

8th April 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.

www.drumcreeparish.com

8th April 2012
Easter Sunday

The joy of Easter and the greeting of the Risen Christ to all
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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

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

EASTER DAWN SERVICE - Everyone is invited to a brief service organised by 'Churches Together' on Easter Sunday morning at 6.30 a.m. at Craigavon Lakes Water Sports Centre. "It was very early on the first day of the week when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb".

Easter Morning Masses:

St. John the Baptist 8.30 & 11.30 a.m.

St. Patrick's Church 10am

Easter Week Masses:

St. Patrick's Church
Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday - 10 a.m.

St. John the Baptist Church
Monday 10 a.m. (Novena Prayers will be said),
Thursday & Friday - 7 p.m.

Easter Water - from St. Patrick's Well, Mahon Road supplied by the Knights of St. Columbanus.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament on Thursday St. John the Baptist Church 6pm-6.55pm

Recent Baptisms: Chelsea Ellen Toland, Catarina Margues Pederneira De Sa, Emilia Sukalenkova McCann, Annie Elizabeth Liggett, Alannah Stephanie Donlon, Sean Og Harrison McConville Walker

Confessions will not be held next
Saturday 14th April.

Ministers of the Eucharist: St. John the Baptist, week beginning 9th April Geraldine Lawless.

Ministry of The Word: Week beginning 9th April 10 a.m. Michael Sherry. 7 p.m. Geraldine Lawless.

Legion of Mary: The annual retreat will take place in Benburb Priory on Sunday 22nd April. Cost £29 (including transport). All welcome. Bus leaves St. Patrick's 9 a.m. St. Mary's Hall 9.10 a.m. St. John the Baptist 9.25 a.m. Contact 38333563 or 38334245.

Confirmation: Congratulations to all those who were confirmed from the Bun Scoil last weekend.

Portadown Lourdes Committee - Annual Church Door Collection at all Masses, next weekend, 14/15th April.

Paul Murphy, Termonfeckin Parish will be ordained deacon on Monday in Rome for service in our Diocese. Keep him in your prayers.

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia!
for He whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia!
has risen as He said, alleluia!
Pray for us to God, alleluia!
said during Eastertide at Angeleus.

Eucharistic Congress - programmes are available in Churches - explaining the workshops and cultural events and the keynote speakers. Be part of this momentous occasion in Ireland 2012.
More tickets are available for final ceremonies on Sunday 17th June - forms available in sacristies.

Offertory Collection
Sunday 1st April - £2457-65
Thanks to all who contributed

Requiescant In Pace
Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Lately deceased: Jim McCaffrey, Susan McParland, John McAlinden, Grace McCann, Paddy Roberts, Daniel Smith, Lucia Duarte, Dolores Magennis
At This Time: Annie McCann
Sunday 8th: Johnny Hamill, Mary Ellen McAlinden, Luis de sa Benevides, Bill Reid, Martha Nugent, Da Costa & Gama Families, Bill Reid
Monday 9th: Dymrna Hagan, Eileen Conlan, Brian Derry
Tuesday 10th: M.M. Mary B. O'Reilly, Jim Creaney, Lisa Kelly, Winifred Henderson
Wednesday 11th: M.M. Rosemary Lavery, Joe Bennett, Patrick Thompson
Thursday 12th: M.M. Jim Cullen, Peggy Lappin(1st Anniversary), Jimmy Creaney, Arthur Williams, Michael Henderson, John James McCann, Catherine Davis, John Cullen
Friday 13th: Catherine McGuigan, Francis Austin, Brian Chambers
Saturday 14th: John McGeown(1st Anniversary), Patrick Hamill, Kathleen Judge, Hugh Marley

The Committee are also collecting old pens and markers - please leave in boxes in Churches.

Family Care Society - a voluntary adoption agency - for more information see

www.familycaresociety.co.uk

Reflection

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Joseph

I'm Joseph, the man who owned the tomb
I watched the crucifixion of Jesus
with most of his friends
from a distance.

You might say I often felt I was dead in myself,
hanging around the edge of the crowd with him,
asking questions with Nicodemus.
Jesus didn't seem to mind that -
come close when you want to,
no pressure -
was the impression he gave,
and I feel closer to him now.

Life was privileged for me,
no big problems,
enough money and family connections,
but it was very dead.
I'm like people who have never forgiven themselves,
or who are too scared to love someone,
or who find it hard to feel with
another person even when they want to,
or who thought that Jesus would ask too much.

All he asked of me was my tomb,
and I'm glad now to be rid of that.
I loved my security, in life and death -
I planned where I'd be buried
and sure, I lived my life half-buried
in laws and fears and whispers of joy.

Now I feel born again,
refreshed by the water of his side
like water of a womb.
I knew when I gave that tomb away,
I was getting back the gift of life.

Then I was the owner of a tomb,
now I have been gifted with the fullness of his life.