

5th April 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

5th April 2009

Palm Sunday

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: Paul Kelly, Jose Varela Guterres, Michael Smith, Margaret Austin

At This Time: Britta Judge, John Mallon(Snr), Jackie & Patrick Grimley, Jim White, Michael McGoldrick, Arthur Grimes

Sunday 5th: M.M. Joey Kelly,

Monday 6th: Noel Hannan Mackey(1st Anniversary), James Grimes, Eoghan Dunbar, Joseph Molloy, Ita Murray

Tuesday 7th: Eileen Marley(1st Anniversary), Mary Carvill, Annie McCann, James McCann, Jean McParland, Denis

McGall, Ita Wright

Wednesday 8th: Mary Ellen McAlinden, Bill Reid, Johnny Hamill

Thursday 9th: Brian Derry(1st Anniversary), Dymrna Hagan, Josephine Atkinson

Friday 10th: M.M. Wendy Ann O'Hare, Jim Creaney, Lisa Kelly

Saturday 11th: Patrick Thompson

Anniversaries for week 19th - 25th April must be left in by Tuesday 7th April

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HOLY WEEK NOTICES:

Chrism Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh on Thursday 9th April at 11 a.m. The Oils of Catechumen, Chrism and Anointing of the Sick will be blessed and consecrated during this Mass and the priests of the Diocese will renew their priestly commitment with Cardinal Brady and Bishop Clifford.

Confessions:

Saturday 4th - after evening Mass

Sunday 5th - after 11.30 a.m. Mass

St. Patrick's Church:

Monday 6th - 6.30 p.m. and after Novena

Tuesday 7th - 12.30 p.m. - 1.15 p.m.

Wednesday 8th - 12.30 - 1.15 p.m.

St. John the Baptist Church

Tuesday 7.30 p.m. - Penitential Service

Wednesday - 7.30 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY - 9th April

St. John the Baptist - Mass of The Lord's Supper, 7 p.m. The Blessed Sacrament will be kept at the Altar of Repose until 10 p.m. Please take time to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament. The Mass of The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the evening at a time convenient for the full participation of the whole local community.

GOOD FRIDAY - Day of Fast and Abstinence in memory of The Lord's Passion.

St. Patrick's, 3 p.m. - Celebration of The Lord's

Passion. For the Veneration of The Cross, let a cross be used that is of appropriate size and beauty. Only ONE cross should be used for the Veneration as this contributes to the full symbolism of the Rite.

St. John the Baptist - 7 p.m. Stations of The Cross led by the Youth of the Parish

HOLY SATURDAY - Prayers in St. Patrick's at 10 a.m. On this day the Church is as it were at the Lord's tomb, meditating on his passion and death, and on his descent into hell, and awaiting his resurrection with prayer and fasting. (Anniversaries for Good Friday and Holy Saturday will be prayed for at the Holy Thursday evening Mass in St. John the Baptist)

Easter Vigil in St. John the Baptist at 9 p.m.

This is the night when the Church keeps vigil, waiting for the Resurrection of the Lord. The Resurrection of Christ, in which he broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave, is the foundation of our faith and hope, and through Baptism and Confirmation we enter into the paschal mystery of Christ, dying, buried and raised with him, and with him we shall also reign.

EASTER DAWN SERVICE - Everyone is invited to a brief service organised by Churches Together on Easter Sunday morning at 6.45 a.m. at Craigavon Lakes Water Sports Centre. It was very early on the first day of the week when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb.

Easter Morning Masses:

St. John the Baptist 8.30 & 11.30 a.m.

St. Patrick's Church 10am

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Sunday 29th March

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Thanks to all who contributed

Reflection

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Walking on wounded feet

The crowd cheered him.

Blessings on him they roared,

waving flags of palm,
 "for he comes to us in God's name."
 And a few days later they cheered again,
 this time for his death,
 and blessings on a public robber, Barrabas.

A fickle people.
 We wonder why?
 What changed them?

Like Peter later,
 they would say,
 "I don't know the man",
 for the man they saw later in the week
 was, in their eyes, a different man.
 The king had become a spectacle,
 bloodied, mocked, rejected.
 Who wants a leader like that?

Jesus didn't want acclamation,
 he had been trying to say all along
 that he was a different type of king.

And so he chose a donkey,
 as his chariot.
 They saw their own hopes
 for a leader who would overthrow
 their oppressors,
 and didn't see the real Jesus.

The leadership of Jesus has lasted longer
 than any of the public leadership of the time,
 because he was king of love, compassion,
 and walked the way of his cross -
 carried by his wounded feet and the help of a friend,
 and guided by the hand of God his Father.

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Stations of the Cross this evening in St. Patrick's Church at 7pm led by St. Joseph's Young Priests Society, marking Year of Vocation. Concluding with Benediction.

To celebrate the Year of Nano Nagle, foundress of the Presentation Sisters, there is a televised Mass for Passion/Palm Sunday at 11am on RTE from Kilavullen Parish Church, home of the Foundress.

On Passion/Palm Sunday, 5th April, at 3 p.m. a special Mass will be held in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, to remember those who have disappeared as a result of the Troubles. Cardinal Brady will preside at the Mass.

Polish Community: As is the custom in Poland, food will be blessed on Holy Saturday in St. Patrick's Church at 10.30 a.m. Parishioners are welcome to join in this custom.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will not take place next Thursday evening (6pm to 6.55pm) or on Easter Sunday next.

Trocaire Boxes should be returned this week - please convert coins to notes for easier counting. Thank you.

During the Easter Triduum - Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday - all other celebrations (except those proper to these days) even funeral Masses, are prohibited.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Congratulations to all who were confirmed last Sunday in a most joyous and memorable occasion. Thanks to all who prepared for the ceremony: the teachers and assistants of the Primary 7 classes in the three primary schools, the choir, soloists and instrumentalists; Francis and the Sacristy team and the servers, the Altar Society, the SHYNE group and their mentors for the Gift programme, Bishop Gerard Clifford; all present who by their respectful and dignified manner added to the prayerfulness of the ceremony.

Ministers of the Eucharist:
 St. John the Baptist, week beginning 6th April Eddie McVeigh.

Ministers of the Eucharist please sign up for the Easter Triduum in sacristy. Thank-you.

Ministry of The Word: Week beginning 6th April,
10 a.m. Peggy McKeever. 7 p.m. Ursula Barlow.

Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning Mass Readers: meeting on Monday 6th April at 7.30pm in St. Vincent's Rooms at St. Patrick's Church - those interested in reading at Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning Masses also welcome.

Recent Baptisms: Owen Gavin Reynolds, Áden Gary Hearn

PALS - No PALS group Easter weekend, will resume the following weekend.

St. Vincent De Paul Society

Good quality used clothing and furniture welcome at all times. Á

Collection can be arranged. Á Contact the shop. Clothes shop and

Furniture shop in Mayfair Business Centre, Garvaghy Road, tel. 38393898. Opening Hours: Á Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Á

Saturday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Á NEW SELF HELP LINE - 38339639. Á

Response within 48 hours. Á Á Á Á Á Á Á

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Presentation Sisters Koinonia Project: Sarah's Circle, a spirituality gathering for women, on Saturday 11th April at 11am at 13 Thomas Street - theme is Women and the easter Story.

New Envelopes begin this weekend. Á Thanks to all who contribute to the upkeep of the Parish. Á Envelopes can still be collected in the sacristy of St. John the Baptist Church. Á If you want to contribute using the envelope method and need a box of envelopes please leave your name and address in the sacristy. If you pay income tax the Parish can claim some of that back - please fill in the Gift Aid envelope in your box and return through the offertory collection.

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Anniversaries, notices etc for the Bulletin for Easter Week must be submitted by Tuesday 7th April. Á There will not be a Bulletin Sunday 19th April, so notices for that date should also be submitted by 7th April.