

11th January 2009

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

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The Baptism of the Lord

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

Tuesday - Friday 7p.m.

St. Patrick's

Monday - 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 and 2nd Sunday

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. White 38332218

Parish Mobile - Emergency No. 07841101850

Requiescant In Pace

Lately deceased: Danny O'Neill, Edmund Cullinan, Fr. Padraic O'Kelly, Peggy McGurgan, Msgr. Peter F Shields, Kathleen Mullan, Jack Hagan, James Cullen, Jim Reavey

At This Time: John da Costa (1st Anniversary), James & Mary Elizabeth McGurk, Tommy & Bobby Hall, Stephen Donlan, George Berry, James Creaney, Alice Breslan, Thomas McQuaid, Sofia Soares, Fernando Caveterra, Bridget Rodgers, Nora Sheridan, Gerald McCann

Sunday 11th: M.M. Eileen Mallon, Charlie Hendron (1st Anniversary), Maeve Hoey, Donald McConville, John Hamill, James Lennon, Andrew Jordan, William McKernan, Leonard McShane, Oliver Lawless

Monday 12th: Jim Creaney, Bernadette McCann, Peter McCann, Peter McCoy, Mary Blacker, Maggie Murray

Tuesday 13th: M.M. Karl Mercer, M.M. Vera Williams, M.M. Patrick Lappin, Patrick Magennis, Francis Bunting, Kevin McNally, Margaret McQuade

Wednesday 14th: Jack McShane, Sheila Mary McCabe, John Hayes, Lilly Marley
 Thursday 15th: M.M. Molly Williamson, Annie McCullough(1st Anniversary), Arthur Cush, Gerald Foy, Margaret Donnelly
 Friday 16th: Mary Brown(1st Anniversary), Maura Breen, Margaret Creaney, Rita Gallagher
 Saturday 17th: Mary Megarity, James McConville, Elizabeth McCann
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Exposition of Blessed Sacrament in St. John the Baptist Church 4pm to 7pm - devotions at 7pm.

Ministers of the Eucharist

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 12th January Geraldine Lawless.

Ministry of The Word - Week beginning 12th January

10 a.m. Damien

Russell. 7 p.m. David Greer.

Recent Baptisms: Calvin Anthony Brown

Popular first names for 2008:

girls - Eva; Eabha; boys - Aaron;

Charlie; Daniel; James; Shea.

Parish Pastoral Council meeting on Thursday 15th at 7.30pm

Armagh Diocesan Youth Council:

Are you aged 18 - 35? Do you want to help a family in Ethiopia to get the house they've always wanted?

We are looking for 16 young people in the Diocese who will build houses, build hope build communities. The build will take place mid July - mid August. Actual dates to be confirmed. If you would like more information please contact Pierce/Kate on 028 37525592 or email armaghyouth@yahoo.co.uk

Distribution of Holy Communion in St. John the Baptist Church during Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. Coming to the Altar for Holy Communion to fixed stations has added a reverence and dignity to our celebrations. Thank you for complying with this new directive. For those who can not make it to the Altar area, the Eucharistic Ministers will walk through each aisle and we ask that people identify themselves, by raising their hand for example, so that the minister will know where to bring the Sacrament.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th - 25th January: An Interdenominational Service will be held in the Church of Ireland Cathedral, Armagh, on Wednesday 21st January at 8 p.m. All welcome. The Greenhills Ecumenical Conference takes place in Drogheda on Monday 19th January, 10.30 a.m. to 3.45 p.m. The theme is 'The Eucharist: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, a reformation Perspective'. Cost including lunch £15.

St. John the Baptist Nursery School: application forms are now available for free pre-school places for September 2009 admissions. Closing date for applications is Wednesday 21st January 2009 at 12noon. For more information call or contact Mrs. Murtagh at 38339283.

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Offertory Collection

Sunday 4th January

Total Â £2625-68

Thanks to all who contributed

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Reflection

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Jesus, our brother and friend

born like each of us,

of a woman, and in weakness,

plunged himself into human life

at the waters of the Jordan,

at the beginning of his life with us.

Into the depths of sin, love,

into the mystery of fragility,

weakness,

and into the history of his people

The waters of the Jordan
are the waters of joy and sorrow;
they are waters of hope and mystery;
and they are the waters of sin and
division.

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Into the waters of life Jesus plunged
and made of them the living
water of God.

All life is holy, sacred, eternal
because of Jesus.
We plunge with him into the depths
of our own being;
in the depths of love we will find the God of love,
in the depths of sin, the God of compassion,
in the depths of weakness, the God of strength,
in the depths of division, the God of reconciliation,
in the depths of poverty and
misery, the God of justice,
and in the depths of our humanity
we will find the divine life of God.

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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.

St. Vincent De Paul Society

Clothes shop, tel. 38393898 orÂ Furniture shop tel. 38394219,Â in Mayfair Business Centre, Garvaghy Road.Â Opening
hours Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.Â Saturday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.Â NEW SELF HELP LINE - 38339639.Â Response
within 48 hours.

Drumcree College: Linda Mayâ€™s Dance Classes begin Monday 5th January; 5pm-6pm age 4-8years; 6pm-7pm age 9-
18years. Starting soon on Monday nights adult beginners keep fit/aerobics. Wanted - old/used Christmas and greeting
cards. Please leave at the College.

St. Maryâ€™s Youth Centre

After Schools Club (8 - 11 yrs) every Tuesday 3 - 5 p.m.
Evening Club (12 yrs. +) Monday, Tuesday, Friday 7 - 10 p.m.
Membership Â£3.Â Subs 50p.Â All welcome.

Presentation Sisters Koinonia Project:Â Programmes at 103 Thomas St.Â Â Weekly Meditation resumes Monday, 12th
January, 7.30 p.m.Â Tai Chi classes are Wednesday 7.30 p.m. and Thursday 11 a.m. at the Cascades Leisure
Centre.Â For information or for appointments phone Sr. Brigid at 38332220.

St. Johnâ€™s Accordion Band:Â Classes in music on Thursdays 7 p.m. in St. John the Baptist School.Â Anyone wishing to join
contact a committee member at the school on the evening.

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Ashgrove Seniors Luncheon Club:Â Places available at the
Luncheon Club on Tuesday and Thursday at 12 noon.Â Lunch & Bingo Â£1-50.Â If interested (over 60â€™s), contact Ashgrove
Community Centre.

St. Malachyâ€™s Hurling Club 50th Anniversary Banquet in Armagh City Hotel on Saturday 4th April 2009. Anyone wishing to
attend please contact any of the following: Eamon Douglas - 07841694086; Leon Reynolds - 07917141444; Vincent
McAleenan - 07979835935. Tickets Â£50 per person; Formal dress only.

Tir Na nOg GFC - Registration Night for Girls U12 - U16, 15th January, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.Â Underage girls must be
accompanied by an adult.Â Registration fee Â£5, to be paid on the night.Â New players welcome.

Bannside Development Centre:Â Arts and Crafts Classes, 7 - 8.30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday.Â English
classes, Thursday 10 a.m. ICT for beginners.Â Homework Club
resumes Monday 12th January 3.15 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.Â For i
nformation contact Carol 028 38339916.

Drumcree Community Centre:Â Parent and toddler group each Monday at 10.30 a.m.

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Naiscoil Na Banna - an Irish Language pre school.Â Any parent interested in educating their children through the Irish medium please contact Ciara at the Naiscoil 38391243.

Cumann Gaelach - Port-an-Dunain:Â Irish Classes resume on Thursday 15th January at 8 p.m. in Ashgrove Community Centre.

Richmount Rural Community A.G.M. Thursday 29th January at 8 p.m. in Richmount P.S.