20th May 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

St. John the Baptist Church, Garvaghy Road, (1777) - 1977 St. Patrick's Church, William Street – 1835

Solemnity of the Ascension 20th May 2012

Mass Times: St. John the Baptist Saturday Â 7 p.m. Sunday Â Â 8.30 & 11.30 a.m. St. Patrick's Sunday Â 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: Â Fr. O'Dwyer 38350610 Fr. Sheehan 38332218 Parish Mobile - Emergency No. 07841101850

First Holy Communion: children from Presentation P.S. receive First Holy Communion at 11am in St Patrick's Church next Saturday. Please keep them in your prayers. Congratulations to children from Ballyoran P.S. who received their First Holy Communion yesterday.

Ministry of The Word - from 21st 10 a.m. Mary McCann. 7 p.m. Rosaleen Hamill.

Minister of The Eucharist St. John the Baptist from 21st Geraldine Lawless.

Eucharistic Congress:Â May Rosary Saturday 12th 7.50pm: Lourdes Committee; Sunday 12.20pm Syro-Malabar Community; Monday 10.30am Shop Volunteers; Tuesday 7.30pm St John's Scout Unit; Wednesday 7.30pm Jesuit Community; Thursday 7.30pm Adoration Group; Friday 7.30pm Pastor.

Recent Baptisms:Â Sienna Wright, Leanna Mary Donnelly, Mason John Murphy, Dean Malachy McGarry, Aogan Joseph McAlinden

Sacrament of Marriage:Â congratulations to Kathryn Mulholland and Sean Farrell who were married recently.

Pastoral Area Resource Team - meeting Monday 21st May, 8 p.m Pastoral Centre.

Sacrament of Confirmation:Â those confirmed this year and those presently in Primary 6, should make a special effort to attend Mass next weekend, Pentecost Sunday.

Dates for First Communicants to come to St. John the Baptist Church in their special clothes: Â Sunday 3rd June assemble at 11.15 a.m. Â Sunday 10th June Corpus Christi - any Mass. Wednesday 13th June at 7 p.m. for Mass and Eucharistic Procession to mark the Eucharistic Congress.

Cemetery Sunday 3rd June with Mass at 11.30am. Please bring Holy Water with you for the blessing of graves. When cleaning or tidying graves please take debris home.

Lough Derg: Annual 3 day pilgrimage begin 1st June. For information visit www.loughderg.org

Feasts:Â Monday 21st Ss Christopher Megallanes & Companions; Tuesday 22nd St. Rita of Cascia; Friday 25th St. Bede, St. Gregory VII, St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi.

Drumcree College:Â visit www.drumcreecollege.co.uk Â Our School. Our Community. Our Future. Your Choice. Support Drumcree College.

IEC Meeting - a preparatory meeting for the Eucharistic Congress will take place in the Pastoral Centre at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 23rd May. A video on the theme of the Eucharist (40 min.) will be shown, followed by some updated information for those attending the Congress. Registered pilgrims and all interested persons welcome to attend. Â

Cultra trip to Old Drumcree - 10th June. Mass at 2 p.m. Bring a packed lunch. Buses leave St. John the Baptist car park at 12.30 p.m. Ticket £3-50 available in sacristies. Some may wish to travel by their own means.

Sunday 13th Offertory Collection £2335-85 Thanks to all who contributed Pastoral Centre: Cafe Bethany open after 10 a.m. Mass on Mondays Â **Requiescant in Pace** Jesus Christ is Risen from the dead. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Lately Deceased: A John McKenna, Eileen Clarkson, Denis McCourt, Kitty McAlinden, Anthony McGuigan, Joao Monteiro, Mary Brennan At This Time: Â Leo Francis & Bridget Larkin, John Morgan Sunday 20th: Terence Crawford(1st Anniversary), M.M. Georgette Garriege, James McDonnell, Edith O'Neill, Thomas Falls, Mary Alice Bennett, Michael Reid, Joaquim Da Costa, Leo McCourt, Frances Foy, Kathleen Loughran Monday 21st: Baby Daniel McCloy(1st Anniversary), Mary Coleman, Gerard Beattie, Billy Bogues, Jackie O'Neill, Annie Breen Tuesday 22nd: Patrick H. Lavery, Dr. Marie McAnallen Â Wednesday 23rd: Jonathan Griffin(1st Anniversary), Junior McConville, Elizabeth O'Hanlon, Gerald McAlinden, Angela Kelly Â Thursday 24th: Vera Kelly, Matthew Sloan, Thomas Heyburn, Roisin McClinton, Maurice McClean, Baby Ryan Americo Victor, Robert Duffy, Peter Lappin Â Friday 25th:Â Margaret Garvey Saturday 26th:Â Mary Nugent, Addis McNally, Joe McCormack, Marie Mallon Anniversaries late for Bulletin should be left in the Sacristy for inclusion on proper day Â 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.

St. Vincent De Paul Society URGENTLY REQUIRED!! Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â BABY CLOTHES: 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. Â Â SELF HELP LINE - 38339639. Response within 48 hours.

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

Drumcree College Committee - was set up in March to look into researching alternatives to the proposal to consult on closure of our school. We meet monthly. You have hopefully noticed the banners urging our Parishioners to support the continued presence of Catholic Post Primary Education in Portadown. We need your support as this is the beginning of a long process. Any helpful ideas please contact the school. Updated information is available on our school website - www.drumcreecollege.org.uk

Fitness Class for Women(Beginners) - Wednesdays, 7.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. in Drumcree Pastoral Centre. Cost £5. All ages welcome. Tel Isobel 07907655061.

St John The Baptist P.S. Sunday Funday 27th May - now incorporating Craft Fair - bouncy castle, BBQ and usual attractions.

Armagh Diocesan Historical Society Tour 10th to 18th September visiting Lyons, Ars, Chambery, Cluny etc. Details from Joe Canning at 37522981.

Society of African Missions Dromintine Family Fun Day Sunday 10th June 1.30-6pm A day not to be missed.

Portadown Inter-Church Forum invites you to "The Decade of

Centenaries", facilitated by Tides Training, in Portadown Town Hall on Wednesday 30th May 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. This event will outline the historical background to the forthcoming decade of centenaries, with particular emphasis on the Ulster Solemn League and Covenant of 1912. This

informal interactive evening will be facilitated in seminar format so there will be plenty of opportunity for participation.

Ashgrove Community Centre: Monday - Crafts 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Arts 2 - 4 p.m. Street Dance Class 6 -Â 7 p.m. Circuits

Exercise Class 7.15 - 8 15 p.m. Tuesday 12 - 2 p.m. Seniors Luncheon Club. 5.30 - 6.30 p.m. & 7.30 - 9 p.m. Slimming World. Â

Wednesday 10 a.m. - noon Housing Executive Advice. 2 - 3.30 p.m. Ballyoran Senior Citizens Club. Junior Indoor Socer 5 - 6 p.m. Â Thursday 12 noon - 2 p.m. Seniors Luncheon Club. Dance 5 - 6 p.m. Friday Irish Dancing School 4.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. For

bookings etc contact Chris Cassidy 028 38 331650 or 07912389509.

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. Â£1 per day. Crafts Classes Tue., Wed. 7 - 8 p.m. Computer Classes Thursdays 10 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. - contact Ann 38339916. Â

Craigavon Marie Curie Fundraising - Lurgan Park Walk 30th May 6pm - contact 38343411.

Ballyoran Community Association:Â for up to date information log on to Facebook Page - ballyorancommunityassociationPortadown. Â

Richmount Rural Community Association: Bus trip to Dublin Zoo, Saturday 26th May, leaving Richmount School at 8.30 a.m. returning at 6.30 p.m. You may bring packed lunch. Tea/coffee will be provided. Bus and entrance to Zoo Child £10 (3-16), Adult £17.

Tickets available at Wrights Filling Station or Tel. Joe Garvey on

07934186635. Richmount Ramblers - every Tuesday at 7 p.m. Various locations. See www.richmountrca.btck.co.uk

Phoenix Players: holding auditions on Saturday 26th May, 1 p.m., in St. Colomba's School, Carlton St., for forthcoming production of `Pirates of Penzance'. All under 21 yr. olds welcome. If you are not a performer, but would like to help with scenery, make up etc. also come along too - we always need volunteers!! please.

Naiscol Na Banna: thanks to all who attended, donated prizes or helped in any other way, the recent fund raising event. Amount raised was £1100.

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Reflection

The way, truth and life

Risen Lord, be the way that guides my steps, be the truth that enlightens my mind, be the life that gives love to my heart.

By the way: the sure path on ground even or uneven, on the straight or turning road, the narrow or the wide. The path of life bears your footprints. Share it with me. You are the way to truth, to life, to heaven.

Be the truth: the golden string in uncertainty, glimpsed or fully known. the meaning of life bears your word. Â Share it with us. You are the truth on the way, of life, about heaven.

Be the life: the hope and optimism in love, the third in every friendship. All love bears your life. Share it, Lord Jesus. You are the life, on our way, in the truth, forever in heaven. Â PARISH -BE A PART OF IT OR BE APART FROM IT

A MINUTE IN EVERY HOUR! Â AN HOUR IN EVERY DAY! Â A DAY IN EVERY WEEK

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