

25th 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

25th January 2009

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

Tuesday - Friday 7p.m.

St. Patrick's

Monday - 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 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 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

Ministers of the Eucharist - February

Vigil Patsy Lambe, Theresa McCaffrey, Paddy Gorman, Miriam Loftus.Â Â Â 8.30 a.m. Martin Barlow, Eddie McVeigh, Patsy Hanratty.Â 10 a.m. Ann Fleming, Maurice Hagan, Pat Devlin.Â 11.30 a.m. Teresa

Murphy, Mary Taggart, Roisin Kelly, Gerry Barlow. St. Francis Ann Murphy.

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 26th January Mary McAlinden.

Letter for ministers in sacristy.

Ministry of The Word - February

Vigil Ursula Barlow, 8.30 a.m. Julia Lawless. 10 a.m. Sarah Lawless, David Fleming. 11.30 a.m. Jerome Marley.

Week beginning 26th January 10 a.m. Aidan McCormack. 7 p.m. Olivia McDonald.

Celebrating Brigid of Faughart - A five day celebration of our local saint is being planned beginning in Dundalk Town Square on Wednesday 28th January at 4.30 p.m. and including lectures, concerts and a pilgrim walk to Faughart Shrine on Sunday 1st February at 9 a.m. culminating in Eucharist at the shrine at 12 noon. For more information phone 00353 42 9371901.

Flowers in Churches: thanks to those who funded and donated flowers last year to decorate our Churches and give glory to God.

St. Joseph's Young Priest Society:

Next meeting in the Meeting Room on Wednesday 28th January after 7 p.m. Mass.

The Presentation Sisters are celebrating a Year of Nano Nagle to mark the 225th anniversary of her death. The year will extend from 24th December 2008 - 2009. Throughout the year there will be many events in our own community and throughout the world where there are Presentation Sisters. Hopefully the theme for the year, FAN INTO FLAME THE GIFT OF GOD, will allow this to be a year of Sabbath for all connected to Presentation Sisters when we can walk the soil of our ancestry, share the story of our many journeys, get in touch with the heart of who we are and allow the spirit to blow where she wills and birth the new in us and among us. We will remember those who lived and died here in Portadown by remembering those whose anniversaries occur each month of the year. In January we pray for Mother M. Aloysius Byrne and Sr. M. Catherine Devine.

Reader Exchange - organised by Churches Together in Portadown: we welcome members of other Christian Churches to Mass this weekend to mark the Week of Prayer for Church Unity

Francis Coll will be ordained deacon next Sunday in St. Patrick's Cathedral, for service in our Diocese. Keep him in your prayers.

Armagh Hospitalite Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Annual pilgrimage 12th - 17th May. A limited number of both Assisted Pilgrim and Pilgrim places are available.

Application forms for Assisted Pilgrim Places are

available from Sacristy of both Churches. Completed forms must be returned before Wednesday 4th

February. To book pilgrim places contact Fr O'Dwyer at 38360610. Direct flight ex Belfast, full board, 700 Euro.

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Offertory Collection

Sunday 18th January

Total Â Â £2734-63

Thanks to all who contributed

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Requiescant In Pace

Lately deceased: Â Â Jack Hagan, James Cullen, Jim Reavey, Canon Francis Kelly, Pete Warren, Peter Jackson, Joe Rafferty, Sarah Connolly

At This Time: Sarah Smith, Frank McCann, Bill McBride, Elizabeth McClean, Sarah McConnell Â Â Sunday 25th: M.M.

Danny O'Neill, Matthew Hanratty, John Robinson, Thomas Lappin

Monday 26th: M.M. Edmund Cullinan, Theresa Bailey, Patrick McKee, Molly O'Brien, Frank Hannaway, Laurence

McAtarsney, Peter McCann, Jack Connolly, George Daly Â

Tuesday 27th: Â Annie Flanagan, Joseph Kelly, Mary Neeson, Jimmy Williamson

Wednesday 28th: Â Alice Creaney, Sarah Johnston, Mary Oliver, Frances Douglas, Veronica

McKeever, Johnny Foy, Mary Ann Breen, Sarah Ann Lappin, Joseph Hanratty Â Â

Thursday 29th: Â Mary McCleery, John Hamill, Madge McAlinden, Connie Keating,

Mother M. Aloysius Byrne, Sr. M. Catherine Devine Â Friday 30th: Â M.M. Peggie McGurgan, John Fearon, John Patrick

Creaney, Kathleen McClean Â Saturday 31st: Â M.M. Kathleen Mullan,

M.M. Msgr. Peter F. Shiels, Michael Mallon, Lily Heyburn, Lily Daley, James Lavery, Annie

Neeson, Elizabeth Hendron, Laurence Lennon

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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. Paul: Called to be an apostle: to mark the year of St. Paul, this book is available for purchase at Â£6, at the CTS rack.

St. Vincent De Paul Society

Clothes shop, tel. 38393898 or Â Furniture shop tel. 38394219, Â in

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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.

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 Reflection
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 Follow me

We follow Jesus, like the Twelve,
because we are drawn by him:
drawn and attracted by the way
this man Jesus
lives, speaks, suffers, dies and rises.

Something in him appeals;
maybe it's the wish to heal,
or his love for the poor,
or his forgiveness, so total,
or his desire to change the world,
or because he stands for what is good:
for justice, peace, equality.

Or just because he is a friend,
and because he is
the face of God,Â the word of God,
the son of God.
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Like us, in all but our sin,
one of us, son of God,
and son of Mary too.

People left a lot to follow him,
they left their dreams and their
burdens,
their families, and their
businesses,
and gave up their lives,
drawn, attracted, challenged
as we are now,
by his words:
Come, follow me.

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Trust that these words draw you,
attract you,
trust that these words
are worth the whole love of your life,
for they are loving words of God.

These answered the call to `Follow me' and have feast days this week.

- 26th-Sts Timothy & Titus;
27th-St Angela Merici;
28th-St Thomas Aquinas;
30th-St Aidan, Bl Margaret Ball,
Bl Francis Taylor;
31st-St John Bosco.