

28th November 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 November 2010

First Sunday of Advent

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 -

October - June

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. Burns 38332218

Parish Mobile - Emergency No. 07841101850

Welcome to Fr. Johnny Burns as he takes up residence in our Parish. We wish him God's blessing as he comes to live among us as we live and work together to give witness to the presence of Jesus in our world. Fr. Johnny, you are most welcome and we hope you will be happy and fulfilled in Drumcree.

First Friday Notices

Confessions - Thursday 2nd

St. Patrick's 6 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.

St. John's 7.30 p.m.

Masses - Friday 3rd

St. Patrick's Â 10 a.m. (Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament 10.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

St. John's Â 7 p.m.

The sick and housebound will be visited by Fr Burns and Fr O'Dwyer.

Developing World Project - the Romania Committee have organised a concert next Thursday 2nd December in St. John the Baptist Church at 8 p.m. with music from South Ulster Sinfonia and Heathbrook Silver Band. Â Donations on leaving. Â All welcome. Â Christmas cards also available to buy to raise funds.

GIFT Programme - to conclude the programme those involved will attend Mass on Friday at 7 p.m. in St. John the Baptist Church. Â All welcome.

Recent Baptisms: Mario Patrick Yordanor

Feasts: Tuesday 30th St. Andrew; Â Friday 3rd St. Francis Xavier.

YOUTH MASS

Who: All are welcome - young people are encouraged.

What: A Youth Mass led by SHYNE.

Where: St John the Baptist Church.

When: Sunday 5th December at 6.30pm

Why: To celebrate young people's faith.

Minister of the Eucharist - December

Vigil Patsy Lambe, Theresa McCaffrey, Paddy Gorman, Miriam Loftus. Â 8.30 a.m. Margaret Marley, Catherine McCooe, Geraldine Lawless. Â 10 a.m. Ann Fleming, Maurice Hagan, Pat Devlin. Â 11.30 a.m. Roisin Kelly, Gerry Barlow, Ann Murphy, Declan McAtarsney.

St. Francis Mary Taggart. Â Rosemount Margaret Marley.

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 29th Geraldine Lawless.

Ministry of The Word - December

Vigil Louise Wilson. 8.30 a.m. Colm Hagan. Â 10 a.m. Marcelle McAtarsney, Sarah Lawless. Â 11.30 a.m. Jerome Marley.

Week beginning 29th - 10 a.m. Damian Russell. Â 7 p.m. Geraldine Lawless.

Fatima Rosary Group - the group will meet on Saturday 4th December in St. John the Baptist Church at 3 p.m.

Christmas Presents: Â Trocaire Global Gift forms available in Churches - help change someone's future.

GOOD NEWS - the Parish Communications Group have published the first edition of "Good News". Â Please take a copy home.

Mrs. Bella Halfpenny celebrates her 101st birthday today 28th November.

Happy Birthday Bella and many happy returns.

Offertory Collection

Sunday 21st Â£2917-91

Thanks to all who contributed

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Walk With Me - a journey of prayer for

Advent and Christmastide - booklets

available in Churches Â£1.

Requiescant In Pace

Lately deceased: Â Leo Foy, Lucia Morgan, Terence Furphy, Carmel Walker, Sean McNally, Essie Livingstone

At This Time: Â Mary Donnelly, Charles & Margaret Campbell

Sunday 28th: Â Rosaleen Bogues, Paul Bogues, Ann Russell, John Griffin, Kevin Hueston, Anna Elizabeth Atkinson Â

Monday 29th: Â Michael McEvoy, Patrick Aloysius Douglas, Daniel Toland, Dec. Members Legion of Mary, Dec. Members

Pioneer Total Abstinence Assoc. Â

Tuesday 30th: Â Patrick John Shevlin, John Tate, Thomas McQuillan.

Wednesday 1st: Â Rose McNally, Catherine Blacker Â

Thursday 2nd: Â Michael Leonard, Eileen Dunbar, Mary Elizabeth Green, Mollie Mulholland, John Connolly Â

Friday 3rd: M.M. Agnes

McCann, Jack McLaughlin, Anthony Smith

Saturday 4th: Â M.M. Adelino Lopes, Mary McParland, Tommy Campbell, Theresa McAloran, Frankie Cush

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

St. Vincent De Paul - Christmas Appeal

5th - 12th December

Again we are asking you to give a donation via envelope to help others this Christmas.Â Please post donations in the Post Boxes which will be available in the Churches from next weekend.Â Your generosity will bring some joy and happiness to those in need and bring a blessing on yourself.Â Thanksgiving Mass on Saturday 11th December 7 p.m. in St. John the Baptist Church.

St. Vincent De Paul Society

Clothes shop, tel. 38393898 orÂ Furniture shop tel. 38394219,Â in Mayfair Business Centre, Garvaghy Road.Â Opening hours Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.Â Saturday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.Â NEW SELF HELP LINE - 38339639.Â Response within 48 hours. Â

St. John the Baptist P.S. PTA present a Christmas Floral Extravaganza with Fr. Sean McEvoy on Thursday 9th December at 7.30 p.m.Â Ticket Â£5, available from school (includes light supper).

Bannside Development Centre:Â Homework Club Monday & Tuesday 3.15 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.Â Â£1 per day.Â ICT Classes, English classes to be arranged. Arts and Crafts Classes from 7 - 8.30pm Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. For more information contact Carol 38339916.

Knock Shrine - All night Vigil - 7th December.Â Coach Â£15. Bring packed lunch. To book phone 87784964 or 07933521105 or 87784942

Knock All night vigil - Second Pilgrimage - Bus leaves St. John the Baptist Car Park at 5.30 p.m.Â Bring packed lunch.Â Â£20 return.Â Contact Jim on 38831494 or 07784648448.

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Tir Na nOg GFC:Â U14 Girls, U8, 10 & 12 boys Prizegiving Night, Monday 29th November at 7.30 p.m. Bingo and Lotto Tuesday 8.15 p.m. (All support welcomed). Â

Deceased Member's Mass - Monday 6th December 7 p.m.Â also Annual General Meeting 8 p.m.Â Nomination forms available in the clubrooms.

St. John's Accordion Orchestra:Â classes in music on Thursdays 7 p.m. in St. John the Baptist P. School.Â Anyone wishing to join please contact a committee member at the school on the evening.

An Cumann Gaelach:Â Irish language classes as follows:Â Monday in Mayfair Business Centre 6.15 p.m. - 7.30 p.m. Mean Rang (for those with some knowledge of the language).Â Thursday in Ashgrove Community Centre 8 p.m. - 9 p.m. Bun Rang (for those with little or no Irish).Â All welcome.

St. Mary's Women's Guild - meeting in Ashgrove Community Centre on Wednesday 1st December at 8 p.m.Â Guest speaker.Â All welcome.

Ashgrove Playgroup - AGM in Ashgrove Community Centre, Wednesday 2nd December at 7 p.m.

Naiscoil Na Banna (Irish Language Pre School):Â Places still available.Â Contact (An Cheannaire) Ciara NÃ-Aodha on 38391243 from 8.30 a.m. - 2.30 p.m.

St. Mary's Youth Centre:Â Girls Football every Monday evening 7.15 p.m. - 8.15 p.m. (qualified coach).Â Ages 11 - 15 yrs. All welcome.

Armagh Diocesan Historical Society:Â The final lecture in the Autumn series will take place on Wednesday 1st December, 8 p.m. in the Cardinal O Fiaich Library.Â The lecture on 'Frank Aiken, The Early Years' will be given by Dr. Eoin Magennis.

St. Colman's College, Newry - choir will sing Haydn's Mass and other sacred music, Sunday 5th December, 7 p.m. in the Cathedral of Ss Patrick & Colman, Newry.Â Voluntary subscriptions in aid of sick children.

Tuesday's Child - Christmas Gala Ball - Saturday 18th December in Belfast City Hall.Â Ticket Â£60.Â All proceeds to projects for children living in hardship in Gaza, India and Pakistan.Â For details phone 90502725.

The Season of Advent is marked liturgically at Mass with purple vestments, no Gloria, no flowers. The Advent Wreath is placed in the sanctuary.

The First Sunday of Advent begins the Liturgical Year - Sunday Mass readings from Cycle A (Gospel of St Matthew is

mostly used) and Weekday Mass readings from Cycle 1.

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Reflection

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Waiting

You are always there
in a quiet room
waiting for me
to come to you.

This morning in
a hilly field,
sitting on the corner
of a stone cattle trough,
listening to the water
tumbling down the hill
into the silent river,
watching the crows
fly to work
across the sky,
why was I surprised
to find you there?

Lord, teach me
to leave space
in my mind
so that you
can always be there.

Prayer of Pope John Paul II

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world,
Mother of the living,
to you do we entrust the cause of life
Look down, O Mother,
upon the vast numbers
of babies not allowed to be born,
of the poor whose lives are made
difficult,
of men and women
who are victims of brutal violence,
of the elderly and the sick killed
by indifference or out of misguided mercy.
Grant that all who believe in your Son
may proclaim the Gospel of life
with honesty and love
to the people of our time.
Obtain for them the grace
to accept that Gospel
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the joy of celebrating it with gratitude
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A MINUTE IN EVERY HOUR! Â
AN HOUR IN EVERY DAY! Â
A DAY IN EVERY WEEK

THE JOY RULE
THINK OF JESUS
THINK OF OTHERS
THINK OF YOURSELF