

12th December 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

12th December 2010

Third Sunday of Advent

(Gaudete 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 - 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

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament in St. John The Baptist Church from 4 p.m. concluding with Benediction at 7 p.m.

Recent Baptisms: Joe Anthony McAtee

Feasts: Monday 13th St. Lucy, St. Finnian; Tuesday 14th St. John of The Cross; Saturday 18th St. Flannan.

Minister of the Eucharist

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 13th Mary McAlinden.

Ministry of The Word

Week beginning 13th - 10 a.m. Aidan McCormac. 7 p.m. Margaret Marley.

Sacrament of Reconciliation today Sunday 12th after 11.30 a.m. Mass. Also next Saturday evening after Mass. None in St Patrick's Church due to wedding.

Cross Community Christmas Service organised by Portadown Inter-Church Forum in Thomas Street Methodist Church Friday 17th December at 8pm. St John the Baptist Primary School Choir will sing. All welcome.

Sacrament of Marriage: couples who have arranged marriages in the Parish in 2011 are asked to confirm their date, time, Church and priest celebrant by contacting Fr. Burns or Fr. O'Dwyer.

Friday Penance - leaflet from Bishops' Conference available in Churches.

Advent/Christmas/Epiphany Card available in Churches - please take one.

BULLETIN

Anniversaries, Notices etc. for weeks 19th - 25th

December and 26th - 1st January must be at Parochial House by Wednesday 15th December.

Parish Pastoral Council meeting on Thursday 16th December after evening Mass.

Apostolic Visitation of Archdiocese of Armagh: Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor will begin this work in January 2011. He has written a letter to the people of the Archdiocese - available in Churches. Those who wish to meet with him personally can find contact details in the letter. Also available is the communique from the Vatican dated 12th November concerning the Apostolic Visitation. Both are available below.

Some have asked for Fr. Brian White's new address: 6 Ard na Mara, Blackrock, Dundalk, Co. Louth.

Offertory Collection

Sunday 5th £2350-50

Thanks to all who contributed

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Walk With Me - a journey of prayer for

Advent and Christmastide - booklets

available in Churches £1.

Requiescant In Pace

Lately deceased: John Edgar, Angela Teggart, Sean Farrell

At This Time: Mary Campbell, Anthony Foy, Patrick Hagan, Alipio Jordao do Carmo

Sunday 12th: Luisa Cabral Pereira, Teresa O'Hagan, Annie McCooe, Dymphna Fearnon

Monday 13th: Frank Rafferty (1st Anniversary), Edward Fearnon, Kitty Tennyson, Mary Jordan, Mary Quinn, Karl Mercer, Kitty & Thomas McCourt, Thomas Metcalfe, Paddy Lappin

Tuesday 14th: Noel Benson, George Killops, Felix Donnelly, Eugene Douglas, John McClean, Geraldine Knox

Wednesday 15th: John Hagan, Rose Marie McParland, Molly Williamson, Lappin Family, Brian Loftus, Jim Brennan, Danny Fearon

Thursday 16th: Brian McDonald, Felix Devine, Michael Davidson, Nora McDonald

Friday 17th: M.M. Essie Livingstone, George Walker, Laurence Crozier, Jim Dennison, Ailish Black, Joe Bailey, Margaret Fox

Saturday 18th: James McCullaugh, Patrick McConville, Patrick Kelly, Brigid Metcalfe, Patrick Joseph Kelly

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.

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

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

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

Developing World Project - Christmas cards available to buy.

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.

Tir Na nOg GFC: Bingo and Lotto Tuesday 8.15 p.m. (All support welcomed). Â

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.

Christmas Youth 2000 Retreat - national Retreat for young people aged 16 - 35 at Newbridge College, Newbridge, Co Kildare from Friday 17th - Sunday 19th December.Â An opportunity not to be missed. Â Contact Youth 2000 office 00353 1 6753690 or 07842881878 for information.Â No charge - donation only.Â Special buses available from some locations.Â See poster in Church.Â Website www.youth2000.ie

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.

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.

ACCORD:Â Regional Marriage Preparation Courses as follows:

Course 1, Thursday 20th & 27th January and Thursday 3rd February 2011.Â Venue Quinn's Corner, 175 Ballygawley Road Dungannon, 7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Â Course 2, Tuesday 1st, 8th and 15th February, same venue. Â

Course 3, Tuesday 1st, 8th and 15th March, same venue.

Course 4, Tuesday 5th, 12th and 19th April, same venue. Â

Course 5 Tuesday 7th, 14th and 21st June, same venue.Â Attendance required over ALL three evenings. Â

Couples are advised to contact ACCORD to secure their place at least ten months before the wedding.Â Phone 028 38334781.

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.

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.

St. John the Baptist Nursery School - Application forms are now available for free pre-school places for September 2011 admissions.Â Closing date for applications is Wednesday 12th January 2011 at 12 noon.Â For more information call at the school or contact Mrs. Murtagh 38339283.

Drumcree College - Christmas Appeal:Â Pupils and staff are having a Shoe Box Appeal for the children of Latvia.Â Donations for children up to the age of 12 would be appreciated.Â All items have to fit into a shoe box which will be supplied by the school.Â The boxes

Run for Barnardo's - Belfast or Newry Marathons 2011 - see www.barnardos.org.uk/northernireland.htm

Ceili Mor - Saturday 18th December in Ashgrove Community Centre - 9 p.m. - 12.30 a.m.Â Castleblaney Ceili Band.

Postal and Phone Scams: the PSNI have asked us to alert Parishioners to these scams - a card posted through your door from PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) is not legitimate. Call Royal Mail Fraud at 02072396655 if you receive such a card. Phone scams concern someone calling your house saying they are from a computer company who eventually seek your bank/credit card details. Another scam. Be careful.

Reflection

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Building the Kingdom

Have you ever watched children building bricks?
as they sit there, they are at work and play.
Look at the wonder in their faces as they build.
They are building their dreams.

Their eyes are closed with determination.
'I'll do it this time,' they are thinking.
They smile as they place each brick
and this is the joy of learning.

Look at their gentle hands,
they are the hands
of a carpenter,
of a healer,
of a peace-maker,
of a creator.
Each brick is precious,
it is handled with care.

Let's learn from these children,
as we work to build our lives
and the kingdom of God.
May we plan and design with hope and care,
may we always use our Christian
materials,
the bricks of love,
the sands of tolerance,
the waters of faith.

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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