

## 14th March 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

14th March 2010

Fourth 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 & 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

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament in St. John the Baptist Church today, commencing 4 p.m. and concluding with Benediction at 7 p.m.

May God bless all mothers and those who mother us. " And eternal life to those who gave us earthly life.

#### St. Patrick's Day Masses:

St. John the Baptist Church - Tuesday 7 p.m.

Wednesday 8.30 a.m. & 11.30 a.m. (The 11.30 a.m. Mass will be celebrated in Irish)

St. Patrick's Church - Wednesday 10 a.m.

#### Minister of the Eucharist

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 16th March Eddie McVeigh, Teresa McCaffrey

Ministry of The Word

Week beginning 15th 10 a.m. Michael Sherry. 7 p.m. Pat Hagan.

Sacrament of Confirmation - those preparing, along with their parents, families and friends, will attend Mass this weekend as part of their preparation.

Ballyoran P.S. Saturday 13th at 7 p.m.

Presentation P.S. Sunday 14th at 10 a.m.

St. John the Baptist P.S. and Bunscoil

Sunday 14th at 11.30 a.m. - Bunscoil

Ceremony of Light for Rang 6 and Rang 7 will follow 11.30am Mass.

Sacrament of Confirmation for Rang 6 and Rang 7 Bunscoil Eoin Baiste on Saturday 20th March in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh at 5 p.m.

Recent Baptisms: Katie Lily Anderson

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NOTES

Pastoral Council meeting - Thursday 18th March after evening Mass.

Parish Weekly Envelopes April 2010 - March 2011 are available for collection.

DEVELOPING WORLD PROJECT

Last week in our parish we officially launched our outreach project to help those less well off in the developing world.

For the first three years we are focusing on Romania to take the children out of the orphanages where the standard of living is ridiculously bad and put them into live in new smaller homes where they will be cared for well and given an education where they have a chance to get their lives back.

At the Masses last week we received over €900 in donations. We thank all who contributed and the March brown envelopes that were handed out can be left back at any time in the Church or the collection plate. These envelopes will be given out each month if people want to take them and even 50p a month would make a difference to helping us build this home. Last week the car-wash also raised a further €1052 and we thank Tommy very much for giving up his yard and time for the day and all the helpers who worked so hard.

So far the primary schools have collected over €1500 between them in brown money that the students will be bringing in each week. That is a tremendous effort to see the young people taking this project to their heart to help other young people less well off. One class alone raised over €700 and we congratulate that class, and all the classes and their teachers in the three primary schools.

Everyone, young and old, can add to the brown money collection as at all the Sunday Masses the Romania collection bin will be in place for people to put their shrapnel™.

Finally, we will be recruiting volunteers for the first stage of work in the next month or so. If you are interested keep an eye on the bulleting for more details in the coming weeks.

Once again ThankYou so much for this brilliant start towards helping the children of Romania

Offertory Collection

Sunday 7th - €2591-83

Thanks to all who contributed

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Stations of the Cross on DVD available in Churches €6

Requiescant In Pace

Lately deceased: Rita Litter, Fernando Da Costa Nunes, Danny Tallon, Anne McAtarsney, Kathleen Bennett

At This Time: Dennis Kelly, Julia Bennett, Stephen McGurk, Patrick McCaffrey, David

Henderson, Mary & Alexander Mulligan, Agnes Farrell

Sunday 14th : M.M. Jim Hughes, Thomas McConville, Thomas Hamill, Gerard McCreesh, Rose Mangan

Monday 15th: Frank McShane, Bella McGuigan, Kathleen Corr, John Garvey, Peter Nichols

Tuesday 16th: Patricia Jean Fitzpatrick, Ann Meehan, Seamus McCann, Lily McKeever, Thomas Molloy, Bernadette

Carvill, Bridie Lambe, John Hollywood, Daniel Lynn, John Keegan Â  
 Wednesday 17th:Â Catherine McCoy, William Carvill(Snr), Patrick Lavery, Sarah Mulholland, Sarah Byrne, Rita Metcalfe  
 Thursday 18th:Â Annie Matchett, Frank Kelly, James Taggart, Sean Kelly, Maurice Rafferty, Paul Kelly, Mary McDonald, Bernadette Matchett, Christopher Mangan, John McGarry Â  
 Friday 19th: Frankie McParland, Mary Catherine Haughian Â  
 Saturday 20th:Â Michael Kelly, John Molloy  
 And all Mothers who have died.

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

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.

Legion of Mary: Annual ACIES ceremony for active and auxiliary members on Sunday 21st March at 3 p.m. in St. John the Baptist Church.Â Light refreshments.

St. Vincent De Paul Society

URGENTLY REQUIRED - Baby Clothes and Small Girls Clothes.

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.

Knock Summer Festival - "Walk By Faith". - for people aged 18 - 35 yrs - 25th - 27th June.Â A great opportunity to step out of the busyness of life to question, explore, ignite and celebrate your faith.Â The festival costs Â£70 which includes food, accommodation and access to all that is happening.Â For more information contact 00353949388100 or visit [www.knock-shrine.ie/youthfestival](http://www.knock-shrine.ie/youthfestival)

Drumcree Community Centre:Â Young Parent's Group,- if you are a parent under 25yrs come along with your child. 11 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.Â 9th and 23rd March.Â Sparkles - group for parents, grandparents, minders or anyone who looks after a child 0-4yrs - every Wednesday 10.30am-12.30pm.Â Feileacan - parent and child group Fridays 2pm-3.30pm

Drumcree House of Health:Â Women's Drop-in Night Tuesday 6.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.Â Â Young Peoples Health Drop-in Monday 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.Â 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:Â Homework ClubÂ Monday & Tuesday 3.15 - 4.30 p.m. Â£1 per day. I.C.T. Tuesday 10 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.Â Cookery class Tuesday 7 - 9 p.m.Â English Classes Thursday morning 10amÂ Arts and Crafts Classes from 7 - 8.30pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. For more information contact Carol on 38339916.

Tir Na nOg GFC:Â Minor Training starts Monday 1st March at club.Â U10 Training in Drumcree College Tuesdays 6.30 p.m. Â

Bingo and Lotto Tuesday 8.15 p.m. (All support welcomed).

Development Draw Tickets available from members, Â£10 each or 3 for Â£20.Â Draw to take place in August 2010.Â

Entertainment - Saturday 13th March, Snake Bite, Â£3.Â Saturday 20th March 3's A Crowd, Â£3.

Saturday 27th March Boo, Â£3.

Pastoral Area Update - leaflet available in Church.

ALPHA - The course continues on Wednesday

Cemterery Sunday - 6th June at 11.30am

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

Medjugorje Pilgrimage - 2nd May, Â£539, (fully inclusive 7 nights).Â Ex Belfast.Â Spiritual Directors Fr. John Gates & Fr. Tommy McNulty.Â Contact Maureen McKeown - 37522188 or 07752465339.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE - 21st March Annual day to honour St Joseph. Coach Â£15. For booking and details contact Gabrielle @ 87784964 or 07933521105 or Marie @ 38851517.

Are you up for a challenge?Â St. John the Baptist PTA present a Table Quiz with a difference - Friday 16th April, 7.45 p.m. in the school.Â Admission Â£5 per person (includes hot supper).Â To register your team phone 38336211.Â Teams to be registered before Monday 11th April.

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Neighbourhood Watch - Interested to hear about Neighbourhood Watch in your area? Come along to Ashgrove Centre, Tuesday 23rd March at 7 p.m.

St. Peter's Restoration Fundraising Concert - in St. Paul's Church, Francis St., Lurgan on Saturday 20th March at 8.15 p.m.

Performance by Eimear McGeown, flautist, accompanied by Mark Magee, tenor and Brian Green, piano. Free admission, voluntary donations greatly appreciated.

As part of the celebration of the feast of Ireland's patron saint a short talk will be held in the Cardinal O'Fiaich Library, Armagh on Monday 15th March at 7.30pm entitled St. Patrick's Armagh - the Patrician origins of Armagh's claim to primacy within the Irish Church. Speaker Roddy Hegarty. All welcome; admission free.

astCamara - Africa 2010 Programme seeks volunteers to spend 4 weeks sharing IT skills; also used computers. More information contact Ann @ 90332470

Feasts: Wednesday 17th St. Patrick; Thursday 18th St. Cyril of Jerusalem; Friday 19th St. Joseph.

Reflection

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He welcomes sinners and eats with them

Two types of people welcomed by Jesus:  
one, the younger son  
who had gone away,  
squandered his life  
and returned empty.

Those times of life  
we know were wasted and were wrong,  
use of people or wealth or life just for  
ourselves,  
failure to look after those in our care,  
or neglect of God and the things of God.

Jesus offers always  
the bread of acceptance and forgiveness,  
the invitation to make always a new start,  
the insight that the future can always be more whole.  
A welcome to the wasted and battered sides  
of life,  
in his mercy and forgiveness.

And a welcome for the elder son:  
the one who had done everything right,  
but could not say 'I have sinned',  
who had always tried to be faithful,  
who had practised his religion,  
but seemed to do so in isolation,  
for he could not welcome with  
compassion  
the brother who returned home.

A welcome, too, for the sin of  
uninvolvement,  
of caring first for self and not for  
others,  
and an invitation to join all at the  
celebration  
of reconciliation and forgiveness.

For God is the one who can give all,  
to the one who returns his embrace  
and to the one who was always in his  
embrace,

for he welcomes sinners and eats with them.

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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.