

28th March 2010

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

28th March 2010

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 & 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

HOLY WEEK NOTICES:

Chrism Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh on Thursday 1st 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 27th - after evening Mass

Sunday 28th - after 11.30 a.m. Mass

St. Patrick's Church:

Monday 29th - 6.30 p.m. and after Novena

Tuesday 30th - 12.30 p.m. - 1.15 p.m.

Wednesday 31st - 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 - 1st 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 - 8 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 6.30 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

Sunday 21st March

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Thanks to all who contributed

Requiescant In Pace

Lately deceased: Danny Tallon, Anne McAtarsney, Kathleen Bennett, John Thompson, Malachy O'Hagan, Annie Donnelly, Annette Holland, Violeta Nieves

At This Time:

Sunday 28th: Martin McCourt, Johnny Coleman, Thomas Lavery

Monday 29th: Margaret Lyness, Peter Lynn, Arthur Grimes, Paddy Wilson, Hugh Daly, Teresa Wright

Tuesday 30th: Maria Hall, Bill Hall, Patrick Lappin, Rita Kelly

Wednesday 31st: Lily O'Neill, Josephine Mulholland

Thursday 1st: Etta Steele, Denis McGuigan, Dorothy Trainor

Friday 2nd: Henry McGuigan, Patrick Mulholland, Patrick Grimley, Jackie Grimley, Mary Lavery, Mary King

Saturday 3rd: John Mallon, Martin McVeigh, Elizabeth & Joe Corr, Michael McGoldrick

Anniversaries for week 11th - 17th April must be left in by Tuesday 30th March

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Parish & Community Notices

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Passion Sunday Devotions in St. John the Baptist Church at 7pm.

Polish Community: As is the custom in Poland, food (which will be used for easter Sunday breakfast) 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).

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.

Ministers of the Eucharist - April

Vigil Thomas McCooe, Maura Berry, Aine McCooe, Sharon Garland. 8.30 a.m. Margaret Marley, Catherine McCooe, Geraldine Lawless. 10 a.m. Nicola Fay, Winnie Breen, Ann Marie Hamill. 11.30 a.m. Teresa Murphy, Mary Taggart, Roisin Kelly, Gerry Barlow.

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 30th March Geraldine Lawless, Paddy Gorman. St. Francis Madeline O'Neill.

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

Ministry of The Word - April

Vigil Denis McCourt. 8.30 a.m. Kevin McConville. 10 a.m. Ann Hamill, Damian Russell. 11.30 a.m. Jerome Marley.

Week Beginning 29th March 10am. Belle Oliver. 7 pm. Jerome Marley.

Pastoral Letter of Pope Benedict: Full text available in Churches and on line on Parish Website.

Walk With Me - an Eastertide Journey of Prayer available in Churches - £1.

Tir Na nOg GFC - All tickets and returns to be at Clubrooms on Wednesday 31st March, 7.30 p.m.

First Friday Calls - Fr. White will visit his Thursday and Friday calls on Monday; his Wednesday calls as usual.

Fr. O'Dwyer will visit his Wednesday and Thursday calls on Monday; his Tuesday and Friday calls on Tuesday.

The Alpha Course concludes on Wednesday 31st March. Thank you to all who organised and led the course and all who took part - hopefully it has been an enriching journey for all. Continue the journey.

Recent Baptisms: Courtney Harcourt

Sacrament of Marriage: congratulations to Jolene Hamill and Gary Keenan who were married recently.

PALS - No PALS group Easter Vigil but as usual on Easter Sunday.

St. Joseph's Young Priest Society - meeting on Tuesday 30th March after 7 p.m. Mass. The 'Grand Easter Draw' will take place at this meeting. All tickets must be returned before the 30th.

Fatima Rosary Group - the Group will not meet on Saturday 3rd April but will resume on Saturday 1st May.

St. Mary's Women's Guild: Meeting on Wednesday 7th April at 8 p.m. in Ashgrove Community Centre. Guest Speaker. A

New Envelopes begin next weekend. Thanks to all who contribute to the upkeep of the Parish. Envelopes can still be collected in the sacristy of St. John the Baptist Church. 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.

St. Patrick's Church: William Street will have construction workers and machines in it for the next few months. Pedestrians and motorists and cyclists are asked to be patient in travelling to Church.

Reflection

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And he carried our burdens

This is your friend, my friend, on the Cross.

We were on the road to Calvary with him,

and went out to help him carry his cross.

We spoke with him.

We remembered our sins and how we let him down,

and he just gently murmured,

'Remember the story I told you about the prodigal son'.

Always thinking of us, always a friend,

Â always loving.
'Tell all', he said, 'Your sins are forgiven.'

And he carried our burdens.

We saw his bleeding face and hands
and thought of women who are battered,
and boys and girls who are abused,
and men who are tortured,
and it all seemed the same body.
And our own sufferings seemed to be in his body too.
Carrying the cross of us all.

And he carried our burdens.

Jesus had no crucified Lord to support him at his death,
Maybe Mary spoke a prayer for him, and he heard it,
for they say hearing is the last of our senses to go.
He didn't have the help at death which we have -
the example of our suffering Lord.

He glimpsed somewhere in the
distance
the faces of friends and the caring look of his mother.

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May we know in death and suffering
the cross of Jesus,
the risen glory of Jesus,
our cross, our risen glory.

And he carried our burdens.

Anniversaries, notices etc for the Bulletin for Easter Week must be submitted by Tuesday 30th March.Â There will not be a Bulletin Sunday 11th April, so notices for that date should also be submitted by 30th March.