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. www.drumcreeparish.com

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 Saturday Â 7 p.m. Sunday Â Â 8.30 & 11.30 a.m. St. Patrick's Sunday Â 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: 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 8.30 a.m. Martin Barlow, Eddie McVeigh, Patsy Hanratty. 10 a.m. Ann Fleming, Maurice Hagan, Pat Devlin. 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 Curches 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 Churhes 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. Â

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. Â Offertory Collection Sunday 18th January

Total 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 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 HanrattyÂÂ

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

Mother M. Aloysius Byrne, Sr. M. Catherine Devine Friday 30th: M.M. Peggie McGurgan, John Fearon, John Patrick Creaney, Kathleen McClean Saturday 31st:Â M.M. Kathleen Mullan,

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

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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 £6, at the CTS rack.

St. Vincent De Paul Society Clothes shop, tel. 38393898 or Furniture shop tel. 38394219, in Mayfair Business Centre, Garvaghy Road. Opening hours Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. NEW SELF HELP LINE - 38339639. Response within 48 hours. Tea Dance in Tir na nOg on Thursday 19th February. Ticket £2, available from shop. Bus details later.

ANNUAL REPORT 1st January - 31st December 2008 Income Church Door Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â £18,577-23 Â Total Â Â Â Â£27,309-73 Expenditure Children's Outings & Families - Corrymeela Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â 2.546-00 Senior Citizens Outings Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â Â 2,606-00 Postage/Printing/HelplineÂÂÂÂÂÂÂÂÂÂÂÂÂ 604-00 Installation of Heating in SVP Rooms Â Â Â 3,322-00 Â Total Â Â Â Â£26,462-70

Bringing up the gifts of bread and wine at 10 a.m. Mass in St. Patrick;s Church on Sundays:Â Families who normally attend this Mass and would like to do this are asked to contact Francis.

Drumcree College: Linda May'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 greetinmg cards. Please leave at the College.

St. Mary'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 £3. Subs 50p. All welcome.

Fatima 2009 - 4th June & 23rd July: 7 nights full board, Hotel Recinto. Full tours etc. accompanied by Spiritual Director. For more information and booking contact Rita O'Neill, tel. 90623186.

Presentation Sisters Koinonia Project: Programmes at 103 Thomas St. Â Weekly Meditation resumes Monday, 12th January, 7.30 p.m. T'ai Chi Chih classes are Wednesday 7.30 p.m. and Thursday 11 a.m. at the Cascades Leisure Centre. For information or for appointments phone Sr. Brigid at 38332220.

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

Conwell School of Dance:Â Beginners classes atarting Wednesday 11th February, 8 p.m. in Ashgrove Community Centre. Â£5 per session or £26 for 6 week course. Call 38331650 for details or just turn up.

Armagh Road Presbyterian Church, 140th Celebrations - Portadown Male Voice Choir will sing on Sunday 25th January at 8.15pm. All welcome.

Tir Na nOg GFC U14 training Monday 5 - 6 p.m. U12 training 6 - 7 p.m. U10 7 - 8 p.m. All in Drumcree College.

Bannside Development Centre: Arts and Crafts Classes, 7 - 8.30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. English classes, Thursday 10 a.m. ICT for beginners. Homework Club 3.15 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. For information contact Carol 028 38339916.

Drumcree Community Centre:Â Parent and toddler group each Monday at 10.30 a.m. Drumcree House of Health: Yoga every Tuesday 6.30 p.m. - 8 p.m. and Friday 11 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. No enrolment necessary just drop into Drumcree Centre. Complimentary Therapies every Monday 6.30 p.m. - 8.45 p.m. appointment Naiscoil Na Banna - an Irish Language pre school. Any parent interested in educating their children through the Irish medium please contact Ciara at the Naiscoil 38391243.

Â Reflection Â 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, \hat{A} the word of God, the son of God. \hat{A} 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. А 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.