

16th 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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Â St. John the Baptist Church, Garvaghy Road, (1777) - 1977
St. Patrick's Church, William Street â€“ 1835

16th December 2012
Third Sunday of Advent
(Gaudete Sunday)

Mass Times:

St. John the Baptist
SaturdayÂ Â 7 p.m.
SundayÂ Â Â Â 8.30 & 11.30 a.m.
St. Patrick's
SundayÂ Â Â 10 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

St. John the Baptist
Monday 10am
Tuesday - Friday 7p.m.
St. Patrick's
Tuesday - SaturdayÂ 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 beÂ 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

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession:Â - after Mass this eveningÂ and after 11.30am Mass tomorrow Sunday.

Monday 17th St. Patrick's Church
Â 6.30 - 6.55 p.m. and after the Novena
Tuesday 18th St. John the Baptist Church
Penitential Service at 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday 19th, Thursday 20th and Friday 21st - St. John the Baptist Church after evening Mass.
Saturday 22nd St. Patrick's Church 12.30 - 1.15 p.m.
St. John the Baptist Church 6.15 - 6.45 p.m. and after evening Mass.
Sunday 23rd St. John the Baptist Church after 11.30 a.m. Mass.
Monday 24th - no confessions.

Minister of The Eucharist
St. John the Baptist - from 17th
Maura Berry.

Ministry of The Word
from 10th - 10 a.m. Bridget McCann.
7 p.m. Rosaleen Hamill.

Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion: congratulations to our new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who were commissioned last week for service in this Parish. We wish them well in their new ministry.

St. Vincent De Paul Society - sincere thanks to all who contributed to the recent Appeal. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Parish Pastoral Council - meeting Thursday 20th December, 8 p.m.

Feasts: Tuesday 18th St. Fiannan; Thursday 20th St. Fachanan; Friday 21st St. Peter Canisius.

Reflections for Advent: meet on Monday after morning coffee in the Pastoral Centre. We will reflect on readings for Sunday 23rd 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.

Christmas Masses:

Monday 24th - St. John the Baptist Church 10 a.m. (Novena prayers said during this Mass) No 7 p.m. Mass.

Christmas Eve - St. Patrick's Church and St. John the Baptist Church both at 9 p.m.

Christmas Day - St. John the Baptist Church 8.30 a.m. & 11.30 a.m. St. Patrick's Church 10 a.m.

St John the Baptist Primary School/Bun Scoil hold their Nativity/Carol Service in St John the Baptist Church on Monday 17th December at 7pm.

No bulletin on 30th December - anniversaries and notices for week 30th December to 5th January will be printed in next week's bulletin and should be left at Parochial House before Wednesday 19th December.

Sunday 9th

Offertory Collection £2789-18

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: Ita Mulholland, Phyllis McParland, Martha Molloy, Frank McCaughley, John McKeever

At This Time: William Thomas McQuaid, Mary Quinn, Mary Ruddy

Sunday 16th: Sharon Byrne, Michael Davidson, Adelaide De Arauju, Patrick McGarrity, John McAnallen, Brian McDonald, Thomas & Kitty McCourt, Nora McDonald, Stanislaw Strycharz, Felix Devine, John Loughran

Monday 17th: M.M. Damien Hughes, Ailish Black, Jim Dennison, Joe Bailey, Geoge Walker, Margaret Fox, John Kelly

Tuesday 18th: Francie Fay, Gavin Duffy, James McCullaughm Laurence Crozier, Sharon Berry, George Moonan, Patrick Kelly

Wednesday 19th: M.M. Maureen Tucker, Annie Millsopp, Kathleen Kerr, Vera & Thomas Madden, Cissie Lappin, Mary Gorman, Ellen Catherine McCann, Frank Hamill, William Kevin Doran, Iris Berry, Brian Judge, William Keegan, James Henry McCooe, Elizabeth Lavery

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

Friday 21st: Rose McKeever(1st Anniversary), John & Gertrude Garvey

Saturday 22nd: Billy Jordan(1st Anniversary), Zirandina Medeckiene(1st Anniversary)

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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URGENTLY REQUIRED!! 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. 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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St. John the Baptist Nursery School - application forms are now available for September 2012. Closing date for return of these is Friday 11th January 2012 at 12 noon.

Free Classes - Do you need help with your IT, Maths or English? Southern Regional College provide classes which may be taught in your local community. For more information contact Orla on 38397795.

Free Level 2 Horticulture Training - get expert advice on your garden or allotment. Applicants must live in a Neighbourhood Renewal Area. Course starting in Ballyoran P.S. on Tuesday 22nd January 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. for 15 weeks. Contact Orla on above number.

Recruitment in Vocational Training - SRC is currently recruiting Craigavon NR residents into vocational training in many areas. If interested contact Jim Cunningham on 07711981732. You must live in Neighbourhood Renewal Area to qualify.

Aware Defeat Depression - If you are currently affected by mild to moderate depression this new free programme can make a big difference to your life. Starting Tuesday 22nd Jan. 2013 and every Tuesday until 26th February at Derby & Joan Club, Woodside, 7 - 9 p.m. To apply for a place contact Carole on 028 90357820 or e-mail carole@aware-ni.org

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

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. Saturday 15th Dec. Golden Oldies Disco. Friday 21st Dec. Chest, Heart & Stroke Charity Night - Music Just Al. 8 til late. Sat. 22nd Dec. Music by Rita McDonald. Sat. 29th Dec. Music by Bone-a-part. New Years Eve Music by Snake Bite. Adm Â£5. Pay at door.

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

Bannside Development Centre: Homework Club Monday and Tuesday 3.15 - 4.30 p.m. Â£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.

Reflection

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The Good News

In the gospel of Jesus
there is the good news
that we are children of God
and that we are called together
into the love of God.

We are called to a
faith that is personal

and connected to the faith of others,
so that we have a care for the poor,
and for all in their times of need.

We are to give what we have,
to those who have not enough.
Those who have two tunics
give to those who have none.

And in giving to those who are needy,
we are giving to the needy Christ.

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He is cold to those who are unclothed,
hungry in those who are starving,
lonely in those who are alone,
victimised in those who are bullied and abused.

He rejoices with us in good times
and sympathises with us in our sorrow.

The Lord Jesus
was born among us
poor, rejected by many
and loved by Mary and Joseph.

He himself, before he can speak,
is good news.
He is Son of God and one of us -
we await his birth this year
so that we can be reborn ourselves
and each of us
can be the good news of God.

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Reborn is our conviction that
all men and women are brothers and sisters,
that all are children of God
and that all will share the joy of God,
when Jesus comes again in glory.

Â 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