

6th March 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

6th March 2011

Ninth 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. Burns 38332218

Parish Mobile - Emergency No. 07841101850

Welcome to Cardinal Sean Brady who will celebrate Mass and bless the new Pastoral Centre at 11.30am.

Ash Wednesday 9th March - Day of Fast and Abstinence. " Distribution of Ashes at Masses: " St. John the Baptist 8.30 a.m.,

11.30 a.m. & 7 p.m. " St. Patrick's 10 a.m.

(Trocaire Boxes available in both Churches)

Fast and Abstinence: " Are you a Catholic and aged between 18 and 60 yrs? If yes, then you are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday - which means that the amount of food we eat is considerably reduced. " All Catholics aged over 14 yrs are bound to

abstinence - giving up a particular kind of food or drink or form of amusement.

Minister of the Eucharist Â
St. John the Baptist, week beginning 7th Geraldine Lawless.

Ministry of The Word
Week beginning 7th - 10 a.m. Patricia Doran.Â 7 p.m. David Greer.

Pastoral Centre: Have you time on your hands and interested in using that time as a volunteer worker in the new Centre? You are invited to a meeting in the Centre on Tuesday 8th March at 7.30pm - Shrove Tuesday.

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SHYNE (Parish Gift) Programme for those preparing for Confirmation continues next Friday in St Mary's Youth Club 6.15pm-8.15pm. All Confirmandi should attend.

Lent approaches - now is the time to be thinking what to do for the Holy Season.

Temperance Sunday - 6th March:Â The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association has organised two Masses to mark this Day of Prayer - Church of St. John the Baptist, Moy, at 3 p.m. and St. Patrick's, Dundalk at 3 p.m.

A Day With The Lord - 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration in St. John the Baptist Church, organised by the Knights of St. Columbanus, beginning with Mass at 7 p.m. on Friday 11th March and concluding with Benediction on Saturday 12th at 6.30 p.m.Â Various Church based groups will lead prayers throughout the day and night.Â All are welcome to come at any time.Â On Saturday 10 a.m. Mass will be celebrated in St. John the Baptist Church and Baptisms will be celebrated at 5 p.m. in St. Patrick's Church.

Mondays 10 a.m. Mass will be celebrated in St. John the Baptist Church beginning 14th March - amongst other things this will allow for a Monday morning exploring our faith group to be formed and also classes from St. John the Baptist Primary School can attend Mass.Â The usual norms concerning 10 a.m. Mass in the Parish will apply - e.g. funerals on Mondays will be celebrated at 10 a.m. in St. John the Baptist Church.

Recent Baptisms:Â Clara Oliveira, Brona Marie McKenna, Anthony Thomas Howvath

Feasts:Â Monday 7th Ss Perpetua and Felicity; Tuesday 8th St. John of God, St. Senan; Wednesday 9th Ash Wednesday; Friday 11th St. Aengus.

Walk with Me - a Lenten journey of prayer - books available in Churches - Â£1.

Offertory Collection
Sunday 27th Â£2753-33
Thanks to all who contributed
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Requiescant in Pace

Lately Deceased:Â Gertie Madden, Imelda Austin, Edel Madden, Maura Loftus, Mary McCann, Philomena Mackle, Anne Williams, Maureen Mulrine, Vera Warren, Vera Teague
At This Time:Â Patrick Kelly, Hugh Blacker, Wendy O'Hare, Mary McAnallen, Paddy, Catherine, John Sharkey, Philomena Prunelle Sunday 6th: M.M. Patrick Lawless, M.M. Patrick Campbell, Fernando Cavaterra, Sofia Soares, Margaret McCusker, James Conlon Monday 7th:Â M.M. Eileen Grimley, Christina McNally, Venia Prunty, Felix McKeever, Andy Mulligan, Thomas Hooks, Matilda Donnelly
Tuesday 8th:Â M.M. Adrian Marley, Mary McNally, Rita Carroll, Paddy Halfpenny, Agnes Farrell, Denis Kelly, Kelly Family, Francis Leo McKeown, Francis Hagan, Sr Gertrude Taggart
Wednesday 9th:Â Daniel Tallon(1st Anniversary), Tallon Family, Elizabeth Murphy, Paddy Austin, May Batty, Bertie RedmondÂ Â Thursday 10th:Â Anne McAtarsney(1st Anniversary), Michael Turley, Martha Hutchinson, Sean McBennett
Friday 11th: Kevin Cullen, Mary Frances Douglas, Billy Moore, Ann Hall
Saturday 12th:Â M.M. Dymrna Stuart, Kathleen Bennett(1st Anniversary), Maurice Rafferty, Colette Schofield, Patrick McCaffrey, Joseph & Annie McGlade, Mary McCarthy, Alex Hannah

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. Saturday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. NEW SELF HELP LINE - 38339639. Response within 48 hours.

Servite Priory Benburb: Saturday 12th March A Day with the Scriptures. Sunday 27th March An afternoon for Lectors. Sunday 10th April An afternoon for Eucharistic Ministers. For more information and reserve place phone the Priory 37548241.

Bannside Development Centre: Homework Club Monday & Tuesday 3.15 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. £1 per day. Arts and Crafts classes from 7 - 8.30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. I.C.T. and English classes to be arranged. Free Gentle exercise classes - Wednesday 7 - 8 p.m. for 7 weeks. For more information contact Carol 38339916.

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

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

Pilgrimage / Sun Holiday - Fatima & Lisbon 4 - 11th July. £695 per person, includes 4 star hotels, 4 nights Fatima, 3 nights Estoril. Full Board, guided tours and full religious itinerary. Contact Fr. Devlin on 90713401 or Anam Cara Travel 25821690.

St. John the Baptist P.S. - Friends of St. Johns present A Floral Evening with Fr. Sean McEvoy, Thursday 24th March, 7.30 p.m. Ticket £5 includes light supper, available from school or pay at the door.

First Communion dresses and suits for sale at St John the Baptist Primary School. Outfits can be viewed on school website (some never worn). Phone 38336211 for an appointment to view.

Marriage Encounter - next weekend 25 - 27th March - Dromantine Conference Centre. Tel. 90626503 or www.marriageencounter.ie

Marriage Preparation - Engaged Encounter - next weekend 26-27th March - Dromantine Conference Centre, Newry. Tel 02879 300340

Lent for Life Campaign - Precious Life invite you to unite with them in faith for a Lenten Campaign to end abortion. The mission of 'Lent for Life' is to bring together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity during a focused campaign of prayer and fasting, and community outreach. For more information please contact 90278484.

St. Malachy's Hurling Club: Registration in Ashgrove Community Centre on Tuesday 15th March, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Sponsored Walk Saturday 26th March. All attending please bring sponsor money on 15th March.

Oran Fold - Sheltered accommodation has apartments to let. To view phone Michelle on 38391918.

An Cumann Gaelach - ceili in St John the Baptist Primary Assembly Hall on Saturday 12th March at 9.30pm Music: Castleblaney Ceili Band. Adm £5. Irish language classes Monday 6.15-7.30pm in Mayfair Business centre; Thursday 8.00-9.00pm Ashgrove Community Centre.

St. Mary's Amateur Boxing Club: Registration Evening on Thursday 10th March at 7 p.m. Two groups 7 - 12 yrs and 13 - 17 yrs. Trainers will be available for advice and demonstrations.

All night vigil at Melleray Saturday 19th March - bus leaves Lurgan at 2pm £30 - tel: Maggie at 07919450492.

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

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Building Our Parish

For we are God's servants, working together;

you are God's field, God's building.

According to the grace of God given to me,
like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation
and someone else is building on it.

Each builder must choose with care how to build on it.Â For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has
been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.

Do you not know that you are God's temple
and that God's Spirit dwells in you?Â If anyone
destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person.
For God's temple is holy and you are that temple.

Prayers of Dedication

We long to be a parish that is fully alive
with you, O Christ, at the centre.
Inspired with this hope we pray.

Response: Spirit of Jesus, you make all things new;
renew our hearts and bind us together.

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We dedicate ourselves to building community.
We pray that all parishioners will be concerned for community.
We pray that our parish will be a place of
welcome for all,
reaching out to all with the embrace of Christ,
a place where everybody feels included,
young and old, rich and poor.

Response:

We dedicate ourselves
to making our celebrations relevant and life-giving.
May our Eucharist be a great celebration of your love, O God.
May it connect with people's lives;
may it speak to our hearts;
may it put words on our hopes;
and may it nourish our spirit from day to day.

Response:

We dedicate ourselves
to helping each other grow in faith.

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We pray that all God's people in our parish
may come to a deeper understanding of what we believe;
that we may find God in our prayer
and that we may find God in one another;
that our homes may be places of prayer and faith.

Response:

We dedicate ourselves
to partnership in the care of our parish.
May priests and parishioners grow in
appreciation
of each other's special vocation.
May we learn to share the responsibility
for the care of the people of our parish
and for mapping out our way forward into the future.

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.....

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