

21st February 2010

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

21st February 2010

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

Minister of the Eucharist

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 23rd February Mary McAlinden, Maura Berry.

Ministry of The Word

Week beginning 22nd February 10 a.m.

Patricia Doran 7 p.m. Ursula Barlow.

First Communion: children preparing, along with their parents and families, will attend Mass next weekend:

Ballyoran CPS - Saturday 7 p.m.

Presentation PS - Sunday 10 a.m.
St. John the Baptist PS & Bunscoil - Sunday 11.30 a.m.

The Permanent Diaconate: Â
The Archdiocese of Armagh is now accepting applications for its discernment year for the permanent diaconate beginning in October 2010.Â The Year of Discernment consists of six weekends from October to June, then candidates may formally apply for acceptance to the three year formation programme leading to ordination.Â Applicants should be aged 35 - 60.Â Applications must be received no later than 31st May 2010.Â Contact one of the priests for details of how to apply, or alternatively contact Fr. John Gates, Diocesan Director, 028 79632439 or email jgatesbrack@btconnect.com

ALPHA - The course continues on Wednesday

St. Joseph's Young Priest Society:
meeting on Tuesday 23rd February after evening Mass in St. John the Baptist meeting room (note change of date).

Women's World Day of Prayer - Friday 5th March at 8 p.m. in St. Columba's Church, Loughgall Road.
All are welcome.

Knock Marriage Introductions Bureau:Â Â The aim of the Bureau is to introduce people considering marriage to a suitable marriage partner.Â Over 800 marriages have taken place as a result of these introductions.Â If you are searching for a suitable partner, why not consider applying?Â For further information contact the Bureau at Knock, phone 00353949375960 or visit the website www.knockmarriagebureau.com

Precious Life:Â 40 Days for Life Lenten CampaignÂ parishes across N. Ireland are encouraged to unite with parishes in the USA, Canada and Australia for a 40 day campaign to end abortion.Â For more information please contact 028 90278484 or info@preciouslife.com

Recent Baptisms:Â Jack Martin McQuaid

Feasts:Â Tuesday 23rd St. Polycarp.

Servite Priory, Benburb:Â Lent Retreat, Sunday 28th February, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.Â Offering Â£20 (including meals).Â To bookÂ phone 37548241/37548533.

Trip to Drumcree Old Church in Cultra on Sunday 27th June.

Fr. O'Dwyer and Fr. White
thank all who contributed to
the February Dues
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"Walk with me" - Lenten journey prayer book now available in Churches.

Requiescant In Pace

Lately deceased: Elizabeth Freeburn, Sr. Carmel Mulligan, Jim Hughes
At This Time:Â Fernando Moniz(1st Anniversary), Agnes McCullaugh, Peter McKeown, Charlie McVeigh, Robert Jones, Margaret Smythe, Afonso Cudalai, Sofia Soares, Fernando Cavaterra, Herna Guterres
Sunday 21st :Â Vincent Byrne, Joseph Litter, Sean Gorman, Kevin Heatley, Owen McCann, Joseph Marley, Stephen Murphy, Josie FlemingÂ Â
Monday 22nd:Â Edward Murphy, John McConville, Ellen Fearon, John Woolsey, James O'Neill Â
Tuesday 23rd:Â Molly Murphy, Thomas John Reid, Peter Kelly, Rose Judge Â
Wednesday 24th: Eileen McCoy(1st Anniversary), Jane Benson, John McGuigan, Charlie O'NeillÂ Â
Thursday 25th:Â Maire Jackson, Winifred McConaghy, Pat Shevlin, John McNally, Elizabeth Murphy
Friday 26th: Patsy Wilson, Nora Cullen, Brendan Smyth, Jack & Eileen Derry, Hugh Blacker
Saturday 27th:Â MM Briega McKeown, Mary Lucy McKeever, Etta Burns, Sarah Mallon, Kevin Atkinson, Marjorie O'Neill

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.

St. Vincent De Paul Society

URGENTLY REQUIRED - Baby Clothes and Small Girls Clothes.

Clothes shop, tel. 38393898 or Furniture shop tel. 38394219, in Mayfair Business Centre, Garvaghy 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.

Cumann Seanchais Ard Mhaca - the first lectures in the Spring 2010 series will be held on Wednesday 3rd March at 8 p.m. in the O'Fiaich Library, Armagh. Dr. Thomas McErlean, University of Ulster Archaeologist, will talk about "Medieval tide mills in Strangford Lough at Nendrum Monastery".

Drumcree Community Centre: Young Parent's Group, - if you are a parent under 25yrs come along with your child. 11 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. 9th and 23rd February; 9th and 23rd March. Sparkles - group for parents, grandparents, minders or anyone who looks after a child 0-4yrs - every Wednesday 1030am-12.30pm Feileacan - parent and child group Fridays 2pm-3.30pm

Drumcree House of Health: Women's Drop-in Night Tuesday 6.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. Young Peoples Health Drop-in Monday 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. This confidential service on all aspects of health (male or female) under 25 yrs. Phone Jennifer or Linda on 38334522 for more details.

Bannside Development Centre: Homework Club £1 per day. I.C.T. a 16week course for beginners starting mid-January. English Classes Thursday morning 10am Arts and Crafts Classes from 7 - 8.30pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. For more information contact Carol on 38339916.

St. Malachy's Hurling Club - U14 Registration Night, Tuesday 23rd February, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. in Ashgrove Community Centre. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Tir Na nOg GFC: U10 Training in Drumcree College Tuesdays 6.30 p.m. Bingo - Tuesday 8.15 p.m.

St. Mary's Youth Centre - Girls Football Coaching every Monday evening 7.15 - 8.15 p.m. Ages 10 - 14 yrs. Cost £1. Begins Monday 22nd February. For more information phone Centre 38337524.

Save the Children: Coffee Morning in Armagh Road Presbyterian Church Hall on Friday 5th March, 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon. Admission £5 (includes coffee). All welcome.

Cumann Gaelach - Irish Class every Thursday in Ashgrove Community Centre, 8 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Faillte Isteach - Recording an Epic Journey: Legendary RTE broadcaster Donacada O'Dualing is making a live recording of his epic journey from Slane to Rome following the route taken by the Flight of the Earls in 1607. The first day is Sunday March 21st, Crossing the Border, Day 2 of the journey will see Donacada recording 3 walks - 1 from Dundalk to Silverbridge, 2 Silverbridge to Newtownhamilton via Cullyhanna and 3 Newtownhamilton to Armagh. This journey is taking place as part of the celebrations of the Irish Wheelchair Association's 50th anniversary and we are asking for the people of this area to come and support us on the day. Interested? The Irish Wheelchair Association can help you travel on this great journey by advising and authorising you on how to raise the necessary funds. For further information or a walk brochure please ring 00353 429374186/ 00353877774700, email seamus.casey@iwa.ie

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 Parochial House.

Name.....

Address.....

Old Address/Parish

Reflection
Following the way of Jesus

As we set our feet on the path of Jesus,

temptations will come to follow other paths,
to give our energy and commitment to other ways,
to look for life and happiness away from God.

The temptation to Jesus was
to live for himself;
like the instinct in each of us
to see ourselves as number one.
Jesus' conviction, spread in his works
of healing the sick in mind and body,
of consoling people in all sorts of situations,
and teaching the way to God,
and finally in his death on the Cross,
is that true fulfilment
is in being men and women of God for
others.

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He was son of God for us,
not for himself;
the temptation was
to turn the spotlight on himself
and accept a life of comfort,
concerned with honour, wealth and power.

The gifts of personality that each has
are to fit us for our journey of life,
and to be shared with all we meet on
the journey of life we share.

Our wealth, learning, talents -
all we have received in our upbringing,
all we have received from God -
are to enrich not only ourselves,
but are given for the life of the world.

Called by God to be
men and women for others,
we may be tempted to use
our love and our talents,
even faith and religion,
just for ourselves.

May we walk in the path of true life,
may we create a world of equality and justice,
where the dignity of people
is valued as much as the dignity of God.

In Jesus we are brothers and sisters,
men and women for others.
Together may we walk on the
path of life eternal.

A MINUTE IN EVERY HOUR! Â
AN HOUR IN EVERY DAY! Â
A DAY IN EVERY WEEK

10 MINUTES OF PEACE AT 10 AM
ON 10TH DAY OF 10TH MONTH
20TEN.