

## 9th December 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

9th December 2012  
Second 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

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament in St. John the Baptist Church today beginning at 4 p.m. concluding with Benediction at 7 p.m.

#### Minister of The Eucharist

St. John the Baptist - from 10th  
Geraldine Lawless.

#### Ministry of The Word

from 10th - 10 a.m. Michael Sherry.  
7 p.m. Geraldine Lawless.

Recent Baptisms: Alicia Ellen Kelly, Lillie Grace McConville, Rhia Guy, Ethan Stephen O'Reilly, Kyle Josef Alinas

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick during 10am Mass next Saturday in St Patrick's Church. All welcome.

St. Vincent De Paul - Christmas Appeal

2nd - 9th December

Again we are asking you to give a donation via envelope to help others this Christmas. Please post donations in the (envelopes provided) Post Boxes which are available in the Churches. Your generosity will bring some joy and happiness to those in need and bring a blessing on yourself.

Children's Christmas party/Disco in Pastoral Centre Sunday 9th December 2 - 5 p.m. P4 - P7 children only.

Sacrament of Marriage: congratulations to Janine Robinson and James Briggs who were married recently.

Feasts: Tuesday 11th St. Damascus; Wednesday 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Finnian; Thursday 13th St. Lucy; Friday 14th St. John of the Cross. A

Reflections for Advent: meet on Monday after morning coffee in the Pastoral Centre. We will reflect on readings for Sunday 16th December. Readings are available from Bridget McCann, Michael Sherry or Denis McCourt. All are welcome.

Youth Advent Challenge in the Year of Faith - Armagh Diocesan Youth Commission have produced a guide for helping all young people, in body or in heart, prepare for the true meaning of Christmas. Leaflets available in Churches.

Trocaire Gift Certificates for Christmas - available to purchase in the Pastoral Centre Bookshop. for Chicks £5, for Light £8, for Olive Trees £16, for School Fees £24, for Goats £40, for Bike £50, for Safe Motherhood £80, for Water £120, for a Cow £160.

HUG (Helping Uganda Grow) - Coffee Evening Saturday 8th December after 7 p.m. Mass also Coffee Morning and Cake Sale Sunday 9th December 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Portadown Inter-Church Carol Service 2012 -

Portadown Inter-Church Forum warmly invite you to join in its annual Cross Community Christmas Service on Thursday 13th December at 8 p.m. Our Parish will host the Service in St. Patrick's Church. Members of various congregations will take part, along with special guests and a primary school choir. Supper will be served following the Service. This is a special occasion in church life in Portadown and please do bring along your friends as well.

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession: extra times next weekend - after evening Mass on Saturday and after 11.30am Mass on Sunday.

Requiescant in Pace

Lately Deceased: Damien Hughes, Maureen Tucker, Ita Mulholland, Phyllis McParland

At This Time: Alipio Jordao Do Carmo, Charlie & Maggie Campbell, John Lappin

Sunday 9th: James Tiffney, Gerald McCormac

Monday 10th: Thomas McCann, Patsy Byrne

Tuesday 11th: James Creaney, Anthony Foy, Sr. Paula McDermott, Francis McGinley, Rory McGuigan

Wednesday 12th: Annie McCooe, Dymphna Fearnon, Teresa O'Hagan, Patricia Ann Begley

Thursday 13th: James Dalzell (1st Anniversary), Karl Mercer, Paddy Lappin, Kitty Tennyson, Mary Jordan, Edward Fearnon, Vera Williams, Peter McCann A Friday 14th: Henry Redmond, Noel Benson, John McClean, Eugene Douglas, Felix Donnelly A

Saturday 15th: Molly Williamson, James Brennan, Daniel Fearnon, Brian Loftus

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

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.

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St. Vincent De Paul Society

URGENTLY REQUIRED!! A A A A A A A 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. A

A A A A A SELF HELP LINE - 38339639. Response within 48 hours.

Book Shop Pastoral Centre: Opening hours this week are as follows: Saturday 6-8.00pm; Sunday 9 am to 1 pm; Monday 10.30 am to 12 noon; Tuesday - Friday 6 - 8.00 pm.

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Irish Association of Anger Management - "Stay Cool This

Christmas"™. Christmas is supposed to be the season of peace and good will to all people. This confidential one day anger management programme is specifically designed to give participants effective tools to prevent anger destroying their and their families Christmas this year. For more information about this programme and how you can participate in it, call 028 90222633 / 07525212555 or log on to [www.difficultemotions.com](http://www.difficultemotions.com)

Ann and Liz thank everyone who supported the recent Macmaillan Coffee morning. Total raised £548. Thank you for your kind support.

Christmas Youth Retreat: Youth 2000 - in Newbridge College, Co Kildare Friday 14th to Sunday 16th December. For 16 to 35 year olds. Cost - donation only. Bring sleeping bag. To book contact 0035316753690 or 07598876399 or [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

Ceili next Saturday 15th in Drumcree Pastoral Centre.

Ashgrove Community Centre: Â

Monday Junior Indoor Soccer 4.30 - 5.30 p.m. Hip Hop Dance 6 - 8 p.m. Tuesday 12 - 1 p.m. Seniors Luncheon Club. MMA Fitness Class (Adult) 7.30 - 8.30 p.m. Pilates 7 - 8 p.m. Wednesday 10.30 - 11.30 a.m. Housing Executive Advice. Ballyoran Seniors Club 2 - 3.30 p.m. Young Female Activity Programme 7 - 9 p.m.

Thursday Seniors Luncheon Club 11.30 - 12.30 p.m.

St. Malachy's Bowling 7.30 - 9 p.m. Irish Language Class 8 - 9 p.m. Â

Friday Irish Dancing School 4.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. Intergenerational Project 7 - 9 p.m. MMA Fitness Class(Kids) 6 - 7 p.m.

Saturday Ballet Dancing 10.30 - 1.30 p.m. Christian Meeting 6 - 8 p.m. Sunday Pride of Eireinn Band Practice 3 - 5 p.m. For bookings etc contact Chris Cassidy 028 38 331650 or 07912389509 for Birthday Parties and Private Bookings.

Tir Na nOg: Bingo every Tuesday 8 pm All support needed also Club Lotto. Â

Ballyoran Community Association: for up to date information log on to Facebook Page - [ballyorancommunityassociationPortadown](https://www.facebook.com/ballyorancommunityassociationPortadown).

Bannside Development Centre: Homework Club Monday and Tuesday 3.15 - 4.30 p.m. £1 per day. Arts and Craft Classes Tuesday and Wednesday 7 - 8 p.m. Computer Classes Thursdays 10a.m. - 12.30 p.m. For more information contact Ann 028 38339916.

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Reflection

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Prepare the Way

Everything we do  
can prepare the way for God.  
For God makes his home among us,  
and Jesus is born to dwell within each of us.

In love and in friendship,  
there is the meeting place of God and people,  
as in the love and promise of Mary  
there was the space for God to become one  
of us.

In our human love  
we prepare the way for the love of God,  
in our human forgiveness  
we prepare the way for the forgiveness of God,  
in our human compassion  
we prepare the way for the compassion  
of God.

Our human work for the betterment of people  
prepares the way for the justice of God,  
and our human way of reconciliation

for the grace of reconciliation of God and his people.

In love, forgiveness and compassion  
we are sharing in the very life of God.

Without our co-operation,  
there can be no justice of God,  
no reconciliation of God,  
no speaking the word of God,  
for without our voice the word of God is silent.

Advent invites us to choose love,  
to commit our lives  
to prepare the way for God.

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It is our faith,  
a faith born of love,  
a faith born in the everyday  
as Jesus was born of Mary,  
that the Lord is born each year  
in the desire of his people  
to live within the love of God  
and share this love in life.

Sunday 2nd  
Offertory Collection Â£2115-58  
Thanks to all who contributed  
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Pastoral Centre: Cafe Bethany open after  
10 a.m. Mass on Mondays

Â PARISH -  
BE A PART OF IT  
Â OR BE APART FROM IT

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

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THE JOY RULE  
THINK OF JESUS  
THINK OF OTHERS  
THINK OF YOURSELF