

18th December 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

18th December 2011

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

The new prayers and responses to the Mass - " there are leaflets available with the new responses for use during Mass. " Parishioners are asked to use them and return them to the boxes provided.

Confessions - " Saturday 17th after evening Mass; Sunday 18th after 11.30 a.m. Mass.

Monday - St. Patrick's 6.30 - 6.55 p.m. and after the Novena.

Tuesday - St. John the Baptist Penitential Service at 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

St. Patrick's - 12.30 - 1.15 p.m.

St. John the Baptist - 6.30 - 6.55 p.m. and after evening Mass.

Christmas Masses:

St. Patrick's - Christmas Eve - 9 p.m.

Christmas Day - 10 a.m.

St. John the Baptist - Christmas Eve 9 p.m.

Christmas Day - 8.30 a.m. & 11.30 a.m.

Minister of the Eucharist

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 19th Maura Berry.

Ministry of The Word

Week beginning 19th - 10 a.m. Michael Sherry. 7 p.m. Jerome Marley.

Feasts: Tuesday 20th St. Fachanan; Wednesday 21st St. Peter Canisius;

Friday 23rd St. John of Kanty.

Recent Baptisms: Catarina Nogueira, Caleb James White

Seasonal Window Painting in St. John the Baptist Church and Pastoral Centre: Thank you to Drumcree College, St. John the Baptist, Presentation and Ballyoran Primary Schools pupils and staff for their artistic endeavours in decor.

Trocaire Global Gifts available to purchase after all Masses Weekend 17th/18th December. 'Change someone's World.'

St. Vincent De Paul - Christmas Appeal: Thanks to all who contributed or donated. Also thanks to all who help or contribute in any way during the year. Seasons greetings to you all.

Coffee Morning: Kiefer and Niall thank all who supported their coffee morning and raffle last Sunday, which raised £764. Through their school trip and your generosity children in Romania will benefit.

Book Shop: Opening hours this week are as follows: Sunday 9 am to 1 pm; Monday 10.30 am to 12 noon; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 6 - 8.30 pm.

Bulletin notices and anniversaries for 25th December and 1st January publications should be left in by Tuesday 20th December.

Come Back to Mass Sunday 7th/8th January - encourage family and friends to be a part instead of apart from the praying community.

PALS will not meet next Sunday, Christmas Day, or Sunday 1st January 2012.

Offertory Collection

Sunday 11th - £2620-27

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: John Grimes, Terry McCoy, Fr. Peter Starrs, Maria Adelaide Coiate, Canon Tomas "Sabhaois" Jim Treanor, Jimmy Dalzell, Mary Laycock

At This Time: Ailish Black, Sharon Byrne, Paddy Lappin, William McQuaid

Sunday 18th: Francie Fay, Sharon Berry, Charles Gavin Duffy, Patrick McConville, James McCullaugh, John Loughran, Patrick Joseph Kelly, Mateus Gama & Family, Antonio Pollidoro Dos Santos, Rita & Joaquim Da Costa, George Moonan, Agostinha & Engracia Lopes, Maria Amelia Lay

Monday 19th: Elizabeth Lavery, Vera Madden, Brian Judge, Gertrude Garvey, Kathleen Kerr, Frank Hamill, Irish Berry, William

Keegan, James Henry McCooe, Ellen Catherine McCann, Annie Millsopp, Mary Gorman, Bridget Metcalfe, Cissie Lappin

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Tuesday 20th: Stephen Lyness, Annie Daley, Hugh & Joe Fox, Tommy McDonald, Eamon Freeburn, Charles O'Neill, Jimmy Dunbar

Wednesday 21st: John Joseph Hagan

Thursday 22nd: George Matchett, William Williamson, Se. Paschal McGivern, Thomas & Kitty McCourt

Friday 23rd: Mary Quinn, Alice Oliver

Saturday 24th: M.M. Nellie Toland, M.M. Joey McAlinden, Joe McCabe, Edith Brankin, Brendan Mackle, Teresa Devine

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
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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.

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

Club Lotto - underage players will be going door to door selling tickets.

Fri. 23rd Comedian Tim McGarry (from Hole in the Wall Gang) Ticket Â£5.

Bansside Development Centre:Â Homework Club Monday & Tuesday 3.15 - 4.30 p.m.Â Â£1 per day. Crafts Classes Tue., Wed. 7 - 8.30 p.m.Â Recalling the history of St. Mary's Hall - contact Ann 38339916.Â Writing your life history - contact Ann.

Bansside Community Group thank all who supported their Christmas Dance and Irwins for their sponsorship.

St. Mary's A.B.C. (Boxing Club): Â

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

St. John the Baptist Nursery School:Â Application forms now available for free pre school places for September 2012 admission.Â Closing date for applicatiobns Wednesday 11th January 2012 at 12 noon.Â For more information call at the school or contact Mrs Murtagh 38339283.

Oran Fold - apartment to let. If you are 55yrs or over and want to see the benefits of living in a fold property please call Michelle at 38391918 to arrange your appointment to view.

ACCORD:Â Venue and dates for Marriage Preparation Courses:Â Course 1 - Quinn's Corner, 175 Ballygawley Road, Dungannon. Â

Tuesday 10th, 17th and 24th January 2012.Â The course runs for 3 weeks from 7 - 10 p.m.Â Course 2 - Same Venue.Â Tuesday 6th, 13th

Richmount Rural Community Association - Be Seen at Night on Country Roads -Â Lights for 200 Children's bikes, supplied and fitted free, starting 11th January 2012.Â Further details from Joe Garvey 07934186635 or Geraldine Lawless 07737547439.

Presentation Primary School present their `Christmas Classics DVD' featuring pupils and staff on Monday 19th December in Drumcree

Pastoral Centre at 7pm. Copies of the DVD will be available to purchase at Â£10. All welcome to this PREMIER! and entry is free.

Bible Study Group based on the Advent readings will meet in the Pastoral Centre on Monday mornings during Advent 11am to 12.15pm.

Ashgrove Community Centre:Â Monday - 10 a.m. - 12 noon Crafts Class.Â 2 - 4 p.m. Seniors Art Class.Â 4 - 5 p.m. Indoor Football (Junior 8 - 14 yrs.).Â 6 - 7 p.m. Street Dance Class (5 - 11yrs.) Tuesday 12 - 2 p.m. Seniors Luncheon Club.Â 5.30 - 6.30 p.m. & 7.30 - 9 p.m. Slimming World.Â Wednesday 10 a.m. - noon Housing Executive Advice.Â 2 - 3.30 p.m. Ballyoran Senior Citizens Club. Thursday 12 noon - 2 p.m. Seniors Luncheon Club.Â 7.30 - 9 p.m. St. Malachy's Indoor Bowling Club.Â 8 - 9 p.m. Irish Language Class. For bookings etc contact Chris Cassidy 028 38 331650 or 07912389509.

Reflection

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Yes!

When Mary said 'yes' to the Incarnation,
she said yes to God and promised
that she would centre her life
on God's invitation to be the mother of his Son.

She said `yes' to new life,
she said `yes' to faith that God would look after her,
she said `yes' to trust that God would not let her down,
she said `yes' to hope that her son would find his way in life;
and isn't all this like any mother or father
as they await new life?

She said `yes' to her questions
about pregnancy and about marriage
and did not expect easy answers;
as the mist takes hours to rise over the hills,
as the river takes days to return to its level,
as both dawn and darkness slowly
mature,
she would be patient with life and with God.

Did she not think of this `yes' to her trust in God
when she heard of her cousin's
pregnancy,
when she found no room in the inn,
when she watched Jesus being rejected
and when she stood at the foot of the Cross?

If we say `yes' to faith, to hope and to love,
If we say `yes' with thanks and with
trust,
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If we say `yes' to God's grace in our lives,
we will never be alone.

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