married recently in St. Patrick's Church.

Recent Baptisms: Eimear Maria Brown, Szymon Lech, Fionn Joseph McConville, Daniel McCabe

ACCORD - Marriage Preparation Course in Armagh City Hotel as follows: Wednesdays 20th & 27th May and 3rd June all 7 - 10 p.m. Attendance required on all three evenings. Couples are advised to book places on courses at least ten months before the wedding.

Stations of the Cross on line from Diocese. Log on to www.prayerandspirituality.com Pray using your PC at home or at work.

aACCORDgh applications is Wednesday 21st

Janua Prayerful Reading for Lent: Walk with me - a Lenten journey of Prayer @ £1.

Stations of the Cross 20p. available in Churches.

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information call or contact Mrs. Murtagh at 38339283.

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Offertory Collection - Sunday 22nd

Total - Â£2750-13
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Reflection

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Jesus was tempted by Satan

We allow ourselves this day
to feel the courage of Jesus.

He had the courage to continue faithfully
what he had just begun -
the work his Father gave him to do.

And to remember the poor with love
in every decision he made.

His was the courage to lead his life
in such a way
even though he knew it would lead
to rejection and to death.

Often we are tempted
to give up on what is good,
to live lives of shallow hopes,
shallow relationships and shallow cares,
and we know that when we want to do something good,
another whisper or strong voice
suggests something else.

Then the Lord is near;
do we not need others in life
to encourage us in the good we want?

Can we allow Jesus,
the one who conquered his own temptations,
to encourage us in our efforts
to remain true in love to what is right?

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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.

Year of Vocation: As we begin this Lenten season we are reminded of the everlasting covenant God made with us.Â
Renew the promise you made with God.Â Believe in the Good News!Â Â Contact Fr. Paddy Rushe 00353 42 93 34259.

Minister of the Eucharist - March

Vigil - Bernadette Breen, Mary McAlinden, Thomas McCooe, Ruairi O'Hanlon.Â 8.30 a.m. Margaret Marley, Catherine McCooe, Geraldine Lawless.Â 10 a.m. Kathleen Hagan, Denis McKeever, Seamus McCaffrey.Â 11.30 a.m. Ann Murphy, Declan McAtarsney, Bronagh Hagan, Kate Guy.Â St. Francis - Jackie McKeown.

Ministry of The Word - March

Vigil - .Â 8.30 a.m. James Lawless.Â 10 a.m. Marcelle McAtarsney.Â 11.30 a.m. Gemma McKenna.

St. Vincent De Paul Society

Clothes shop, tel. 38393898 orÂ Furniture shop tel. 38394219,Â in Mayfair Business Centre, Garvaghy Road.Â Opening hours Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.Â Saturday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.Â NEW SELF HELP LINE - 38339639.Â Response within 48 hours.

Presentation Sisters Koinonia Project:Â Programmes at 103 Thomas St.Â Lenten Mini Retreat Saturday 7th March 10.45-1.45.Â Weekly MeditationÂ Monday,Â 7.30 -8.30p.m.Â T'ai Chi Chih Wednesday 7.30 p.m. and Thursday 11 a.m. at the Cascades Leisure Centre.Â For information or for appointments phone Sr. BrigidÂ 38332220 or e-mail brigidkavanagh@btinternet.com

Ashgrove Community Centre:Â Art Class Wednesdays 7 - 9 p.m. (beginners welcome).Â If interested phone Jim Cunningham 07711981732 or 38344543.

