

17th February 2013

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) - 1997
St Patrick's Church, William Street - 1835.

17th February 2013
First Sunday of Lent

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

Our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI after much prayer and reflection told us last Monday that he will resign the Papacy on Thursday 28th February next. On Ash Wednesday he asked us to continue to pray for me, for the Church and for the future Pope. This we do as Pope Benedict faces these days of transition and change of ministry.

Ministers of The Eucharist -

St. John the Baptist week beginning 18th February Elizabeth Wilson and John Geary.

Ministry of The Word

Week beginning 18th February - 10 a.m. Michael Sherry.7 p.m. Jerome Marley.

Parish Lenten Retreat - This year the Parish is offering a Parish Lenten Retreat entitled 'Fish on Friday - For an Easter Like Never Before' and we invite everyone to be involved. The idea is really simple and offers the opportunity to do something different this year. The Retreat takes place every Friday night during the 7pm evening Eucharist. In addition everyone will be given a simple Retreat booklet to help you spend 5 minutes a day with God during the days of Lent. Why not give it a try this year and let God surprise you by making this Lent a really enjoyable preparation for an Easter like never before? Everything will be supplied and all that is needed is you.

Do something special this Lent! Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for the duration of Lent. Take this opportunity to help someone you love with an alcohol or drug problem by offering up your sacrifice as a prayer for their freedom and well-being. Take the Short-Term pledge and make a difference to someone's life! Forms to sign available in Churches. For more information visit www.pioneerassociation.ie or contact Raymond O'Connor (003531) 874 9464

Walk with Me - a Lenten Journey of Prayer booklets available - £1.

Recent Baptisms: Erin Fitzpatrick, Tomas Connolly, Kajus Agalakovas, Kevinas Agalakovas, Vitalija Agalakovaite

Feasts: Thursday 21st St. Peter Damian; Friday 22nd The Chair of St. Peter; Saturday 23rd St. Polycarp.

Year of Faith Bible Study based on Fr Pacwa's book next Thursday after evening Mass in the Pastoral Centre. All welcome.

Year of Faith - Gathering in Faith Prayer Card available in Pastoral Centre Shop - £1.

Taste the New Wine: Rediscovering Vatican II (A conversation with Bishop Donal Murray, Limerick). SMA Conference Centre, Dromantine Newry, Wednesday 27th Feb. 7.30 - 9.30 p.m. Booking essential. Cost £5. Telephone 00353 42 9336649

Parish Pastoral Council meeting on Thursday 21st February after evening Mass.

Lenten Study Programme begins on Monday 11 a.m. - 12 noon in the Pastoral Centre. Those attending please reflect on the Sunday Readings for 17th February. All welcome.

Requiescant in Pace

Lately Deceased: Anna Woods, Dorothy McGarrity, Margaret Wilson, Matt Hanratty, Kathleen Lavery, Thomas McKeown, Ann Hughes, Vincent McCann, Bobby Judge, Bridget Geraghty, Daphne O'Dwyer, Stephen McCann, Patricia Wilson, Claudina Alves, Fr. Senan Timoney SJ

At This Time: Agnes McCullaugh, Brita Berry

Sunday 17th: Sean McCann (1st Anniversary), Imelda Austin, Cathy Connolly, Stephen Murphy, Agnes

McQuade, Maureen McConville, Kathleen Lynn, Gertie Madden, Maria, Juana & Fernanda De Jesus

Monday 18th: Fr. Desmond Cush, Lily Grimley, Johnny McGurgan, Theresa O'Dwyer

Tuesday 19th: Vera King (1st Anniversary), Annie McConnell Wednesday 20th: Peter McKeown, Sarah Ann Bunting,

Sheila Gorman, Jim McKeever, Charlie McVeigh Thursday 21st: Joseph Marley, Vincent Byrne, Mary Kelly, Owen

McCann, Joseph Litter, Josie Fleming, Sean Gorman, Kevin Heatley

Friday 22nd: Ellen Fearon, Paul Creaney, James McNally Saturday 23rd: Pauline Fay (1st Anniversary), Rita Litter,

Thomas James Reid, Jimmy Clarke, Rose Judge

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

When submitting notices for the bulletin please include a name and telephone number

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

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URGENTLY REQUIRED!! Ladies, Men's and Children's Clothing. Furniture also needed - collection available. Clothes shop phone

38393898. Furniture shop phone 38394219, Mayfair Business Centre, Garvaghy Road. Open Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

SELF HELP LINE - 38339639 - Response within 48 hours.

Book Shop Pastoral Centre: Opening hours this week - Saturday

6 - 8 p.m. Sunday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Monday 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon.
Tuesday - Friday 6 - 8 p.m. Confirmation and First Communion gifts now available.

The Presentation of the Lord Icon has been placed in St John the Baptist Church as an aid to prayer.

Servite Priory - Benburb: Lenten Retreat, Sunday 3rd March, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Offering £25 (including meals). Book at the Priory 37 548241.

St. Mary's Youth Centre: due to planned refurbishment of the Centre the After School Club and Evening Club will now be operating from Drumcree College (the former Music Block). A warm welcome to all. For football training and boxing see relevant coaches.

St. John the Baptist P.S. PTA - Quiz with a Difference in the Pastoral Centre, Friday 22nd February at 7.30 p.m. Admission £5 per person, includes light supper. Tickets available from the school.

Phoenix Players present "The Matchmaker" (a comedy by J.B. Keane) in the Pastoral Centre on Saturday 23rd February at 8 p.m. Admission £8.

The JOY rule
Think of Jesus
Think of Others
Think of You
Perhaps this Rule was part of Pope Benedict's prayer!

Ashgrove Community Centre: Monday Craft Classes 10am-12noon; Arts Class 2pm-4pm; Hip Hop Dance 6 - 8 p.m.; Mixed Martial Arts 8-9pm Tuesday 11.30am - 12.30pm Seniors Luncheon Club; Bowls 2-4pm; MMA 7.30 - 8.30 p.m. Wednesday 10.30 - 11.30 a.m. Housing Executive Advice; Ballyoran Seniors Club 2 - 3.30 p.m.; Eat to Succeed 5-6pm; Pride of Eireann 7.30-9pm. Thursday Seniors Luncheon Club 11.30 - 12.30 p.m.; Junior Indoor Soccer 4.30 - 5.30 p.m., Multi Skills Club 6-7pm; St. Malachy's Bowling 7.30 - 9 p.m. Irish Language Class 8 - 9 p.m. Friday Irish Dancing School 4.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.; MMA 7-8 p.m. Saturday Ballet Dancing 10.30 - 1.30 p.m.; MMA 3-4pm; Christian Meeting 6 - 8 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. Membership now open - closes 31st March 2013. Renewal forms available in clubrooms. Adults £25. Pensioners £5. Student/Underage £5. New and lapsed members welcome.

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

St. Malachy's Hurling Club: BIG BINGO - begins Friday 8th March at 8.15 p.m. sharp in Pastoral Centre. 9 games at £30 line, £60 house. Big game must be won £50 line, £500 house. Adm £10 per 6 books.

Ballyoran Community Association A.G.M. will be held in Ashgrove Community Centre on Wednesday 27th February at 11 a.m.

Spirituality resource - blog at decandsusan.wordpress.com - entitled Re Source.

Fr. O'Dwyer & Fr. Sheehan thank all who contributed to the February Dues
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Pastoral Centre: Cafe Bethany open after 10 a.m. Mass on Mondays

Reflection
Following the way of Jesus

As we set our feet on the path of Jesus,
temptations will come to follow other paths,
to give our energy and commitment to other ways,

to look for life and happiness away from God.

The temptation to Jesus was
to live for himself;
like the instinct in each of us
to see ourselves as number one.
Jesus's conviction, spread in his works
of healing the sick in mind and body,
of consoling people in all sorts of situations
and teaching the way to God
and finally in his death on the Cross,
is that true fulfilment
is in being men and women of God for
others.

He was son of God for us,
not for himself;
the temptation was
to turn the spotlight on himself
and accept a life of comfort,
concerned with honour, wealth and power.

The gifts of personality that each has
are to fit us for our journey of life,
and to be shared with all we meet on
the journey of life we share.

Our wealth, learning, talents -
all we have received in our upbringing,
all we have received from God -
are to enrich not only ourselves,
but are given for the life of the world.

Called by God to be
men and women for others,
we may be tempted to use
our love and our talents,
even faith and religion,
just for ourselves.

May we walk in the path of true life
may we create a world of equality and
justice,
where the dignity of people
is valued as much as the dignity of God.

In Jesus we are brothers and sisters,
men and women for others.
Together may we walk on the
path of life eternal.

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

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