

17th May 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

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17th May 2009

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mass Times:

St. John the Baptist

Saturday Â Â 7 p.m.

Sunday Â Â Â Â 8.30 & 11.30 a.m.

St. Patrick's

Sunday Â Â Â 10 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

St. John the Baptist

Tuesday - Friday 7p.m.

St. Patrick's

Monday - Saturday Â 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 Â 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

Ministers of the Eucharist Â

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 18th May Martin Barlow.

Ministry of The Word

Week beginning 18th May 10 a.m. Belle Oliver. Â 7 p.m. Paddy Gorman.

Visit to Shrine of St. Charles of Mount Argus: those interested in travelling should leave their name in the sacristy.

Adoration: Â Meeting of the Adoration Group on 20th May in St. John the Baptist meeting room after evening Mass.

Sacrament of Marriage: Â congratulations to Claire McCourt and Colin Prentice who were married recently.

Recent Baptisms: Lily Skelton-Lambe

Feasts: Monday 18th St. John I; Wednesday 20th St. Bernadine of Siena; Thursday 21st St. Christopher Megallanes & Companions Martyrs; Friday 22nd St. Rita of Cascia;

Mission Awareness: we welcome Fr. Brendan Hoban, Columban Father, who will speak at Masses this weekend and visit Parish schools.

First Communion: Saturday next, 23rd May at 11 a.m., we welcome the children from Ballyoran P.S. who will make their First Holy Communion, and their families, to the Church of St. John the Baptist.

Parish Pastoral Council.

Following last week's election the following Parishioners have been voted onto the Parish Pastoral Council:

- Colm Hagan Moy Road
- Pat Hagan Ashley Heights
- Gemma Hamill Ballyoran Heights
- Shiela Henderson Andre Drive
- Annie Jordan Harcourt Hill
- Jim McCooe Ashbrook
- Jerome Marley Alexandra Avenue
- Marie Marley Bogner Terrace

As voting was so close seven were elected instead of six; and Gemma will represent the SHYNE Group.

Thanks to all who participated as nominees and voters. Let us pray for each other and may God bless all our tomorrows and all our endeavours.

Next Parish Pastoral Council meeting on Thursday 21st May at 7.30pm after evening Mass.

Cemetery Sunday 7th June at 11.30am Mass.

St. Mary's Church, Aughnacloy - Thanksgiving

Festival of Flowers: 29th May 11.30 a.m - 6 p.m. 30th May 11.30 a.m. - 6 p.m. 31st May 12.30 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Dominican Nuns - Vocation discernment weekends - 19th - 21st June. Young women interested please contact Sr. Breda, Monastery of St. Catherine of Sienna, tel. 00353 419838524.

Christian Aid Week - Envelopes for donations available in both Churches.

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Offertory Collection - Sunday 10th

Total - £2725-95

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Requiescant In Pace

Lately deceased: Gerald McKeown, Marie Pennington, Sharon McNamara, Marian Cunningham, Jim Speers, Edel Fox, John McCann, Joan Farnon, Annie Monaghan, Peggy McAlinden

At This Time: Betty Blacker, Alice Clare Morgan

Sunday 17th: George Greer, Sarah McKeever, Lena McCann, Edward Fearnon, Bobby Matchett, Isabella Gribbon, Patrick Beattie

Monday 18th: Margaret Hollywood, Lily Garvey, Dymrna Breen, Tommy Falls, Chris Adams

Tuesday 19th: John Handy, Franko Duffy, Dermot Connolly, Martin Murphy

Wednesday 20th: M.M. Rita Murray, Frances Foy, James McDonnell, Leo McCourt, Edith O'Neill

Thursday 21st: Annie Breen(1st Anniversary), Billy Bogues, Gerard Beattie, Jack O'Neill

Friday 22nd: Patrick Henry Lavery, Dr. Marie McAnallen

Saturday 23rd: M.M. Nan Reid, Junior McConville, Elizabeth O'Hanlon, John Donnelly, Angela Kelly, Gerald McAlinden

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

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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.

It was God who chose us to go forth and bear fruit that will last. Let your heart rejoice in God's call to you. What is the fruit of your life? Contact Fr. Paddy Rushe 00353 42 93 34259.

St. Vincent De Paul Society
Clothes shop, tel. 38393898 or Furniture shop tel. 38394219 in
Mayfair Business Centre, Garvagh 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.

SPRED - Wednesday in Drumcree Community Centre at 7.30 p.m. Enquiries to 38392568.

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.

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.

U8 - U10 Inaugural GAA Tournament

To mark 125 years of the GAA Tir Na nOg are organising their first tournament for U 8's & U10's. Ten local teams with

up to 300 children are taking part. It begins at 10 a.m. Sunday 17th May at Tir Na nOg pitch and will end at 3 p.m. with
presentation in the clubrooms and concluding liturgy in St. John the Baptist Church. This will be a fun packed day for
local children and parents and families are encouraged to attend to show support for their children.

Drumcree House of Health: Active Kidz programme (in conjunction with Club VO2). 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.

Voting in State elections - have you a vote or do you need a postal/absent vote? Contact Electoral Office in Banbridge.

St. Mary's Youth Centre: Hip Hop Dance Classes for 11 - 14 yr olds are being held every Friday 7.15 p.m. - 8.15 p.m.
Cost 50p members, £1 non members. All welcome.

H.U.G. Project 2009 - Kathryn Tiffney thanks all local businesses, schools, organisations and individuals who helped with
recent fundraising for Kenya. Your generosity has been overwhelming and greatly appreciated.

Dear Parishioners,

an article appeared in a publication last Sunday concerning our Parish. We feel a response is necessary.

Some coffin panels were left in a burning area for rubbish at the far end of a field adjacent to the Parish Cemetery. They came from the broken remains of a coffin from another Parish.

The article was entitled 'Locals ask how casket ended up in grave dump.' It was not a casket but a side panel of a casket. But who did the 'locals' ask? At no time did anyone ask the priest, sacristan, cemetery caretaker or cemetery manager who could have provided a straightforward explanation. If the people were so concerned surely this should have been the first port of call rather than running to a newspaper.

The article also quoted that 'there have rumours circulating.' This statement says more about the person who contacted the newspaper and the publication itself than anything else. If they wish to deal in rumours, that is an indication of their character. If they had wished to find out the truth all they had to do was ask and to find out the explanation was very simple.

The reporting of the story leaves much to be desired and we hope that other people will not be upset or caused any unnecessary grief by some of the reporting.

prayerfully,

Very Reverend Michael O'Dwyer PP

Reverend Brian White CC

Reflection

That my own joy may be in you

We search for joy and love in life:
in our emptiness and our yearnings,
our hurts and our griefs,
our loneliness and our boredom,
we want joy,
and we want to be loved.

And in friendships and loves,
in the moments of peace and harmony
among family and with friends,
there are glimpses of joy and of love,
and we know that the human heart
is made for joy and love
that is everlasting.

Let's be thankful:
for the joy and love of life,
for the joy and love of children,
of husbands, wives and family;
for the joy and love of friends,
of neighbours and of colleagues,
and for the joy and love
we shared with those who have gone before us.

And let's be hopeful
in times where all this is missing,
that it is not missing forever.
When love is hurt or joy is muddied,
let's be hopeful
that we will find such joy again;
and let even the ache for joy and love
remind us of love and joy that lasts forever:
the love and joy of God.