

15th 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

15th March 2009

Third Sunday of Lent

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.

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

Phone Numbers:

Fr. O'Dwyer 38350610

Fr. White 38332218

Parish Mobile - Emergency No. 07841101850

Requiescant In Pace

Lately deceased: Eileen McCoy, Catherine Kenny, Aoife Crummie, Angelina McNamara, Jacinta Pereira Das Neves, Joey Kelly, Gertie Nugent, Rose Corr, Wendy Ann O'Hare

At This Time: Francie Brown, Charlie & Maggie Campbell, Julia Bennett, Stephen McGurk, Rose Mangan, Thomas McConville, Michael Robinson, Danny Robinson, Matilda Donnelly

Sunday 15th: Kathleen Corr, Peter Nichols, Pat Waters, Bella McGuigan, Frank McShane, John Garvey

Monday 16th: M.M. Aloysius Tennyson, Seamus McCann, Bridie Lambe, Thomas

Molloy, Lily McKeever, Bernadette Carvill, John Keegan, John Hollywood, Patricia Jean Fitzpatrick

Tuesday 17th: Catherine McCoy, William Carvill(Sen), Susan McBennett, Gerry McCann, Patrick Lavery, Sarah

Mulholland, Sarah Byrne Wednesday 18th: Annie Cavanagh, Christopher Mangan, Sr. Gertrude Taggart, James

Taggart, Bernadette Matchett, John McGarry, Frank Kelly, Maurice Rafferty, Sean Kelly, Annie Matchett, Mary McDonald
Thursday 19th: M.M. Fernando Moniz, Frankie McParland(1st Anniversary) Owen McCann, Mary Haughian
Friday 20th: John Molloy Saturday 21st: Mary Quinn(1st Anniversary), Mary Vallely, Frank McLoughlin

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

St. Patrick's Day Masses:
Monday - 7 p.m. St. Patrick's
Tuesday - 8.30 a.m. & 11.30 a.m.(In Irish) in St. John the Baptist Church.
10 a.m. in St. Patrick's Church.
No Mass Tuesday evening.

The annual church door collection for the Irish Language will be taken up after Masses on St. Patrick's Day.

Ministers of the Eucharist
St. John the Baptist, week beginning 16th March Maura Berry.

Ministry of The Word
Week beginning 16th March 10 a.m. Patricia Doran 7 p.m. Mary McAlinden.

Evangelium continues Friday 20th March at 7.30pm The next module is on 'The Trinity' and takes place in St. John the Baptist Church. Preparatory reading could include questions 33 - 50 and 136 - 146 of the Compendium. All welcome.

Parish gift programme for boys and girls making their Confirmation continues Friday 20th March at 6.30 p.m. in St. Mary's Youth Club. Confirmandi are encouraged to attend.

Recent Baptisms: Niamh Olivia Findlay , Brandon Lee Litter, Comhghall Noel Liggett, Darren Mackin
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.

Church Leaders Pastoral Letter 'TOGETHER FOR GOOD' following last week's murderous events available in Church

ACCORD - Marriage Preparation Course in Armagh City Hotel as follows:- Wednesday 20th May, Wednesday 27th May and Wednesday 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. FACILITATORS REQUIRED FOR MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES. For more information contact ACCORD, 1 Tavanagh Avenue, Portadown, phone 38334781.

THANKS! Sincere thank you to all who helped make our World Day of Prayer evening a special event. Those sharing with us from other churches expressed their gratitude over and over. They experienced a wonderful welcome from all who participated. Your support is deeply appreciated.

Cultra: Mass will be celebrated in the old church on Sunday 21st June. Please tell your family and friends who live away from the Parish.

Offertory Collection - Sunday 8th
Total - £2699-37
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Reflection
True religion

A prophet once said that true religion means to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God.

Religion can be a means of praising God or serving self,

of service to others,
or caring for self.

It can diminish people,
make them guilty always in the sight of God,
and then it misses the first grace of any faith:
that God loves each of us,
a love that dwells within us
as real as blood in our veins
the muscles in our limbs,
the hair on our head.

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Religion can keep the poor more needy,
encouraging an unthinking acceptance
of the inequality among people.
And it misses then another grace,
that we are brothers and sisters,
and all we are given is for the service of others.

Jesus was angry in the temple,
because of the greed of the sellers,
who were exploiting the poor in the name of religion,
(for the poor had to buy there
the ingredients of their sacrifice),
and mocking the house of God.

And God is angry when people are
exploited, used, abused,
in any way -
physically, emotionally, spiritually.Â
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God asks us in Jesus
to share his anger
when in his name
peopleâ€™s dignity is diminished,
or love is abused,
or the poor are exploited
or when he himself is neglected.
This is true religion:
to act justly,
love tenderly
and walk humbly with our God.

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:Â Godâ€™s commandments lead us on the path to life.Â What path will you choose to walk?Â Pray for
wisdom.Â Â Contact Fr. Paddy Rushe 00353 42 93 34259.

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 Weekly MeditationÂ Monday,Â 7.30 -8.30p.m.Â
Tâ€™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.

N. Ireland Hospice - Big Walk Week 28th March - 4th April.Â To find out more visit nihospice.org or call 90777123

Drumcree House of Health:Â 6 week smoking cessation seminar run by The Health Promotion Agency (free).Â Active Kidz
programme (in conjunction with Club VO2).Â Reduces the risk of children becoming overweight. (free). Yoga every

Tuesday 6.30 p.m. - 8 p.m. and Friday 11 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. For information call 38334522.

Feasts: St. Patrick Tuesday 17th; St. Cyril Wednesday 18th; St. Patrick's Day Sunday 19th; St. Joseph Saturday 20th; St. Patrick's Day Sunday 21st.

Renew Your Wedding Vows: Marriage Encounter is a weekend away for married couples of all ages with a stable relationship. The date for the next Marriage Encounter weekend is 27th - 29th March in Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry. For information phone 028 90 626503 or 02871350612.

Memorial Service - 10th Anniversary - Rosemary Nelson. Sunday 15th March at 6.30 p.m. in Drumcree Community Centre. All welcome.

Join Bãthar on a week long trek following the footsteps of Francis of Assisi this October. Bãthar use livestock in development aid projects throughout the developing world. For further details contact Bãthar on 071 20100 or by email at events@bothar.ie.

Bannside Development Centre: Arts and Crafts Classes from 7 - 8.30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday. English classes Thursday 10 a.m. I.C.T. for beginners. Homework Club 3.15 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. Phone 38339916. Cãili Mãr - McElhinney Cãili Band - Saturday 14th March - 9.30 p.m. - 12.30. Tãjille/Admission £5. Ashgrove Community Centre.

GATE - Diocesan Youth Magazine on sale in Churches @ £1.50

Marie Curie Fundraising Group - An Evening of Song with Lurgan Musical Society on Friday 20th March at 8 p.m. in Lurgan Town Hall. Tickets are £5.

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 Moy Road Parochial House.

Name.....

New Address.....

Old Address.....