

11th September 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

11th September 2011
Twenty-Fourth 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
Monday 10am
Tuesday - Friday 7p.m.
St. Patrick's
Tuesday - 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. Sheehan 38332218
Parish Mobile - Emergency No. 07841101850

Welcome to Fr. Michael Sheehan as he takes up his duties in our Parish. " We pray God's blessings on him as he settles among us and we all get to know each other. " Failte, Fr. Michael, and joy and happiness to you.

Ministers of the Eucharist "

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 12th Geraldine Lawless.

Ministry of The Word

Week beginning 12th - 10 a.m. Peggy McKeever. " " 7 p.m. Pat Hagan.

Recent Baptisms: Cliona Maria McAtamney, Daniel Anderson, Conor Eoin Cullen

Feasts: Monday 12th St. Ailbe; Tuesday 13th St. John Chrysostom; Wednesday 14th The Triumph of The Cross; Thursday 15th Our Lady of Sorrows; Friday 16th Ss Cornelius and Cyprian.

Christian Meditation: Introductory talk (John Hain) Monday 12th September 8 p.m. - 9 p.m. in the Pastoral Centre.

Parish Pastoral Council meeting on Thursday 15th September after Mass in the Pastoral Centre.

Lough Derg: One day Retreats - places available, 12th, 13th, 14th, 17th, 18, 19th & 20th September. £30 includes boat fare, tea/coffee & scones and light lunch. Reservations Essential - phone 028 686 32391.

Planting at Cemetery and Pastoral Centre: the trees at the fence have been taken out due to disease and will be replaced with silver birch. Some parishioners have asked that they contribute to the cost of the new trees in recognition of their departed loved ones buried there - if you wish to do so contact Fr. O'Dwyer. Five planting areas at the Pastoral Centre are being maintained by Drumcree College, St. John the Baptist Primary School, Presentation Primary School, Ballyoran Primary School and St. John the Baptist Nursery School. Thank you to pupils and staff for this interest and environmental educational resource.

Appreciating Portadown's Ecclesiastical Heritage - Thursday 29th September walking tour of Armagh Road Presbyterian, St Marks, Thomas Street Methodist, Quaker Meeting House, St Patrick's beginning at 3pm. Manus Deery will give a talk at 6.30pm in St Vincent's Meeting Room. All welcome.

Called to the Contemplative Life? The Cistercian Community in Portglenone, Co. Antrim, will guide a weekend of vocation discernment for men who may feel they have a vocation to the contemplative monastic life. Dates 4th - 6th November 2011. Details available either by ringing 028 25821211 or contacting Vocations Director at vocations@bethabbey.com

Foyer of Light, Charity & Love: 5 day Silent Retreat. Theme "If you but knew the gift of God...". Preached by Fr. Kilian Byrne. Dromantine Retreat Centre, October 10th - 16th. Cost £395. Contact Helen 086 1678027 or 041 9819274.

Developing World Project: Friday 23rd September - A Night at the Dogs - £40 per head, to include bus, admission and 3 course meal. Limited places available. Contact Paddy 38352313 or 38351678. Have fun and help others in need.

Offertory Collection

Sunday 4th - £2527-16

Thanks to all who contributed

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Pastoral Centre: Cafe Bethany open after

10 a.m. Mass on Mondays

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Requiescant in Pace

Lately Deceased: Annunciata Killops, Bobby Wilson, Paddy Thornbury, Mary Casey, Juozas Svatrienas, James Devlin

At This Time: Thomas Robinson, Mary Maguinness

Sunday 11th: Joe Livingstone(1st Anniversary), Susan Creaney, Charles Francis Keegan, Patrick Gerard Lavery, Mary Henderson Â

Monday 12th: Liz Raythorn(1st Anniversary), Vera Turley(1st Anniversary), Anna Fowler

Tuesday 13th: Tommy McAlinden, Georgina Larkin

Wednesday 14th: Rita McShane, Edward Gormley, Bernard McParland, Seamus Marley, Mary Rose

Wolohan, Mary Beattie, Ellen Teresa Campbell, May Daly

Thursday 15th: Mary Gillen, James Lavery

Friday 16th: William Breen, Mary Ann McCabe, Kathleen Gannon

Saturday 17th: Elizabeth McAtamney, Kathleen McCoy, James Thompson, George Hall

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.

We will be using these new prayers during September:

Penitential Act A

I confess to almighty God

and to you, my brothers and sisters,

that I have greatly sinned,
 in my thoughts and in my words,
 in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
 through my fault, through my fault,
 through my most grievous fault;
 therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-virgin,
 all the Angels and Saints,
 and you, my brothers and sisters,
 to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Invitation to Holy Communion

Priest:Â Behold the Lamb of God,
 behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
 Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People:Â Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

St. Vincent De Paul Society

URGENTLY REQUIRED!!Â Ladies, Men's and Children's clothing.Â Clothes shop, tel. 38393898 orÂ Furniture shop tel. 38394219, Mayfair Business Centre.Â Monday - Friday 10am- 3pm.Â Saturday 10am - 1 pm. Â
 Â Â Â Â Â SELF HELP LINE - 38339639.Â Response within 48 hours.

St. Malachy's Indoor Bowling Club:Â Due to renovations at Ashgrove Centre, practice on 15th/22nd September will be held in Drumcree College beginning at 7.30 p.m.Â New members welcome.

Bible Alive: a resource for the daily readings at Mass -
 reflections and articles to enhance our faith - available in Churches - especially useful to those who read at Mass.

Dungannon Youth Resource Centre:Â To mark the official opening on Wednesday 28th September the Centre is hosting Phil Coulter in concert on Friday 23rd September.Â Ticket, priced at Â£20, available from Gene Stuart's Music Shop in Irish Street.Â Phone 028 8772 5286.

Tir Na nOg: bingo every Tuesday 8.15pm All support needed.

St. Mary's A.B.C. (Boxing Club):

Training Thursday 7 - 8 p.m. 8 - 12 yrs old.Â 8 - 9 p.m. 13 yrs plus.

Bannside Development Centre:Â Homework Club Monday & Tuesday 3.15 - 4.30 p.m.Â Â£1 per day.Â ICT Classes to be arranged.Â Gentle Exercise Classes to be arranged.Â Arts & Crafts Classes Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursdays 7 - 8.30 p.m.Â Workshop / Craft Shop open Tuesday - Saturday.Â Friends Cafe open every day.Â For more information contact Carol on 38339916.

DeMello Retreat 16th - 18th September at Servite Priory,
 Benburb led by Fr John Callanan SJ. Tel: 37458241.

North West Portadown Network Committee: AGM

Wednesday 14th September at 12noon in the Darby & Joan Club, Woodside. All members requested to attend. Contact Details Linda 38334522.

Drumcree College:Â Linda May's Dance Classes resume Tuesday 20th September.Â 5 - 6 p.m. 4 - 8 yrs.
 6 - 7 p.m. 9 - 16 yrs.

Reflection

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Forgiving others

The heart of God is a compassionate heart;
 understanding weakness,
 covering over faults and selfishness
 and forgiving sins.

Compassion awaits compassion:
 if God is compassionate to you,

surely you are to be compassionate to others.

Compassion opens the heart;
you see a person sleeping rough
and you wince and say
'it shouldn't be like that',
and you feel something deep inside for a
person.
Compassion may often not be able to do
anything
but offer presence, sympathy, support.
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How often must I forgive others?

Or when someone doesn't hold your faults against you,
your heart is opened wider
and compassion enters
into the place forgiveness prepares.

Give thanks for this day
for those who understand you;
give thanks this day
for those who forgive you;
give thanks this day
for those whom you understand and
forgive.

And then the Eucharist
will more deeply touch your life,
for the Bread of God
is the bread baked with compassion.
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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