

13th 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

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First 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

Monday 10am

Tuesday - Friday 7p.m.

St. Patrick's

Monday 7p.m. (Novena - Miraculous Medal)

Tuesday - Saturday " 10 a.m.

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

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

St. Patrick's Day Masses - St. John the Baptist Church Wednesday 7 p.m., Thursday 8.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. " St. Patrick's Church Thursday 10 a.m. (11.30 a.m. Mass will be celebrated in Irish).

Minister of the Eucharist "

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 14th Paddy Gorman, Mary McAlinden.

Ministry of The Word

Week beginning 7th - 10 a.m. Belle Oliver. 7 p.m. Ursula Barlow.

Beginning tomorrow 14th March the 10am Mass will be celebrated in St John the Baptist Church and every Monday. 7 p.m. Ursula Barlow.

SHYNE (Parish Gift) Programme for those preparing for Confirmation continues next Friday in St Mary's Youth Club 6.30pm-8.15pm. All Confirmandi should attend.

What are doing for Lent? Scripture, My Life's Guide - a 5weekprogramme studying Sunday Gospel and its practical relevance to our lives will be held during Lent beginning Wednesday 16th March at 7.45pm in the Pastoral Centre. If interested sign up in the Sacristy. Why not try this as Lenten prayer?

Pastoral Centre: last Sunday was a memorable day in our Parish. Thanks to all who prepared the Centre and took part in the Liturgy on the day and entertained us during the meal. To those who attended the volunteer meeting last Tuesday and all who made contact to offer their time - thank you. A meeting for those who signed up for Cleaning and Maintenance and Opening and Closing will take place on Wednesday next in the Centre after evening Mass. Others who would like to volunteer for these services are welcome to come along.

Eucharistic Congress 2012 - a Congress Bell will be a key symbol of the Congress. The Bell reflects an invitation to faith, to prayer, to reconciliation and to mission. The Bell will travel throughout Ireland beginning in our Archdiocese on St. Patrick's Day and will visit our Pastoral Area next Saturday: St. Patrick's Church, Drumcree 10 a.m., St. Patrick's Church, Stonebridge 12 noon, St. James' Church, Tandragee 6.30 p.m., St. John's Church Tartaraghan 8 p.m. The pilgrimage of the Bell is an invitation to us all to deepen our communion with Christ and with one another. As next Saturday is the feast of St. Joseph, members of St. Joseph's Young Priest Society will take part in the liturgy at 10 a.m. This is the start of our gathering in preparation for the 50th International Eucharistic Congress. see also iec2012.ie See also EWTN on St Patrick's Night - Fr Kevin Doran, Congress Director.

Recent Baptisms: Emily Kate McCann, Lucy Hanna O'Connor, James Anthony Mallon

ALPHA: David and Miriam's group will begin their 'Lenten Journey of Reflection' on Tuesday 15th March, after evening Mass, in the Pastoral Centre.

SHYNE Ceili Wednesday 16th March 8 till Late at Parish Pastoral Centre. Admission £5 (light supper) In aid of World Youth Day 2011 in Madrid.

Offertory Collection

Sunday 6th £2670-18

Thanks to all who contributed

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Walk with Me - a Lenten journey of prayer - books £1.

available in Churches - £1.

7 p.m. Ursula Barlow.

Requiescant in Pace

Lately Deceased: Maura Loftus, Mary McCann, Philomena Mackle, Anne Williams, Maureen Mulrine, Vera Warren, Vera Teague, Joseph McConville, Maura Kelly, Sheila McCann, Gertie Conroy

At This Time: Neves & Goncalves Families, Mary Wilson, Renate Kleffel, Hanns & Gerda Hainold, Joseph Kelly, Joseph McCanney Sunday 13th: Kathleen Topping, John Halfpenny, James Lappin, Sean

McCausland, David Henderson, Mary & Alexandra Mulligan, Sarah Reynolds

Monday 14th: Gerard McCreesh, Thomas McConville, Thomas Hamill

Tuesday 15th: John Garvey, Frank McShane, Peter Nichols, Bella McGuigan

Wednesday 16th: Thomas Molloy, Seamus McCann, John Hollywood, Bernadette Carvill, John Keegan, Bridie Lambe, Lily McKeever, Dec. Members Armagh Diocesan Clerical Benefit Society, Patricia Jean Fitzpatrick

Thursday 17th: John Thompson(1st Anniversary), Catherine McCoy, William Carvill, Susan McBennett, Sarah Mulholland, Patrick Lavery, Sarah Byrne, Rita Metcalfe

Friday 18th: Malachy O'Hagan (1st Anniversary), James A. Taggart, John McGarry, Annie Matchett, Sean Kelly, Mary McDonald, Bernadette Matchett, Frank Kelly, Paul Kelly

Saturday 19th: M.M. Gertie Madden, Mary Catherine Haughian, Frankie McParland

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

7 p.m. Ursula Barlow.

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.

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

Safeguarding Children - some Parishioners have had their vetting forms returned with a covering letter, follow the instructions and sign where indicated and return to Belfast office.

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.

Servite Priory Benburb: 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.

Friends of Benburb - Dinner Dance in Priory, Friday 18th March at 8 p.m. Music and Dancing. Admission £10.

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.

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

Knock Shrine - Day in honour of St. Joseph, Sunday 20th March. Coach £15, take packed lunch. For booking phone Gabrielle 87784964 or Grace 87784942.

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 - Irish language classes Monday 6.15-7.30pm in Mayfair Business centre; Thursday 8.00-9.00pm Ashgrove Community Centre.

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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The Spirit of God

The Spirit of God tells us that we should fast,
because it will awaken us to our own poverty
and to the many millions of people
who do not have enough to eat.

The Spirit of God calls us in the season of Lent
to renew our baptismal promise
to live a Christian life of faith, hope and love.

The Spirit of God reminds us
that we are responsible for everyone,
Â everywhere,
until the end of time.

The Spirit of God challenges us
to live a life of forgiveness,
for this is the only way to be set free
from the overwhelming power of sin.

The Spirit of God whispers in our hearts
that wealth and appearance,
background and prestige are not
important -
everyone is worthwhile, lovable
and to be cherished simply because they are alive.

The Spirit of God embraces the sick and the handicapped,
for people who are deeply aware of their limitations
are often the people who are most alive.

The Spirit of God believes that the great spirit of life
is not quenched in death,
but is transformed into a new and deeper life.

PARISH -
BE A PART OF IT
Â OR BE APART FROM IT

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