

# 20th 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

20th December 2009

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Go mbeannaÃ- Dia duit is go dtuga SÃ© Nollaig naofa is suaimhneach duit.

Go leanaÃ- A bheannachtÃ- le slaÃ-nte is rachmas sa bhlian le teacht.

A blessed and holy and peaceful Christmas to you. and health and happiness during 2010. May God bless you and all you love this Christmas.

Cardinal Brady sends Christmas greetings to all.

### 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

Have you returned your paper figure with the Christian name on it?Â These will be placed around the Church during the Christmas Season.

### Confessions

Saturday 19th - St. John the Baptist Church after the evening Mass.

Sunday 20th after 11.30 a.m. Mass.

Monday 21st - St. Patrick's Church

6.30 - 6.55 p.m. & after Novena Mass

Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd Â

St. Patrick's Church

12.30 p.m. - 1.15 p.m. Â

St. John the Baptist Church

6.30 - 6.55 p.m. &Â after evening Mass.

### Masses:

The Nativity of Jesus

St. Patrick's Church

Christmas Eve 9 p.m.

Christmas Day 10 a.m.

St. John the Baptist Church

Christmas Eve 9 p.m.

Christmas Day 8.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

St. Stephen's Day

No Morning Mass

Advent/Christmas Card - if you have not received one please collect one at the back of the Church.

Christmas on RTE 1.

Christmas Eve Mass 11.05 p.m.

Christmas Day - Pope Benedict 11 a.m. and

Cardinal Brady 12.45p.m.

Christmas Day Mass 11.40a.m.

BBC 1 Christmas Eve Mass 11.45 p.m.

Ministry of The Word: Week beginning 21st

December, 10 a.m. Patricia Doran. 7 p.m. Olivia McDonald

Baptisms - next date 9th January.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament -  
not Christmas Eve.

The next bulletin will be published on Sunday 3rd January.

Sunday 13th December

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Thanks to all who contributed

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Requiescat In Pace

Lately deceased: Veronica Furphy, John Reid, Samuel Flack, Sr. Paula McDermott

At This Time: Cissie Lappin, George Moonan, William McQuaid, John Hagan, Alfred Pugh.

Sunday 20th: John Loughran, Tommy McDonald, Jimmy Dunbar, Stephen Lyness, Annie Daley, Gertrude Garvey,

Desmond Totton, Eamon Freeburn, Charlie O'Neill, Hugh & Joe Fox

Monday 21st : Danny O'Neill(1st Anniversary), John Joseph Hagan

Tuesday 22nd: George Matchett

Wednesday 23rd: Alice Oliver, Mary Quinn

Thursday 24th: John Brophy, Joseph McCabe, Joseph Robert Cullen, Teresa Devine, Brendan Mackle, Edith Brankin

Friday 25th: Danny O'Neill(1st Anniversary), Ann Hamill, Eddie Murray, Bernard Creaney, Frances Hanratty, Patrick

McNeice, Patrick Farrell, Mary McNally

Saturday 26th: M.M. Christopher Harrison, Edmund Cullinan(1st Anniversary), Peter Connelly, Vincent Melaugh, James

Patrick Murphy, Michael Henderson

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

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Parish Notices for week beginning 27th December

Masses

Feast of the Holy Family

St. John the Baptist Church

Saturday 7 p.m.

Sunday 8.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

St. Patrick's Church

Sunday 10 a.m.

Monday 28th - St. Patrick's Church 10 a.m. - the Novena Prayers will be said during Mass.

Tuesday 29th - St. Patrick's Church 10 a.m.

Wednesday 30th & Thursday 31st - St. John the Baptist 7 p.m

New Year's Day - 1st January - Solemnity Mary, Mother of God - St. Patrick's Church - Mass 12 noon.

Saturday 2nd - St. Patrick's Church 10 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday 2nd January

St. John the Baptist Church 6.15 - 6.45 p.m.  
No confessions Thursday.

The sick and the housebound visits - Fr. O'Dwyer will visit his Thursday & Friday calls on Thursday 31st December and his Tuesday & Wednesday calls on Wednesday 30th December.  
Fr. White will visit his Wednesday calls as usual on Wednesday 30th and his Thursday and Friday calls on Tuesday 29th.

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament Thursday 31st December in St. John the Baptist Church 6 p.m. - 6.55 p.m.

#### Requiescant In Pace

Lately deceased:Â Veronica Furphy, John Reid, Samuel Flack, Sr. Paula McDermott

Sunday 27th:Â John McAtamney, Veronica McBennett, Patrick O'Neill, Leo Kelly, John Henry Halfpenny, Thomas Foy

Monday 28th:Â Peggie McGurgan(1st Anniversary), Rosheen Girvan, Bridget McKenna, George Berry, Tommy McCann, James Kelly, Barney Kelly

Tuesday 29th:Â Â Teresa Marley, Patrick Carvill

Wednesday 30th:Â Eileen Kelly, James Cullen, Frank Kelly Thursday 31st:Â Kathleen Mullan(1st Anniversary), Msgr. Peter Shields

Friday 1st:Â Joseph Byrne, Pat Hughes, Barney Hamill, Bridget McCann, Nora Carvill, William Black, Seamus McKeeever, Miriam McNally, Dick & Mabel McCourt, Mary Ann Tiffney, Maureen Fisher, Noel Liggett

Saturday 2nd:Â John Aloysius Derry

#### Ministers of the Eucharist - January

Vigil - Maura Berry, Aine McCooe, Sharon Garland, Kathleen Lavery. 8.30 am Martin Barlow, Patsy Hanratty, Eddie McVeigh. Â

10 am Winnie Breen, Ann Marie Hamill, Madeline O'Neill. Â

11.30 amÂ Bernie Mallon, Patricia Halfpenny, Rosaleen Hamill, Mary Taggart.

St. Francis - Ann Murphy.

#### Ministry of The Word - January

Vigil - Olivia McDonald.Â 8.30 am David Greer.

10 am Niamh Devlin, Aine McCreesh-West.

11.30 am Ciara Burnett.

#### Come Back to Mass Sunday 9th/10th January 2010.

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Reflection

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Mary - Mother and Friend

A very human side of Mary -  
after she knew she was to be the mother of God,  
Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth,  
an older woman who herself was expecting her first child.

She needed to talk with someone -  
her hopes, her fears, her anxieties  
and the puzzlement  
of her mysterious visit from God,  
and what God asked her to become -  
the mother of Jesus.

And she knew her cousin would be the same.  
Elizabeth, too, needed to talk over  
her hopes, her fears, her anxieties  
and the puzzlement,  
of her mysterious visit from God.

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Like we all do:

There are times in life we need to talk,  
and we need someone to listen.

If we're out in the cold,  
we need the warmth of  
someone else's sympathy,  
understanding,

someone just to listen, to be there,  
and maybe to give a bit of advice.  
And when we're very happy,  
feel like dancing around the room or the fields,  
we like to share that too.

They helped each other grow in their faith,  
in what God had given to them  
and what God was asking of them,  
and they helped each other trust  
that what the Lord promised them  
would be fulfilled.

There are times in life when we need  
more than someone to listen to us;  
we need others to share their story  
and help us trust.  
We also need faith:

She knew that God would not leave her alone  
when times would be rough and painful.  
She knew that God would be there,  
through people like Elizabeth now,  
like the shepherds at the birth,  
like John at the foot of the Cross.  
She knew that God had called her,  
and she could welcome his call with  
courage.

When submitting notices for the bulletin please include a contact name and telephone number. Â  
Notices and anniversaries should be left in by the Wednesday prior to publication.