

5th September 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

5th September 2010
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 -October - June

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

Minister of the Eucharist - September

Vigil Theresa McCaffrey, Paddy Gorman, Miriam Loftus, Bernadette Breen. 8.30 a.m. Martin Barlow, Patsy Hanratty, Eddie McVeigh. 10 a.m. Maurice Hagan, Pat Devlin, Denis McKeever. 11.30 a.m. Teresa Murphy, Mary Taggart, Roisin Kelly, Gerry Barlow. St. Francis Jackie McKeown - Rosemount Paddy Gorman.
St. John the Baptist, week beginning 7th Mary McAlinden.

Ministry of The Word - September

Vigil Denis McCourt. 8.30 a.m. Kevin McConville. 10 a.m. Ann Hamill, Damian Russell. 11.30 a.m. Ciara Burnett.
Week beginning 6th - 10 a.m. Margaret Donovan. 7 p.m. Sr. Mona Taggart.

Feasts: Wednesday 8th The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Thursday 9th St. Cairan, Bl. Frederick Ozanam.

St. Patrick's Church in William Street was opened in 1835. Since then a procession of thousands of pilgrims have made their way there to celebrate the Sacraments, especially the Mass, to attend Missions and Devotions, or to light a candle and spend a quiet moment in prayer before God. Let us remember them all and the present day pilgrims who come to St. Patrick's to worship. To mark 175 years there will be a celebration on Monday 13th September at 7 p.m.

Sarah's Circle - resumes Saturday 11th September at 11 a.m. in Bannside Centre. New members welcome.

Pakistan Collection - Total £6414-28. Thanks to all who contributed.

Recent Baptisms: Cadhla Ellen Toland

ret Mary Aलोकोके, St. Gall;

Developing World Project - Romania Home Build - Future events being organised: sponsored Abseil; Monthly car-boot sale.

Servite Priory - Benburb: Lectio Divina - Learning to reflect and pray with the Bible using "Lectio Divina" methods - Tuesday and Thursdays 8 p.m. Leader Colm McDonnell OSM.

St. Aidan's Church, Kilmore: Annual European Heritage Open Weekend 11th/12th September. All are invited to visit, have a cup of tea and learn more about the parish.

A Message from the Pastor:

Fr. Brian White is leaving us. This news has been greeted with disbelief, shock and regret, but alas the news is true. For now, let us pray for each other and especially for Fr. Brian in this time of transition, change and acceptance. Let us give him all the support, prayer and encouragement that he deserves. Fr. Brian has been there for many of us in our time of need - in our joyous times, on those glorious days, in times of sorrow and during those times when we needed the light of Christ to guide us - let us return the blessing. Michael O'Dwyer, P.P.

Friends,

This is probably the most difficult thing I have ever sat at my computer to write. There is so much that I would like to convey but mere words will never fully sum up what I want to say at this time - my thanks, my feelings, my hopes as I say farewell (fare well) but not goodbye.

What is in that word "farewell"?

The word is really two words. The first part 'fare' means to be on, a journey. For these past 7 and a bit years, I have been allowed to journey with so many of you - It has been a privilege to have been invited and allowed to do that. I feel truly humbled as I look back to have shared so many special memories that bring a tear to the eye - invoking so many emotions - friendship, sorrow, joy, thanksgiving, in prayer. As I have tried to be with you on your "fare" this "fare" has been so special.

When I say special, I mean that. Many of you know that Drumcree Parish was my first assignment as a priest - and it was the best 7 years of my life. I could not have asked to have been placed in a better parish

What I say next I don't say lightly! You should be proud of your home. Of this place, where you have been born and/or reared. In this parish I have met the best people you could ever meet. As a people you welcomed me, you nurtured me and allowed me to be a priest in your parish. Thank you so much. This place, that I was proud to call home, will always be in my heart.

Maybe it takes a "blow-in" to say it but you all are good, good people and you should be so proud to say that this is your home. Proud, because there is a heart in this community that is real and caring and alive and active. No matter what image the media or others might like to portray you are blessed to be able to call this your home.

I was dreading the phone call that I got last weekend asking me to take on a new assignment. I depart for Blackrock in Co. Louth and I just hope that I will be half as happy there as I have been here.

I will miss you but continue to think of you and keep you in the prayers. Please God, we will not be strangers. I have no doubt that the next few years will continue to bring blessings to Drumcree Parish. With the new hall and under the pastoral care of Fr O'Dwyer, and with the support of one another - all the seeds that have been planted will continue to grow

Please continue to use our lovely chapels - they are your "prayer homes". It always gave me great life to see the strength of prayer from young and old alike, as you gathered both privately and collectively as members of the Body of Christ.

May you all continue to "fare" in Sacrament and prayers - and all will be 'well'.

With much thanks for you love, friendship, acceptance and care,

Fr. Brian

Reflection

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple

Each of us has our own cross to carry; the weaknesses of body, mind or spirit, which affect our lives, or loneliness, illness, failure, and our personal secret problems. All of us carry burdens which are known or unknown to others.

Our cross may be caused by others: we may be victims of greed and violence, or of others' addictions.

For the Lord himself carried the cross of poverty and misunderstanding, of bereavement when Joseph died, of loss of friends like Lazarus, of the pain of his mother as he went to death; he has carried burdens like ours. And each cross is different; at times we feel we could carry another's cross more lightly. And we resent the crosses of our lives caused by others.

The Lord has suffered, and promises us the companionship we need. He weeps with us, suffers with us, promises friendship now and forever.

Our way of the cross, like his, is the path to resurrection. With our hand in his wounded hand, we can carry the burdens life brings, and follow him, with confidence and with a helping hand, to carry the crosses of others.

Requiescant In Pace

Lately deceased: John McKeever, Juozas Nastas, John Greer, Peter Mulligan, Msgnr. Liam McEntegart, Celeste da Costa Guterres, Susan Mullan, Mike Terees, Lucy Creaney

At This Time: Desmond Hamill, Jamie Harrison, Dermot Hamill, Brian Leo Hamill, Liam Donnelly, Stephen Haughey, James Turley, Tess Woods, Mary Smith, Pat Loughran, Margaret McVeigh

Sunday 5th: Jackie Harrison, John McConville

Monday 6th: Tom Robinson, Louis Neill, Peggy McClafferty, Jim Millsopp, Jinny Molloy, Catherine McCann

Tuesday 7th: Joan Goodwin, Peter Lawless, Mary Molloy

Wednesday 8th: Fr. Kevin Devine(1st Anniversary), Mary Hamill, Charlotte Hueston, Canon P.J. Early

Thursday 9th: Mary Maguinness(1st Anniversary), Lawrence Cusack, John Garvey, Emer Treacy, Dec Members St. Vincent De Paul Society

Friday 10th: Johnny Byrne, Ted McCorry, James McConville, Edward Loughran

Saturday 11th: Mary Alice Henderson, Charlie Keegan

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

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.

Bannside Development Centre: Homework Club, ICT Classes, English classes will recommence in September. Arts and Crafts Classes from 7 - 8.30pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. For more information contact Carol on 38339916.

Tir Na nOg GFC: Bingo and Lotto Tuesday 8.15 p.m. (All support welcomed).

CTS Bookstand - We will soon be ordering some new booklets for the CTS stands in both Churches. It is always our intention to keep the stands well stocked with booklets that are interesting as well as inspiring. In our daily faith journey we often come across issues that confuse us or where we would like to know more about how the Catholic Church views a certain topic. Many such issues are addressed by booklets published by CTS. Please feel free to suggest items that you would like to know more about and we will try to source booklets for you. You can have a look on the CTS website to see if there is anything that interests you, then simply place a slip of paper marked "CTS Request" in the collection basket or leave in the sacristy and we will obtain the book. The CTS website address is www.cts-online.org.uk

St. Malachy's Hurling Club: Fundraising Night in McKeever's Bar on Saturday 11th September. Admission £5.99 late.

St. Malachy's Bowling Club: First practice for new season on Thursday 9th September at 7.30 p.m. in Ashgrove Community Centre. New members welcome.

Offertory Collection
Sunday 29th £2376-92
Thanks to all who contributed
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Prayer Cards of Pope Benedict's Prayer for the Irish Church available in the Churches.

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

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

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THINK OF OTHERS
THINK OF YOURSELF