

## 23rd 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

23rd December 2012  
Fourth 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

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession: - after Mass this evening and after 11.30am Mass tomorrow Sunday.  
Monday 24th - no confessions.

#### 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. Stephen's Day - Wednesday  
St. Patrick's Church - 10 a.m.

Thursday 27th  
St. Patrick's Church 10 a.m.  
Friday 28th  
St. John the Baptist Church 7 p.m.  
Saturday 29th  
No 10 a.m. Mass

Minister of The Eucharist  
St. John the Baptist - from 24th  
Martin Barlow.

Ministry of The Word  
from 24th - 10 a.m. Peggy McKeever.  
7 p.m. Margaret Marley.

Feasts: Monday 24th Christmas Eve; Tuesday 25th The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ; Wednesday 26th St. Stephen; Thursday 27th St. John; Friday 28th The Holy Innocents; Saturday 29th St. Thomas Becket.

ADYC Summer Youth Pilgrimages:  
Taize, France 16 - 35 yr olds, 4 - 11 July 2013.  
Brightlights, WYD @ Home, England 15 - 30 yr olds  
24 - 29 July 2013.  
Camino De Santiago, Spain - 20+ yr old, 24 - 31 August 2013.  
See information sheet in Churches: for more detailed information please email [armaghyouth@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:armaghyouth@yahoo.co.uk)

The new Extra-Ordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are Eilish McKeever, Margaret Mallon, Ciara Wilson, Elizabeth Wilson, Owen Beattie, Eamon Breen, John Geary, Richard Hendron, John Marley, Dylan Murphy. Along with the present ministers some will start in January.

Thank-you to the pupils and staff of St John the Baptist Primary School/Bunscoil, Presentation Primary School, and Ballyoran Primary School who decorated the windows of St John the Baptist Church and Pastoral Centre.

Recent Baptisms: Aoibhinn Saoirse Amelia Connolly; Deborah Jane McStravick.

Book Shop Pastoral Centre: Not open Christmas Week.

#### Requiescant in Pace

Lately Deceased: Martha Molloy, Frank McCaughley, John McKeever, Eamon Foy, Fr. John Edwards, Patrick Judge  
At This Time: John Jospeh Hagan, James McGurk, Elizabeth McGurk, Sarah Smith, Tommy Hall, Bobby Hall Sunday  
23rd: Mary Quinn, Alice Oliver, John Maguire, Ze Roberto Jeronimo, Gaspar Adelaide Pereira Monday 24th: M.M. Ita  
Mulholland, Joseph McCabe, Teresa Devine, Brendan Mackle, John Brophy, Joseph Cullen, Phil Jordan, Pedro  
Gomes Tuesday 25th: Frances Hanratty, Eddie Murray, Daniel O'Neill, Pat McNeice, Patrick Farrell, Ann Hamill, Ham  
Family, Bro. Michael Keyes, Joan Farnan, Sam Connelly Wednesday 26th: M.M. Phyllis McParland, Irene Dignam,  
Mamie Smith, James Murphy, Barry Madden, Michael Henderson, Vincent Melaugh Thursday 27th: Patrick O'Neill,  
Veronica McBennett, Thomas Foy, John Henry Halfpenny Friday 28th: James Kelly, Rosheen Girvan, Isobel McCann,  
Bridget McKenna, Tommy McCann, James Johnston, Margaret Mary McNally, Melburn Reid Saturday 29th: Brendan  
Kelly)1st Anniversary), Margaret Foy, Patrick Carvill, Pauline Nichols, Teresa Marley, Josie Hannaway, Mary Laverty  
Anniversaries late for Bulletin should be left in the Sacristy for inclusion on proper day

Parish & Community Notices for week beginning 30th December

#### Masses:

Sunday 30th Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
St. John the Baptist Church - Saturday 7 p.m.  
Sunday - 8.30 & 11.30 a.m.  
St. Patrick's Church - 10 a.m.  
Monday 31st - St. John the Baptist Church 10 a.m. (Novena prayers said during this Mass).  
Wedding Mass St. Patrick's Church 12.30 p.m.  
No 7 p.m. Mass.  
New Years Day - St. Patrick's Church 12 noon  
Wednesday 2nd January - St. Patrick's Church 10 a.m.  
Thursday 3rd - St. John the Baptist Church 7 p.m.  
Friday 4th - St. Patrick's Church 10 a.m.  
St. John the Baptist Church 7 p.m.

## Requiescat in Pace

Sunday 30th: Dermot Hagan(1st Anniversary), Eileen Kelly, Henry Mulholland, Mary Lappin, Frank Kelly, Maggie Oâ€™Neill  
 Monday 31st: Conor Mulholland(1st Anniversary), Cardinal Cahal Daly, Msgr. Peter Shields, Ciaran Killips, Dominic Matthews  
 Tuesday 1st: Bridget McCann, Miriam McNally, Seamus McKeever, Maureen Fisher, Barney Hamill, Norah Carvill, Pat Hughes, Mary Ann Tiffney, William Black  
 Wednesday 2nd: Fionnuala Gorman, John Aloysius Derry  
 Thursday 3rd: Catherine Watkins, Peter Daly  
 Friday 4th: Paddy Joe McKeever, Damian Goodwin, Frances Henderson, Jack Hagan, Joe McParland, Philomena Murphy  
 Saturday 5th: Charlie Farrell, James Cullen

## Ministers of The Eucharist - January

Vigil Miriam Loftus, Margaret Mallon, Theresa McCaffrey, Colm McCann  
 8.30 a.m. Catherine McCooe, John Geary, Geraldine Lawless  
 10 a.m. Seamus McCaffrey, Winnie Breen, Ann Marie Hamill  
 11.30 a.m. Roisin Kelly, Elizabeth Wilson, Mary Taggart, Bernie Mallon.  
 St. Francis Jackie McKeown  
 Rosemount Margaret Marley.  
 St. John the Baptist week beginning 7th January Elizabeth Wilson.

## Ministry of The Word - January

Vigil Olivia McDonald  
 8.30 a.m. David Greer  
 10 a.m. Aine McCreesh West  
 11.30 a.m. Ciara Burnett.

Drumcree Parish Church - The Greatest Gift, Sunday 23rd Dec. at 7 p.m. Tea/Coffee/Mince Pies after Service  
 Church Hall New Year

Social 31st Dec. 10.30 p.m. - 1 a.m. Entry Â£2.

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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.

Notices and anniversaries should be left in by the Wednesday prior to publication.

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Drumcree College: visit [www.drumcreecollege.co.uk](http://www.drumcreecollege.co.uk) Our School. Our Community. Our Future. Your Choice. Support Drumcree College.

Tir Na nOg: 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](https://www.facebook.com/ballyorancommunityassociationPortadown).

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.

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](mailto:carole@aware-ni.org)

Sunday 16th

Offertory Collection Â£2657-28

Thanks to all who contributed

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## Reflection

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Mary - Mother and Friend

A very human side of Mary -  
 after she knew she was to be the mother of God,  
 Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth,  
 an older woman who herself was expecting her first child.

She needed to talk with someone -

her hopes, her fears, her anxieties  
and the puzzlement  
of her mysterious visit from God  
and what God asked her to become -  
the mother of Jesus.

And she knew her cousin would be the same.  
Elizabeth, too, needed to talk over  
her hopes, her fears, her anxieties  
and the puzzlement  
of her mysterious visit from God.  
Like we all do:  
There are times in life we need to talk  
and we need someone to listen.

If weâ€™re out in the cold,  
we need the warmth of  
someone elseâ€™s sympathy,  
Â understanding,  
someone just to listen, to be there  
and maybe to give a bit of advice.  
And when weâ€™re very happy,  
feel like dancing around the room or the fields,  
we like to share that too.

They helped each other grow in their faith,  
in what God had given to them  
and what God was asking of them  
and they helped each other trust  
that what the Lord promised them  
would be fulfilled.

There are times in life when we need  
more than someone to listen to us;  
we need others to share their story  
and help us trust.  
We also need faith:

She knew that God would not leave her  
alone  
when times would be rough and painful.  
She knew that God would be there,  
through people like Elizabeth now,  
like the shepherds at the birth,  
like John at the foot of the Cross.  
She knew that God had called her  
and she could welcome his call with  
courage.

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