

23rd December 2007

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 2007

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Go mbeannaí - Dia duit is go dtuga SÁ Nollaig naofa is suaimhneach duit.
Go leanaí - A bheannacht - le slánte is rachmas sa bhliain le teacht.

A blessed and holy and peaceful Christmas to you. and health and happiness during 2008. May God bless you and all you love this Christmas.

Cardinal Brady sends Christmas greetings - please take his card, available in Churches.

Devotions - Preparing for the coming of Jesus - at 7pm in St. Patrick's Church.

Masses:

Monday 24th

St. Patrick's Church 10am - the Novena Prayers will be said during Mass.

The Nativity of Jesus

St. Patrick's Church

Christmas Eve 9pm

Christmas Day 10am

St. John the Baptist Church

Christmas Eve 10pm

Christmas Day 8.30am and 11.30am

St. Stephen's Day

St. Patrick's Church 10am

Thursday 27th St. John, Apostle

St. Patrick's Church 10am

Friday 28th Holy Innocents

St. John the Baptist Church 7.30pm

Saturday 29th

St. Patrick's Church 10am

Christmas on RTE 1.

Christmas Eve Mass 11.05pm

Christmas Day - Pope Benedict 10.55am. and Cardinal Brady 2.50pm

Christmas Day Mass 11.30am

PALS GROUP - ceases December 22nd/23rd, resumes 12th/13th January 2008.

Ministers of the Eucharist - January

Vigil - Maura Berry, Aine McCooe, Sharon Garland, Colm McCann.

8.30 am Geraldine Lawless, Martin Barlow. Â

10 am Kathleen Hagan, Denis McKeever, Seamus McCaffrey. Â

11.30 am Ann Murphy, Declan McAtarsney, Bronagh Hagan, Kate Guy

St. Francis - Madeline O'Neill. Grange - Mary Taggart

Ministry of The Word - January

Vigil - Olivia McDonald. Â

8.30 am David Greer.

10 am Niamh Devlin, Aine McCreesh-West.

11.30 am Ciara Burnett.

Ministry of The Word: Week beginning 24th December, 10 a.m. Belle Oliver.

Recent Baptisms:Â Michael Graham Bird, Fionan Thomas McCann

January Changes:

The weekday evening Mass will be celebrated at 7 p.m.

Sunday devotions twice a month:Â 1st Sunday St.

Patrick's Church; 2nd Sunday St. John the Baptist Church to conclude the afternoon adoration.

Thursdays in St. John the Baptist Church there will be Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament beginning at 6 p.m.

The Polish Community will join us for Mass today at 11.30 am in St. John the Baptist Church.

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. White 38332218

Parish Mobile - Emergency No. 07841101850

Requiescat In Pace

Lately deceased:Â Â Dr. Maureen Mackle, Brian Loftus, Jimmy Dunbar

At This Time: . John Joseph Hagan, George Moonan, James & Mary Elizabeth McGurk, Sarah Smith, James Dennison,

Gavin Duffy, James McCullagh, Sr. Paschal McGivern, Mary Gorman, John BreenÂ Sunday 23rd:Â Alice Oliver, Mary

Quinn.Â Monday 24th:Â Brendan Mackle(1st Anniversary), Joe McCabe, Joe Brophy, Teresa Devine, Edith Brankin.

Tuesday 25th:Â Eddie Murray, Bernard Creaney, Patsy McVeigh, Frances Hanratty, Joe McGurgan, Ann Hamill, Patrick

McNeice, Mary

McNally, Patrick FarrellÂ Wednesday 26th:Â Peter Connelly, James Patrick Murphy, Michael Henderson.Â Thursday

27th:Â John McAtamney, Veronica M. Bennett, Leo Kelly, John Henry Halfpenny, Patrick O'Neill, Thomas Foy.Â Friday

28th:Â Barney Kelly, James Kelly, Rosheen Girvan, James Johnston, George Berry, Tommy McCann, Bridget McKenna.

Saturday 29th:Â Pauline Nichols(1st Anniversary), Patrick Carvill, Teresa Marley, Margaret Foy

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Reflection

Joseph, do not be afraid to take

Â Mary home as your wife

Isn't it a story of faith?

Joseph, wondering and afraid of what
was going on in Mary?

Mary, afraid of her call to be the
Mother of God?

Fear and faith go together.

You believe in a person and

maybe you'll be let down.

You believe in God and you can't
pin him down.

So much of life is lived in trust:

that love once promised will last,
that children will be safe and will do
the right thing,
that health will last and old age will be safe;
we want our security.

And Mary and Joseph were the same;
wanting security in relationship
and religion.
And their real safety was in God.

Do not be afraid, the Lord says;
I am your companion all your days.
And Jesus who became a man
in Palestine,
is with us today in bread and wine.

Joseph, do not be afraid to take Mary
home as your wife.

Sunday 16th December

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