

## 23rd January 2011

### 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

23rd January 2011

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### 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

Drumcree Pastoral Centre will be officially opened on Thursday 27th January by Mrs Mary McAleese, President of Ireland, at 11 a.m. Our Parish is honoured by her presence. Representatives from Parish Committees, Societies and Groups, local schools and other local representatives will gather in the main hall. Parishioners who wish to be present should gather in the courtyard between the Church and the Centre. All visitors are asked to enter across the front of the Church from the car park and proceed along the cloister.

Cardinal Sean Brady will bless the Centre on Sunday 6th March at 11.30 a.m. Mass.

#### Minister of the Eucharist

St. John the Baptist, week beginning 24th Paddy Gorman.

#### Ministry of The Word

Week beginning 17th - 10 a.m. Michael Sherry. 7 p.m. Michael Dennison.

## Apostolic Visitation of Armagh

### Archdiocese

On Sunday 23rd January at 3pm in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh there will be a Service of Penitence and Healing led by Cardinal Murphy-O'Connor. Cardinal Brady and Bishop Clifford will also be present. Refreshments in Grammar School afterwards. All are welcome.

St. Joseph's Young Priest Society: meeting on Wednesday 26th January in St. John's meeting room after 7 p.m. Mass. New members welcome.

### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:

1. Reader exchange: members of Armagh Road Presbyterian Church, Society of Friends and Thomas Street Methodist Church will read at Mass Saturday 22nd; Readers from our Parish are visiting Armagh Road Presbyterian Church, Society of Friends, Thomas Street Methodist Church and Vineyard on Sunday 23rd.
2. Churches Together in Portadown have taken a unit in The Meadows Centre on Friday 28th January 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. to promote unity and work together. Parishioners are encouraged to visit the unit especially when every hour on the hour there will be prayer.
3. Inter Church prayer service on Friday 28th January at 8 p.m. in Armagh Road Presbyterian Church. All welcome.

Recent Baptisms: Cara Agnes McKee

Sacrament of Marriage: some couples who plan to marry this year have yet to confirm their date, church time and celebrant. Please do so by contacting Fr. Burns or Fr. O'Dwyer.

Feasts: Monday 24th St. Francis de Sales;  
 Tuesday 25th The Conversion of St. Paul;  
 Wednesday 26th Sts. Timothy and Titus;  
 Thursday 27th St. Angela Merici;  
 Friday 28th St. Thomas Aquinas.

### Offertory Collection

Sunday 16th - £2701-62

Thanks to all who contributed

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Pastoral Plan Update - message from  
 Cardinal Brady available in Churches.

### Requiescant in Pace

Lately Deceased: Scott Speers, Eileen Hughes, Mary Geary, Deirdre Henderson, Eileen McBride, Paddy Douglas, Margaret Smyth, James Greene, Kathleen Hamill, Danny Preshur, Lily Glassey

At This Time: John Charlie Mackle, Annie Henderson, Luisa Gabreal Pereira

Sunday 23rd: Annie Lynn, Joseph McGrane, Bridie Jordan, James Neeson, John McVeigh, Bernard Vallely, Patricia Rodgers, Patrick Robinson, Patrick Lappin, Danny Turley

Monday 24th: Frank McCann, Gretta Starrs, Vincent Marley, James Grimley, Mary Corrigan

Tuesday 25th: Matthew Hanratty, John Robinson, Thomas Lappin

Wednesday 26th: M.M. Irene Dignam, Ciaran Megaw, Jack Connolly, Peter McCann, Anna Morgan, Molly O'Brien, Theresa Bailey, Patrick McKee, Laurence McAtarsney, George Daly

Thursday 27th: Mary Neeson, James Williamson

Friday 28th: M.M. Barry Madden, Johnny Foy, Joseph Kelly, Joseph Hanratty, Veronica McKeever, Alice Creaney, Frances Douglas, Mary Ann Breen, Sarah Ann Lappin, Sarah Johnston

Saturday 29th: Briege McKeown(1st Anniversary), Mary Oliver, Madge McAlinden, Mary McCleery, James & Catherine Doyle

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.

Eucharistic Congress 2012 - Evening of Preparation in St. Patrick's College, Killymeal Road, Dungannon, Tuesday 25th January 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. Whilst the evening will be of interest to everyone, it will be of particular interest to members of the Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Liturgy Group, Ministers of Word and Eucharist, those involved in the Music and Song Ministry and anyone actively involved in Parish life or in the life of the Church. A lot of practical ideas and suggestions will be offered as to how we might move forward in Parishes to develop peoples understanding and appreciation of Eucharist. All are welcome to attend. The theme for the Eucharistic Congress is The Eucharist: Communion with Christ and with one another.

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.

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

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

Naiscoil Na Banna (Irish Language Pre-School). Places still available. Contact Ciara NiAodha on 38391243 8.30 a.m. - 2.30 p.m.

Medjugorje - May 29th to 5th June from Belfast £519. Contact Marguerite at 38326326 or 07753297993

Armagh Diocesan Youth Council: Are you ages 18-35? Do you want to help a family in Malawi to get the house they've always wanted? We are looking for 16 young people in the Diocese who will "build houses, build hope, build communities" in a partnership project with the Armagh Diocesan Youth Commission and Habitat for Humanity NI. The build will take place in late July for 2 weeks. Actual dates to be confirmed.

If you would like more information please contact Louise on +353 (O) 86 3540966 or email [louise.mulligan@gmail.com](mailto:louise.mulligan@gmail.com)

Knights of St Columbanus appeal for old mobile phones - donating them will help raise funds for our Radio Housebound Appeal. Our bright pink drop off bins are found at the back of both Churches. Please help us to bring our Church Services to the house bound who value this service.

Chest Heart & Stroke - 'Taking Control' Self Management Programme: Portadown Health Centre, Friday 11th February for six weeks until 18th March, 10 a.m. - 12 noon. To book a free place or for further information phone 90320184.

Reflection

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Follow me

Lord, thanks for these words,  
I need to hear them.

Follow me.

Words which echo in my heart.

When I was younger  
and wondered about the consistent direction of my life,  
the words were there,  
gentle, persuasive, liberating -  
Follow me.

When I wonder what I'll do with my life.  
In the doubts of how to give my time and love  
when the options were many,  
and some seemed more appealing than  
others -  
Follow me.

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When I wonder about the challenges of life,  
the needs of the poor in this unequal world,  
the abuse of the child and the  
vulnerable,  
the Church with its sinfulness and  
failings,  
the words still echo -  
Follow me and I will make you fishers of people.

In the small ways that love challenges -

the times for listening, for caring,  
for giving time, for a helping hand,  
with the people I'm with all the time,  
the words echo  
with their challenge and their comfort -  
Come, follow me.

Thanks, Lord for these words,  
and I ask you that I will be open  
always to hear them.

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

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