

## 25th December 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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Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

A Blessed and Holy Christmas to All

#### Prayer of Blessing at a Crib

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Saviour was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy and love.

Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise up our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Saviour of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.Â Amen

#### Grace at table during Christmas

Glory to God in the highest  
And peace to his people on earth.  
Lord Jesus, in the peace of this season our spirits rejoice:  
With the beasts and angels, the shepherds and stars, with Mary and Joseph we sing God's praise.  
By your coming may the hungry be filled with good things and may our table and home be blessed.

Glory to God in the highest,  
And peace to his people on earth.  
Blessed are you, Lord God.  
Through the fruitful virginity of Mary you fulfilled the long expectation of the poor and oppressed.  
Grant that with the same faith with which Mary awaited the birth of her Son, we may look for him in our brothers and sisters in need.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.Â Amen.

Peace be with you  
And also with you

During the Christmas Season exchange peace each morning with those at home

Christmas on RTE 1  
Christmas Day - Pope Benedict 11 a.m.  
Cardinal Brady 12.25 p.m.  
Christmas Day Mass 11.30 a.m.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Â Â The theme of the Christmas Service organised by Portadown Inter-Church Forum was 'There is always enough.'Â Our prayer and hope for you this Christmas is that you have enough money to share in food, presents and charities;Â that there is enough room at your table for all who visit;Â that you have enough generosity and welcome and love and forgiveness for all you meet;Â that there is enough room in your home for the crib;Â that there is enough room in your timetable for God, for prayer, for Mass, for a visit to the crib in the Church;Â that you make enough time to spend with family and friends and neighbours.

Â Â May God - who has enough love for all of us - bless you this Christmas and may our celebration of the Coming of Jesus help deepen our faith in God's presence in our lives and help us grow as a faith

community caring for each other.

Fr Michael O'Dwyer & Fr Johnny Burns  
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Requiescant in Pace

Lately deceased: John Edgar, Sean Farrell, Peter McCann, Henry Redmond, Josephine Melville

At this time: John Brophy, Soares Family, John Breen

Sunday 26th: Edmund Cullinan, James Patrick Murphy, Michael Henderson, Vincent Malaugh, Xavier Family

Monday 27th: John McAtamney, Veronica McBennett, John Henry Halfpenny, Patrick O'Neill, Leo Kelly, Thomas Foy

Tuesday 28th: Isobel McCann(1st Anniversary), Margaret Mary McNally(1st Anniversary), Rosheen Girvan, James Kelly, George Berry, Bridget McKenna, Barney Kelly, Tommy McCann, Peggie McGurgan, James Johnston

Wednesday 29th: Josie Hannaway(1st Anniversary), Pauline Nichols, Teresa Marley, Patrick Carvill, Margaret Foy &

Thursday 30th: Henry Mulholland, Frank Kelly, Eileen Kelly

Friday 31st: Cardinal Cahal Daly(1st Anniversary), Msgr. Peter Shields, Dominic Matthews

Saturday 1st: Nora Carvill, Mary Ann Tiffney, Dick & Mabel McCourt, William Black,

Bridget McCann, Miriam McNally, Maureen Fisher, Noel Liggett, Pat Hughes, Barney Hamill, Seamus McKeever

Samaritans 24/7 - We are here to listen. Do not suffer during this Christmas Season. Please contact us: Phone 02838333555 or email Jo@samaritans.org

An idea!

'My father always placed the family bible and the Christmas Candle

alongside the Crib. It was a reminder that the Crib is simply the words of the Gospel Story in visual form. Find some time these days to read the Christmas Story as you sit near the Crib either at home or in Church.'

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Parish & Community Notices for week beginning 26th December

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Masses

Feast of the Holy Family

St. John the Baptist Church

Sunday 8.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

St. Patrick's Church

Sunday 10 a.m.

Monday 27th -St. Patrick's Church 10 a.m. - the Novena Prayers will be said during Mass.

Tuesday 28th - St. Patrick's Church 10 a.m.

Wednesday 29th, Thursday 30th and Friday 31st

St. John the Baptist Church 7 p.m.

New Year's Day - 1st January - Solemnity Mary, Mother of God - St. John the Baptist Church - Mass 12 noon

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Thursday 30th December in St. John the Baptist Church 6 p.m. - 6.55 p.m.

Requiescant In Pace

Sunday: 2nd: John Aloysius Derry, Fionnuala Gorman, Mary Lappin

Monday 3rd: Catherine Watkins, Peter Daly, Mona Kelly

Tuesday 4th: Frances Henderson(1st Anniversary) Damian Goodwin, John Hagan, Eddie McNally, Francis Ruddy, Joseph Hamill, Philomena Murphy

Wednesday 5th:

Thursday 6th: M.M. John Edgar, Liam Corbally, Thomas McQuade, Mary Black, Patsy Foy, Eugene McParland

Friday 7th: Dr. Gerard McAnallen  
Saturday 8th: M.M. Sean Farrell, Mary Thompson, Julia Hagan

Ministers of the Eucharist  
St. John the Baptist - Week Beginning 27th Dec. Martin Barlow.

Ministers of the Eucharist - January  
Vigil Maura Berry, Aine McCoee, Sharon Garland, Kathleen Lavery.Â 8.30 a.m. Martin Barlow, Patsy Hanratty, Eddie McVeigh.Â 10 a.m. Winnie Breen, Ann Marie Hamill, Madeline O'Neill.Â 11.30 a.m. Bernie Mallon, Patricia Halfpenny, Teresa Murphy, Mary Taggart.  
St. Francis Ann Murphy.Â Rosemount Paddy Gorman

Minister of The Word  
Week beginning 27th Dec. 10 a.m. Denis McCourt. 7 p.m.  
Ursula Barlow.

Ministry of The Word - January  
Vigil Olivia McDonald.Â 8.30 a.m. David Greer.Â 10 a.m. Niamh Devlin, Aine McCreesh-West.Â 11.30 a.m. Ciara Burnett.

Cardinal Cahal Daly's First Anniversay will be marked at Mass in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh at 7pm on Satyrday 1st January. All welcome.

Feasts:  
Sunday 26th - this year Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, also St Stephen  
Monday 27th St John the Apostle and Evangelist  
Tuesday 28th The Holy Innocents  
Wednesday 29th St Thomas Â Becket  
Friday 31st St Sylvester  
Saturday 1st January Mary, Mother of God, World Day of Peace

Come Back to Mass Sunday 8th/9th January 2011

Reflection  
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Our hearts go out to a child.  
No matter what the circumstances of birth,  
our heart is enlarged by a child.

There is no such thing as an unwanted child.  
Every child - one-parent family, separated family,  
unmarried or married parents -  
is wanted and welcomed by God.

And Jesus in the crib represents all the  
Â children of the world.  
Small and loved.  
Then big in the love of God.  
Everyone is important in the crib of  
Bethlehem -  
not because of good looks, money, sport,  
race or religion.  
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You are important because you are you.  
All of us are important in the crib of Bethlehem.

Haven't we many ways of valuing each other?  
Looking up to people for their jobs,  
valuing them for their families or property,  
or the influence they have in our  
locality?

Isn't that all so empty?

Loved for who you are.  
The crib means God loves you.

Also that God saves you.

We need to hear this message; the real voice of Christmas.  
To see the baby loved by God  
in the love of Mary and Joseph,  
and to hear from God the real Christmas message,  
you're loved, you are forgiven.

He sees and loves in us  
what he sees and loves in Jesus.

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