

29th 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

29th March 2009

Fifth 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.

Phone Numbers:

Fr. O'Dwyer 38350610

Fr. White 38332218

Parish Mobile - Emergency No. 07841101850

Requiescant In Pace

Lately deceased: Wendy Ann O'Hare, Paul Kelly, Jose Varela Guterres, Michael Smith, Margaret Austin

At This Time: Johnny Coleman, Ana Maria do Rego, Filomeno Soares, Vanessa Araigo,

Dan McAreavy, Zeroberto Jeronimo, Rita De Jesus, Frank Reid, Brigid Brown, Kathleen Brown

Sunday 29th: Margaret Lyness, Hugh Daly, Peter Lynn, Teresa Wright, Terry McConville,

Paddy Wilson

Monday 30th: Maria & Bill Hall, Patrick Lappin, Rita Kelly, Davy Wilson

Tuesday 31st: Mary Josephine Mulholland, Hans & Gerda Heinhold, Pat O'Neill,

Elizabeth O'Neill

Wednesday 1st: Dorothy Trainor, Denis McGuigan

Thursday 2nd: M.M. Stephen Fruin Gibbens, Henry McGuigan, Mary King, Patrick Mulholland
Friday 3rd: Elizabeth & Joe Corr
Saturday 4th: M.M. Aoife Crummie, Kathleen Crozier, Vincent Creaney, Alice Marley

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

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Sacrament of Confirmation: We welcome Bishop Gerard Clifford today as he visits the Parish to confirm 93 young people. The ceremony begins at 3pm in St. John the Baptist Church. All welcome.

First Friday Notices

Confessions - Thursday 2nd

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

St. John's - 7.30 p.m.

Masses - Friday 3rd

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 usual.

Ministers of the Eucharist - April

Vigil Sharon Garland, Colm McCann, Patsy Lambe, Theresa McCaffrey. 8.30 a.m.

Martin Barlow, Eddie McVeigh, Patsy

Hanratty. 10 a.m. Winnie Breen Ann Marie Hamill, Madeline O'Neill. 11.30 a.m. Bernie Mallon, Patricia Halfpenny, Rosaleen Hamill, Nicola Fay. St. Francis Eithne McAtarsney. St. John the Baptist, week beginning 30th March Teresa McCaffrey.

Ministry of The Word - April

Vigil Louise Wilson. 8.30 a.m. Caroline

Lavery. 10 a.m. Margaret Donovan, Damian Russell. 11.30 a.m. Margaret

Marley. Week beginning 30th March 10 a.m. Aidan McCormack. 7 p.m. David Greer.

Confessions - Saturday 4th April after evening Mass in St. John the Baptist

Novena - Monday evening - prayers available on sheet at back of Church.

Evangelium continues Friday 3rd April at 7.30pm This final module is on 'Liturgy and Sacraments' and takes place in St. John the Baptist Church. Preparatory reading could include questions 218-250 of the Compendium. All welcome.

Recent Baptisms: Issey Mae Byrne

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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 St John the Baptist Church sacristy for collection. If there are any changes or errors please come into the Sacristy after Mass this weekend.

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 22nd

Total - £2967.56

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Reflection

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A Lenten Prayer

My God, I love you,
with love not born of yearning
For reward.

No, Lord,
rather am I overwhelmed
that you hugged me to your heart upon the cross.

The nails, the spear, the searing shame,
sorrow, anguish, shattering stress,
and death itself -
All this you bore for me,
for me in all my sin and sorrow,
anguish and shame.

How could it be that I should love you not?
Most loving Lord!
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Put aside all prize or punishment
of any sort,
you sweep me up in love and
breathless I can only say,
I love you, Lord,
and I will love you always -
love my king,
My very God.Â Amen.

Prayer of St. Francis Xavier

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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 To be God's servant, we must follow Jesus.Â Have the desire to see where Jesus lives.Â Serve the poor and marginalized.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 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.Ceallach Wednesday 1st;Â St. Francis of Paola Thursday 2nd;Â St. Isidore Saturday 4th.

St. Mary's Women's Guild:Â Meeting in Ashgrove Community Centre on Wednesday 1st April at 8 p.m.Â Guest Speaker.Â All welcome.

Drumcree College:Â Aerobic classes every Monday night 7.15 - 8.15 p.m.Â New members always welcome.Â Â Phone 38334725.

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.Â For more informationÂ Â Â Â contact ACCORD, 1 Tavanagh Avenue, Portadown, phone 38334781.

Join BÃ³thar on a week long trek following the footsteps of Francis of Assisi this October.Â BÃ³thar use livestock in development aid projects throughout the developing world.Â For further details contact BÃ³thar 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.Â English classes Thursday 10 a.m.Â I.C.T. for beginners. Â

Homework Club 3.15 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.Â Phone 38339916.

Thornton Trust - Lunchtime Concert, Thursday 2nd April at 1.10 p.m. in Millennium Court Arts Centre, William Street.Â Admission Free.

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Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela: walking the way of St James and culminating in Santiago will take place from 21st to 28th July. This route has been walked for hundreds of years by pilgrims from all over Europe and it allows pilgrims to encounter the natural beauty and culture of the region and to share in and be part of the experience of the thousands of pilgrims who have already walked the way. For further information and booking contact Fr Peter McAnenly, Dungannon tel: 87722631.