

30th January 2011

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

30th January 2011

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Times:

St. John the Baptist

SaturdayÂ Â 7 p.m.

SundayÂ Â Â Â 8.30 & 11.30 a.m.

St. Patrick's

SundayÂ Â Â 10 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

St. John the Baptist

Tuesday - Friday 7p.m.

St. Patrick's

Monday - SaturdayÂ 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 beÂ 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. Burns 38332218

Parish Mobile - Emergency No. 07841101850

First Friday Notices:

Confessions - Thursday 3rd

St. Patrick's Â Â 6 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.

St. John'sÂ Â 7.30 p.m.

Masses - Friday 4th

St. Patrick'sÂ Â 10 a.m. (Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament 10.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

St. John'sÂ Â 7 p.m.

The sick and housebound will be visited as usual.

Minister of the Eucharist - February

Vigil Colm McCann, Patsy Lambe, Theresa McCaffrey, Paddy Gorman.Â 8.30 a.m. Margaret Marley, Pauline Chambers,

Geraldine Lawless.Â 10 a.m. Ann Fleming, Maurice Hagan, Pat Devlin.Â 11.30 a.m. Roisin Kelly, Gerry Barlow, Ann Murphy, Declan McAtarsney.
St. Francis Jackie McKeown. Â
Rosemount

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 31st Mary McAlinden.

Ministry of The Word - February

Vigil Ursula Barlow.Â 8.30 a.m. Colm Hagan. 10 a.m. Marcelle McAtarsney, Sarah Lawless.Â 11.30 a.m. Cathal Mercer.
Week beginning 31st - 10 a.m. Damian Russell.Â 7 p.m. Jerome Marley.

Recent Baptisms:Â Ameliah McCartan

Sacrament of Marriage:Â some couples who plan to marry this year have yet to confirm their date, church time and celebrant.Â Please do so by contacting Fr. Burns or Fr. O'Dwyer.

Portadown Inter-Church Forum:Â As a follow-up to the successful November launch of Portadown Inter-Church Forum a meeting will be held in the Minor Hall, Portadown Town Hall on Tuesday 8th February at 7.30 p.m.Â Rev. Norman Hamilton, OBE, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church, will address the meeting.Â This will be the first AGM of the Inter-Church Forum and office bearers for the Forum Management Committee will be elected.Â Everyone is welcome and the Forum steering committee look forward to meeting again all those who attended the launch and anyone interested in the work of the Inter-Church Forum, the aim of which is to work together to promote respect, end division and help build a reconciled and peaceful community.

Feasts:Â Monday 31st St John Bosco; Tuesday 1st St. Brigid; Wednesday 2nd Presentation of The Lord;
Thursday 3rd St. St. Blaise, St. Ansgar;Â Saturday 5th St. Agatha.

Blessings on the following days at Mass:Â Tuesday 1st February - St. Brigid's Crosses.Â Wednesday 2nd - The Presentation - candles.Â Thursday 3rd - St. Blaise - throats.

Drumcree Pastoral Centre:Â The Presidential visit was a great blessing and all who attended on Thursday would have felt the energy and "bounce".Â Thanks to all who worked to get the Centre ready for the visit and all who helped on the day itself.Â The work to complete the Centre, inside and out, will continue over the next few weeks.Â Cardinal Brady will come on Sunday 6th March to bless the Centre at the 11.30 a.m. Mass.

Offertory Collection

Sunday 23rd - Â£2903-13

Thanks to all who contributed

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Requiescant in Pace

Lately Deceased:Â Eileen Hughes, Mary Geary, Deirdre Henderson, Eileen McBride, Paddy Douglas, Margaret Smyth, James Greene, Kathleen Hamill, Danny Preshur, Lily Glassey, Sarah McCann, Denis Rice

At This Time: Sarah McConnell, Joseph Donnelly, Connie Keating, Da Rosa Family, James Gillen Â

Sunday 30th: Briege McKeown (1st Anniversary), Willie Hall, John Patrick Creaney, John Fearon, Kathleen McClean

Monday 31st:Â Michael Mallon, James Lavery, Alice Tate, Lily Hendron, Elizabeth Daly, Annie Neeson, Lily Heyburn,

Laurence Lennon, Stephen McVeigh, Sarah Williams

Tuesday 1st:Â M.M. Scott Speers, M.M. Malachy McDonald, Margaret Loughran, Mary McCaffrey, Lily Brennan, Sarah McCaughley, Tommy Lamph

Wednesday 2nd:Â John Murphy, Malachy McAlinden, Joe Grimes, Rosaleen Reynolds, Jane McKeown, Bridget Woolsey, Peter Hughes

Thursday 3rd:Â Winifred Kelly

Friday 4th:Â Annie Donnelly, Neal Breen, Mary Rose McKeown, Michael Breen

Saturday 5th:Â Elizabeth Freeburn(1st Anniversary), M.M. Baby Ryan Joseph Preshur, Gerald Byrne, Philomena Dunbar

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 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. Â

Bannside Development Centre:Â Homework Club Monday & Tuesday 3.15 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.Â Â£1 per day.Â Arts and Crafts classes from 7 - 8.30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.Â For more information contact Carol 38339916.

St. John's Accordion Orchestra:Â classes in music on Thursday 7 p.m. in St. John the Baptist P.School.Â Anyone wishing to join please contact a committee member at the school on the evening.

Naiscoil Na Banna (Irish Language Pre-School).Â Places still available.Â Contact Ciara NiAodha on 38391243 8.30 a.m. - 2.30 p.m.

Medjugorje - May 29th to 5th June from Belfast Â£519. Contact Marguerite at 38326326 or 07753297993

Armagh Diocesan Youth Council:Â Are you ages 18-35?Â Do you want to help a family in Malawi to get the house they've always wanted?Â We are looking for 16 young people in the Diocese who will "build houses, build hope, build communities" in a partnership project with the Armagh Diocesan Youth Commission and Habitat for Humanity NI.Â The build will take place in late July for 2 weeks.Â Actual dates to be confirmed.If you would like more information please contact Louise on +353 (O) 86 3540966 or email louise.mulligan@gmail.com

Knights of St Columbanus appeal for old mobile phones - donating them will help raise funds for our Radio Housebound Appeal. Our bright pink drop off bins are found at the back of both Churches. Please help us to bring our Church Services to the house bound who value this service.

Chest Heart & Stroke - 'Taking Control' Self Management Programme:Â Portadown Health Centre, Friday 11th February for six weeks until 18th March, 10 a.m. - 12 noon.Â To book a free place or for further information phone 90320184.

Armagh Diocesan Historical Society:Â The first lecture in the 2011 programme will take place on Wednesday 2nd February at 8 p.m. in the Cardinal O Fiaich Library and Archive.

St. Mary's Women's Guild:Â Meeting in Ashgrove Community Centre Wednesday 2nd February, 8 p.m.Â Guest speaker.Â All welcome.

Drumcree House of Health - Women's group each Wednesday 7 - 9 p.m.Â Starting soon - Cook It - Fun fast food on a budget, cookery for adults, date and time to be confirmed.

Drumcree Community Centre:Â Wednesday "Little Stars" Young Parent and Toddler Group 11 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.
Tuesday - Yoga, 6.30 - 8 p.m.Â Wednesday - Sparkles Parent & Toddler Group for parents, grandparents, childminders or anyone who looks after toddlersÂ 10.30 - 12 noon.
Friday - Parent & Toddler Group 2 - 3.30 p.m.
For information about above contact Jennifer 38334522.
"Hip Hop" dance classes begin Friday 29th January, 7.30 - 9.30 p.m.
For further information contact Gareth 07927899069.

Drumcree College:Â Linda May Dance Class has changed from Monday to Tuesday night.

Holy Ghost MissionÂ thank all who continue to support their Mission Boxes in Costcutters and McCrackens.Â The amount raised was
Â£330.

Reflection
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You are blessed

Strange that Jesus says that we are blessed
if we are poor, gentle, mourning, merciful, peacemakers.
Others might say we are blessed
if we are rich, tough and comfortable
and looking for our own rights and desserts.

There is a blessing in all that he says:
not an immediate happiness nor prosperity,
but a blessing comes from God
in the times when we are weak, vulnerable, broken.

The bread of the Eucharist is bread broken and shared,

the blessing of God is mourning accepted and shared;
the blessing of God is mercy asked and given
so that the bread of the Eucharist is the
bread of forgiveness,
and the blessing of God fills the places of the soul
where I am poor, lost, gentle,
and willing to let go of the grudges of life
for the life and resurrection of Jesus.

The closed fist cannot receive the gifts of life;
help us Lord to be open
in our weakness and our need,
in our mourning and our bitterness
to the blessings you give
when we are disheartened.

Like in the Eucharist,
may we know your power and presence
in our broken dreams,
our broken relationships,
and rise to new strength within
ourselves,
blessed as we are in the bread of life.

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

THE JOY RULE
THINK OF JESUS
THINK OF OTHERS
THINK OF YOURSELF