

6th December 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

6th December 2009

Second Sunday of Advent

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Mass Times:

St. John the Baptist

SaturdayÂ Â 7 p.m.

SundayÂ 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.

Devotions1st & 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

Devotions this evening in St. Patrick's Church at 7pm.

Ministers of the Eucharist

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 7th December Teresa McCaffrey.

Ministry of The Word

Week beginningÂ 7th December 10 a.m.

Peggy McKeever. 7 p.m. Ursula Barlow.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
 Masses - Monday St. Patrick's 7 p.m.
 Tuesday St. John the Baptist - 8.30 a.m.,
 11.30 a.m. & 7 p.m.
 St. Patrick's - 10 a.m.

Confessions during Advent - as well as the usual times - Sunday 13th after 11.30 a.m. Mass in St. John the Baptist.
 Penitential Service on 16th December at 7.30 p.m.

ADVENT IS A TIME OF PREPARATION FOR
 CHRISTMAS.Â THE CHURCH IN HER LITURGY MARKS THIS AT MASS WITH PURPLE VESTMENTS AND NO
 GLORIA AND NO FLOWERS IN THE
 SANCTUARY.Â HOW ARE YOU PREPARING SPIRITUALLY FOR CHRISTMAS?

Evangelium: Friday 11th DecemberÂ at 7.30 p.m. in the Meeting Room, St. John the Baptist.Â Next module - 'Mary and
 the Four Last Things'.Â Questions 94-100, 133-135, 196-199 and 200-216Â of The Compendium.

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 GATE - Youth magazine available in church Â£1-50.

GOD WITH US ALL PACE Christmas Service in St. Patrick's Church on Thursday 10th December atÂ 8 p.m.Â All
 welcome.

Mrs Bella Halfpenny celebrated her 100th birthday last weekend.Â In lieu of presents family and friends gave donations
 towards the new Pastoral Centre.Â Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Recent Baptisms:Â Miley Louise Eadie.Daniella Susan Lynn.Â Patrick John Mannion.

St. John the Baptist Church: the two front seat have been shortened; this will facilitate easier return to your seat after
 Communion and also provide more space during weddings and funerals.

Christmas Mass: Christmas Eve both Churches at 9pm; Christmas Day: St. John the Baptist 8.30am & 11.30am; St.
 Patrick's Church 10am.

Legion of Mary:Â Annual Reunion will be held in the meeting room of St. John the Baptist Church today 6th December at
 3 p.m.Â All auxiliary members welcome. Â

St. Vincent de Paul - Christmas Appeal -
 7th - 13th December.

This year we are asking you to give a donation via envelope to help others this Christmas.Â Please post donations in the
 Post Boxes provided in the Churches near the Advent Tree before or after Masses.Â Your generosity will bring some joy
 and happiness to those in need and bring a blessing on yourself. Thanksgiving Mass Saturday 12th December 7 p.m. in
 St. John the Baptist Church.

John Paul II Awards:Â anyone doing this through their school should contact Fr. White.
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Offertory Collection - Sunday 29th
 Â£2662-09

Thanks to all who contributed

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Walk with Me - a journey of prayer forÂ Advent and Christmastime available at Â£1.

Requiescant In Pace

Lately deceased:Â Ignatius Fox, Teresa White, Lily Gribbon, Christy Harrison, James Kelly,
 Katryna Nowak, Bill McConville, Sr. Ciaran McGirr

At This Time:Â Edith Brooks

Sunday 6th:Â Â George Rowney, Charlie McCloskey, Jackie Maye, John Maguire, Rose Ingram, Joe Ingram

Monday 7th: Patrick Hagan,Â John McCoy, Joseph Garvey, Maureen Mackle

Tuesday 8th: Bernadette Cullen, Clarence Gosney, James Freeburn, Marie Nixon, Pauline Nixon, Kathleen McCann,
 Mary McDonald, Isabella McNeice, Rosaleen McCann, Pheobe Donnelly, Maud Tennyson

Wednesday 9th: James Tiffney, Gerald McCormack

Thursday 10th:Â Patrick Keenan, Thomas McCann

Friday 11th: Eileen Mallon(1st Anniversary), Rory McGuigan, Francis McGinley Â

Saturday 12th: M.M. Lily Lennon, Patricia Ann Begley, Annie McCooe, Teresa O'Hagan

Anniversaries late for bulletin should be left in the Sacristy for inclusion on the proper day.

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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.

Have you ever had a question you wanted to ask in Church?

Why not come along to ALPHA

Contact Miriam Loftus 07742694514

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.

URGENTLY REQUIRED! - CURTAINS

NEW SELF HELP LINE - 38339639. Response within 48 hours.

Climate Change Conference: Copenhagen 7 - 18 December.

"The earth is the Lords, and all that is in it" - Psalm 24. Keep the

conference in your prayers that world leaders may hear the cry of the earth. And ask yourself as an individual or a family - How

environmentally green am I / are we?

Church Time Burglaries: some basic advice - lock all exterior doors and windows; secure all sheds and garages; make your home look occupied even when you're not at home (use timer switches on lamps / radios). Leaflets in Church. Stay safe - stay secure.

Drumcree College - Basketball - P7 - 1st & 2nd years every Wednesday from 3.30 p.m. - 5 p.m. Adult fitness classes Wednesdays 7.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. For more information contact the school 38334725.

Drumcree Community Centre: Young Parent's Group, Tuesday 8th December, 11 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

Drumcree House of Health: Carer's Support Group Tuesday 15th December 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Women's Drop-in

Night Tuesday 6.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. Men's Health Evening Thursday 10th December 6.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. Therapies and Health information. Young Peoples Health Drop-in Monday 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. This confidential service on all aspects of health 24th December. (male or female) under 25 yrs.

Phone Jennifer or Linda on 38334522 for more details.

St. John the Baptist P.T.A. present a floral demonstration, with

Fr. Sean McEvoy, Thursday 10th December. Ticket Â£5, includes supper. Available from the school.

A MINUTE IN EVERY HOUR! AN HOUR IN EVERY DAY! A DAY IN EVERY WEEK!

Thomas Street Methodist Church: Senior Citizen's Carol Service on Wednesday 9th December at 11 a.m. in Thomas St. Methodist Church. All welcome.

Bannside Development Centre: A Holistic approach to Health - a series of talks Thursday 10 a.m. - 12 noon.

Homework Club Monday and Tuesday 3.15 - 4.30 p.m. Â£1 per day.

Bannside Scribblers - Mondays 7 - 9 p.m. English Classes Thursday 10 a.m. also I.C.T. for beginners. For more information contact Carol on 38339916.

Servite Priory - Benburb: Sunday 5th December, Advent Retreat

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Phone 37548241 to book. Monday 7th December at 8 p.m. Christmas Bazaar.

St. John's Accordion Band: classes in music on Thursdays 7pm in St. John the Baptist School. Anyone wishing to join contact a committee member at the school on the evening.

Tir Na nOg GFC: U10 Training in Drumcree College Tuesdays 6.30 p.m. Bingo - Tuesday 8.15 p.m.

Naiscoil Na Banna: A.G.M. Sunday 17th January, 3 p.m. in the Naiscoil.

Cumann Gaelach - Irish Class every Thursday in Ashgrove Community Centre, 8 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Adoption: Could you make a child happy again after a difficult start in life? Family care Society is seeking adoptive

families who would be interested in parenting children between 2 - 6 years.Â Please contact Family Care SocietyÂ on Belfast 90691133 or Derry 71368592.

Feasts:Monday 7th St. Ambrose;Â Tuesday 8th The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary;Â Wednesday 9th St. Juan Diego; Friday 11th St. Damascus I.

Joy to the World - a musical celebration of classical and popular Christmas favourites will take place in St. Patrick's Church, Dungannon on Sunday 13th December at 7 p.m.Â Ticket Â£10, OAP concession Â£5.

Global Gift - Trocaire:Â Change someones world this Christmas - available in Church porch.

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Reflection
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Prepare the Way

Everything we do
can prepare the way for God.
For God makes his home among us,
and Jesus is born to dwell within each
of us.

In love and friendship,
there is the meeting-place of God and people,
as in the love and promise of Mary
there was the space for God to become one of us.

In our human love
we prepare the way for the love of God,
in our human forgiveness
we prepare the way for the forgiveness of God,
in our human compassion
we prepare the way for the compassion
of God.
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Our human work for the betterment of people
prepares the way for the justice of God,
and our human way of reconciliation
for the grace of reconciliation of God and his people.

In love, forgiveness and compassion
we are sharing the very life of God.

Without our co-operation,
there can be no justice of God,
no reconciliation of God,
no speaking of the word of God.
for without our voice the word of God is silent.

Advent invites us to choose love,
to commit our lives
to prepare the way for God.

It is our faith,
a faith born of love,
a faith born in the everyday
as Jesus was born of Mary,
that the Lord is born each year
in the desire of his people
to live within the love of God
and share this love in life.