

## 22nd 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

22nd March 2009

Fourth 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: Aoife Crummie, Angelina McNamara, Jacinta Pereira Das Neves, Joey Kelly, Gertie Nugent, Rose Corr, Wendy Ann O'Hare, Paul Kelly, Stephen Gibbens

At This Time: Harry Murray, Thomas Michael Kelly, James Bunting

Sunday 22nd: Elizabeth McCann, Elizabeth Creaney, Terry Davis, Sarah Kelly, Gerald Toland,

Kitty Daly, Alice Daly Â

Monday 23rd: Felix Dalzell, Mary McKeever, Peter Kelly, Nano McKeown, Joseph Marley, Rosalie Taggart, Jack

Grimley Â

Tuesday 24th: M.M. Eileen McCoy, Daniel O'Neill, Harry Breen, Mary Ann Shevlin, Pat Shevlin, Sue McNally, James

Creaney, Owen Brankin

Wednesday 25th: Georgina Creaney(1st Anniversary), Mary McLoughlin, Mary Muldoon, Kathleen Thornbury, Nancy Heyburn, Renate Kleffel, Peggy Hendron, Ellen Lappin, Anne Mulholland

Thursday 26th: Ralph McNally, Patrick Bunting, James Marley, Agnes McCann, Peter James McCann, Jim McClean, Eamon O' Callaghan

Friday 27th: Noel Toland, Jimmy Connolly, Kathleen Vallely, Dan McAreavey

Saturday 28th: Martin McCourt

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

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Annunciation of the Lord Wednesday 25th march. Evening Mass to celebrate the Year of Vocation organised by St. Joseph's Young Priests Society - monthly meeting after Mass.

Ministers of the Eucharist

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 23rd March Martin Barlow.

Ministry of The Word

Week beginning 23rd March 10 a.m. Belle Oliver. 7 p.m. Margaret Marley.

Parish Pastoral Council meeting on Thursday 26th March at 7.30 p.m.

Evangelium continues Friday 27th March at 7.30pm The next module is on 'The Church' and takes place in St. John the Baptist Church. Preparatory reading could include questions 147-195 of the Compendium. All welcome.

Recent Baptisms: Joab de Oliveria Silva, Lucia Clementina Guterres

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First Penance: Presentation PS Thursday 26th March at 6 p.m. in St. Patrick's Church.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Bishop Gerard Clifford will visit the Parish next Sunday to confirm 93 young people. The ceremony begins at 3pm in St. John the Baptist Church.

Diocesan Youth Officer (21 hours per week). The Archdiocese wishes to employ a Diocesan Youth Officer for 1 year, to work alongside the Diocesan Youth Director. Further details can be downloaded from www.archdioceseofarmagh.com or by contacting Pierce Fox at the Armagh Diocesan Youth Office, Tel. 37525592 - E mail armaghyouth@yahoo.co.uk

Envelopes 2009/2010 are available in the Church for collection. If there are any changes or errors please come into the Sacristy after Mass this weekend.

Bogus Callers!! Be aware of bogus callers asking for sponsorship for St. Mary's Y.C. U16 football team. No such event is being organised. Individuals have been conning local people in recent days. If you have any concerns please contact the Youth Centre on 38337524.

May God bless our mothers and all who mother us throughout our lives - and give eternal life to those who have died.

Portadown Lourdes Committee: The committee would like to thank the family of Imelda Farrell(RIP) for their very kind donation of £1000 to the Lourdes Fund.

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

Offertory Collection - Sunday 15th

Total - £2688-55

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Reflection

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That we may not be lost

To be lost is a frightening experience,  
like a child losing a parent in a big shop.  
Maybe losing direction in marriage or a job,  
losing health, good looks, life itself.

When we're lost we need a signpost,

or some way of finding direction.

Jesus is our way, our direction,  
our signpost through life to God.

He is lifted up;  
so that in every dangerous experience of life,  
we can see him, our risen Lord on  
Calvary.

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In illness or depression, we know his presence,  
in poverty and injustice, we know his care,  
in mourning and loss, we know his compassion,  
in our efforts to ease the pain of others,  
we know he is with us,  
we are his hand, his heart, his love today.

He is lifted up,  
never out of our sight,  
for God gave his only Son  
so that we might not be lost,  
but have eternal life.

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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:Â God loves the world so much and blesses us with the gift of his son, Jesus.Â Receive and share this gift of love.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.

Â Presentation Sisters Koinonia Project:Â Programmes at 103 Thomas St.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.

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.Â For information call 38334522.

Feasts: St.Turibius Monday 23rd;Â St. Macartan Tuesday 24th;Â The Annunciation of The Lord Wednesday 25th.

Buddy Bear Trust:Â Conductive education school for children with cerebral palsy - information and Good Neighbour Nights in Craic Theatre, Coalisland on Thursday 26th March at 7.30 p.m.Â Table Quiz in Tom's Bar, Dungannon on Friday 27th March.

Drumcree College:Â "We've Got talent" Thursday 26th March at 8 p.m., by pupils of local primary schools and Drumcree College.Â Tickets Â£5 on sale now in the college.  
Aerobic classes every Monday night 7.15 - 8.15 p.m.Â New members always welcome.Â Â Phone 38334725.

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

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

FACILITATORS REQUIRED FOR MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES. For more information contact ACCORD, 1 Tavanagh Avenue, Portadown, phone 38334781.

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.

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.

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.