

18th March 2012

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 March 2012

Fourth Sunday of Lent

(Laetare Sunday)

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

Mothers' Day

a blessing on all our Mothers and on all who mother us and fulfil that role in our lives.

Ministry of The Word - from " 19th "

10 a.m. Margaret Donovan. " 7 p.m. Jerome Marley.

Minister of The Eucharist:

St. John the Baptist from 19th - Maura Berry, Martin Barlow

First Penance/Confession for P4 at Ballyoran P.S. on Wednesday 21st at 6.15 p.m. in St. John the Baptist Church.

John Paul II and Muiredach Cross Diocesan Awards: some of our young parishioners will receive these on Thursday 22nd March in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh at 7 p.m. All welcome.

Parish Lenten Group Wednesday 7.45 - 9.15 p.m. in Pastoral Centre.

Lenten Study Programme continues in the Pastoral Centre 11 a.m. - 12 noon every Monday. Those attending please reflect on the Sunday Readings.

Lenten Evening of Reflection & Prayer (based on the previous Sunday Gospel) led by Fr Frank Brady SJ in the Pastoral Centre on Wednesday 28th March. Arrival 7.30 p.m. for 8 p.m. (refreshments available). Contribution appreciated.

Drumcree College: keep up to date - visit www.drumcreecollege.co.uk Petition available in Church to sign.

Parish Mission: thanks first of all to the St Patrick's Community Team - Breda, Catherine, Matthew, Niall for sharing with us and leading us in prayer. Success is not just measured in numbers or atmosphere or enjoyment but also in how we as individuals, families and a community are changed to be more Christ-like in our relationships with each other and with God. The journey continues. Deo Gratias!

SHYNE - meeting this evening, 18th, at 7 p.m. in St. John the Baptist Church.

Eucharistic Congress: a number of pilgrims from the Parish have registered as a group to attend in Dublin 14th-17th June. Names may still be added to the group which includes attendance at the Congress events and accommodation. For further details telephone Colm after 7pm at 38337856.

St. Joseph's Sunday - Knock Shrine - 18th March: Men and their families are invited to celebrate the annual pilgrimage to honour St. Joseph. Starting at 2 p.m. a Holy Hour, Mass and Benediction. Sacrament of Reconciliation available throughout the afternoon.

Feasts: Monday 19th St. Joseph; Wednesday 21st St. Enda; Friday 23rd St. Turibius.

Recent Baptisms: Shona Michelle Madden, Isabella Jane Fitzpatrick, Sierra Caireann Danielle Toland

'Can I stay in the Catholic Church?' (Author Fr. Brian Lennon S.J.) On Thursday 22nd March at 7.30 p.m. Fr. Brian will discuss his book in Drumcree Pastoral Centre. There will be time for feedback. If you have concerns about the Church and would like to discuss them, please come. All are welcome.

LENT - WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

Offertory Collection £2551-84

Sunday 11th March

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

We remember especially today all Mothers who have died.

Lately Deceased: Molly McLaughlin, Jim Cullen, Rosemary Lavery, Ann Mackle

At This Time: Thomas Molloy, John Thompson, Harry Murray, William Carvill, Jerry McCann, Patrick McCaffrey, Sarah Mulholland, Julia Bennett, Stephen McGurk, Kathleen Topping, Margaret Grant

Sunday 18th: Annie Matchett, Sean Kelly, Malachy O'Hagan, John McGarry, Mary McDonald, James A. Taggart, Frank Kelly, Maurice Rafferty, Christopher & Rose Mangan

Monday 19th: Frankie McParland, Mary Haughian

Tuesday 20th: John Molloy, Thomas Michael Kelly, Annie Donnelly

Wednesday 21st: Annette Holland, Vanessa Crummie

Thursday 22nd: Kitty Daly, Alice Daly, Elizabeth Creaney, Gerald Toland, Elizabeth McCann, Sarah Kelly, Terence Davis

Friday 23rd: M.M. Pauline Fay, Nano McKeown, Peter Kelly, Rosalie Taggart, Jack Grimley, Felix Dalzell, Mary McKeever

Saturday 24th: Owen Brankin, Dan O'Neill, Harry Breen, Sue McNally, Michael Smith, James Creaney

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

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St. Vincent De Paul Society

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

St. Joseph's Young Priest Society: Results of Draw
1st Bernadette Lavery, Ballyoran. 2nd Mark Campbell, Carrick Road. 3rd Cormac Dollon, Randalstown. 4th Barry Liggett, Ballyoran. 5th Cara Mallon, Selshion.

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

Tir Na nOg: Bingo every Tuesday 8 pm All support needed also Club Lotto. U 14 training Thursday 7 - 8pm at Scout Den. U12 girls training Thursday in the Scout Den 5.45 - 6.45 p.m.

Bannside Development Centre: Homework Club Monday & Tuesday 3.15 - 4.30 p.m. £1 per day. Crafts Classes Tue., Wed. 7 - 8 p.m. Computer Classes Starting Thursday 15th March 10 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. - contact Ann 38339916.

The Pioneers we are making a special effort to promote a short-term pledge of abstinence from alcohol for the duration of Lent for the well-being of others. Take the pledge for Lent.

Dromantine Retreat Centre: Day of Reflection for Lent - Sunday 24th March. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Cost £20 - midday meal and refreshments included. Booking 3082 1964.

St. Patrick's Church, Clonoe - month long exhibition from 16th March - 13th April, during Church opening hours, on 'The Eucharistic Miracles of The World' sponsored by The Vatican International Exhibition. For more details contact clonoeeparish@tiscali.co.uk

Carmelites Monastic Weekend - 23rd - 25th March: Single Women (22 - 38 yrs). St. Josephs Monastery Tallow, Co Waterford. Contact 00353 58 56205 or e- mail carmeltallow@eircom.net

Epworth Methodist Church - St Patrick's Celebration Monday 19th March at 7.30pm with The West of Ireland Gospel Choir, Irish and Scottish Dancing, Pipes and supper. All welcome.

Ashgrove Community Centre: Monday 5 - 6 p.m. Indoor Football (Junior 7 - 14 yrs.) 6 - 7 p.m. Street Dance Class (5 - 11yrs.) 7 - 8 p.m. Circuits Exercise Class. Tuesday 12 - 2 p.m. Seniors Luncheon Club. 5.30 - 6.30 p.m. & 7.30 - 9 p.m. Slimming World. Wednesday 10 a.m. - noon Housing Executive Advice. 2 - 3.30 p.m. Ballyoran Senior Citizens Club. Indoor Soccer 5 - 6 p.m. Junior Boxercise 6.30-7.30pm. Thursday 12 noon - 2 p.m. Seniors Luncheon Club. 7.30 - 9 p.m. St. Malachy's Indoor Bowling Club. 8 - 9 p.m. Irish Language Class. Friday Irish Dancing School 4.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. For bookings etc contact Chris Cassidy 028 38 331650 or 07912389509.

St. John's Scouts: Scouts Monday 7 - 9 p.m. Cubs Tuesday 7 - 8.30 p.m. Beavers Wednesday 7 - 8 p.m. Former members that have uniforms please leave at Den on any of above nights. Thank you.

Richmount Rural Community Association: Richmount Ramblers walking group - Line dancing at Famous Goose £3per session. Archery Taster Session at Kilmore, Lurgan - £9 limited places. Further details for all of above Joe Garvey 07934186635 or Geraldine Lawless 07516230437.

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.

Reflection

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That we may not be lost

To be lost is a frightening experience,
like a child losing a parent in a big shop.
Maybe losing direction in marriage or a job,
losing health, good looks, life itself.

When we're lost we need a signpost,
or some way of finding direction.

Jesus is our way, our direction,

our signpost through life to God.

He is lifted up;
so that in every dangerous experience of life,
we can see him, our risen Lord on Calvary.

In illness or depression, we know his
presence,
in poverty and injustice, we know his care,
in mourning and loss, we know his
compassion,
in our efforts to ease the pain of others,
we know he is with us,
we are his hand, his heart, his love
today.

He is lifted up,
never out of our sight,
for God gave his only Son
so that we might not be lost,
but have eternal life.

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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