

17th April 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

17th April 2011
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

Monday 10am

Tuesday - Friday 7p.m.

St. Patrick's

Tuesday - 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

Parish Mobile - Emergency No. 07841101850

Holy Week Notices: Chrism Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, on Thursday 21st 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 16th - after Evening Mass

Sunday 17th - after 11.30 a.m. Mass

St. Patrick's Church

Monday 18th - 6.30 p.m. and after Novena

Tuesday 19th - 12.30 p.m. - 1.15 p.m.

Wednesday 20th - 12.30 p.m. - 1.15 p.m.

St. John the Baptist Church
 Tuesday 19th - 7.30 p.m.
 Wednesday 20th - 7.30 p.m. Penitential Service

Holy Thursday - 21st 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 SHYNE 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 5.45 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".

Polish Community - Easter Breakfast Food will be blessed at 10.30 a.m. in St. Patrick's Church on Holy Saturday.

Easter Morning Masses:

St. John the Baptist - 8.30 a.m. & 11.30 a.m.

St. Patrick's - 10 a.m.

Dear Parishioners, you have probably heard in the last few days that I have decided to exit the priesthood. This decision has come after a long time of prayer and reflection. I thank you for your prayers and support during my short time with you. Pray for me and I'll do the same for you. God Bless. Johnny Burns.

Offertory Collection

Sunday 10th £2238-79

Thanks to all who contributed

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Requiescant in Pace

Lately Deceased: Martin Hughes, Paddy Breen, Eddie Wilson, Fr. Brendan Sherry, Charlie Brown, Cardinal Varkey Vithayathil, Louis McCann, Peggy Lappin, John McGeown

At This Time: Michael McConville

Sunday 17th: Harry Creaney, May Douglas, Maire Pennington, Anna Mackle, James Patrick Tiffney, Vincent Melough

Monday 18th: James McAreavey, Peter Joseph McEvoy, Dennis Watson, Mary Grimley, Margaret McVeigh

Tuesday 19th: Veronica Ryan (ashes being buried following 10am Mass), James Gribbon, Julia Monaghan, Thomas McClean, Arthur Cush. ThomasJames McAlinden

Wednesday 20th: M.M. Willie McKeown, Rita Murray, Bernadette Prunty, Daniel O'Neill, James McCormick

Thursday 21st: Bobby O'Neill, Peter McEvoy, Billy Murphy, Catherine Kelly, Bobby Smith, Adrian Lamph, James Millsopp, Cassie O'Connor

Friday 22nd: M.M. Teddy O'Neill, Eddie McCann(1st Anniversary), Michael Byrne, Denis McGarry, John Goodwin

Saturday 23rd: Mary Catherine Kelly, John Loftus, Lily Murphy, Frank McCann

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

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Anniversaries, notices, etc for Easter Week must be submitted by Tuesday 19th April

Notices and anniversaries should be left in by the Wednesday prior to publication.

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

Minister of the Eucharist - St. John the Baptist, week beginning 18th Eddie McVeigh, Geraldine Lawless.

Ministry of The Word - Week beginning 18th - 10 a.m. Tommy Mallon. 7 p.m. Jerome Marley.

Recent Baptisms: Erin Mary Kelly, Mary Julia Cacatian, Diogo Rumiao, Daithi Michael Carvill

THE NEXT AVAILABLE DATE IS SATURDAY 7th MAY IN ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.

Sacrament of Marriage: congratulations to Louise Carvill and John McCooe.

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament will not take place next Thursday evening.

During the Easter Triduum - Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday - all other celebrations (except those proper to these days), even Funeral Masses, are prohibited.

Trocaire Boxes should be returned this week - please convert coins to notes for easier counting. Thank you.

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

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

Towards Healing and Renewal - Pastoral response from Irish Bishops - letter available in Churches.

St. Vincent De Paul Society

URGENTLY REQUIRED!! Ladies, Men's and Children's clothing.

Clothes shop, tel. 38393898 or Furniture shop tel. 38394219, Mayfair Business Centre. Monday - Friday 10am- 3pm. Saturday 10am - 1 pm. NEW SELF HELP LINE - 38339639. Response within 48 hours.

Knights of St Columbanus meeting on Tuesday next at 8pm in the Pastoral Centre.

Mass for the Disappeared today 17th April in St Patrick's Grammar School, Armagh at 3pm. All welcome.

Congratulations to Canon Michael Ward, Donaghmore, who celebrated 70 years of priestly ordination last Tuesday - 1941 - 12th April - 2011. Ad multos annos.

Collection to help support a number of chosen charitable projects within the Parish will be taken up at the Church doors following Easter Sunday Mass by the Knights of St Columbanus.

Drumcree (Church of Ireland) Parish Church invite you to a Cross Walk on Good Friday, beginning at 5.30 p.m. from their Church via Dungannon Road, Corcrair, West St., Garvaghy Road and Drumcree Road. All welcome.

Inter-Church Gathering in Dromantine, Newry, on 7th May 1.30 - 5.30 p.m. The theme is "Bearers of Hope - as we journey together." Rt. Rev. Harold Miller, Bishop of Down and Dromore and Rev. Ruth Patterson, Director of Restoration Ministries will address the Gathering. All welcome. Please contact Dromantine Conf. Centre. Tel 30821964 or admin@dromantineconference.com

Wanted "Your Old Photographs of Parish Life. As part of the new Parish Pastoral Centre we will be compiling a special montage of photographs of life in our Parish over the years. Have you any old [or even not so old] photographs that you can share? We will copy the photographs and return them in perfect condition " we promise. Have a hunt in your old photo albums and if you find anything interesting simply leave it in the sacristy. We would love your help with this project to add to the beauty of our centre.

Congratulations to all who were confirmed last Sunday during a most beautiful and spiritual ceremony. Thanks to all who made the celebration so prayerful and memorable.

Prayer Forum at exam time - Tuesday 10th May - details later.

Tir Na nOg GFC: Bingo every Tuesday 8.15 p.m. All support needed. Saturday 23rd April - 3's A crowd. Adm £2.

St. Malachy's Hurling Club (in conjunction with Playing for the Future) - Multi Sports Easter Camp - April 27th & 28th. 10

a.m. - 1 p.m.

Â£5 per day.Â Open to boys and girls 5 - 12 yrs.Â Soccer, Gaelic, Rugby and Hurling.Â Qualified coaches.Â Register on day or contact V. McAleenan 07411001164 or T. McStravick 07522428394.

Reflection

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He was not crucified alone,
and he is not crucified alone today.

We're all part of Jesus,
he has no body now but ours,
he suffers today in his people,
and he suffers in you.

He was not crucified alone,
and he is not crucified alone today.

Are you ill?Â He suffers in your illness.

Are you lonely?Â He suffers in your
loneliness.

Are you homeless?Â He suffers in your homelessness.

Have you been neglected?Â He suffers in your neglect.

Have you been abused?Â He suffers in your abuse.

Have you been despairing?Â He suffers in your despair.

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Are you victimised by greed?Â He
suffers with you.

He has no body now on earth but yours.

He was consoled by the look of Mary - his mother,
by the touch of Veronica - his consoler,
by the helping hand of Simon - his cross carrier,
by the quiet presence of John - his friend.

You are Jesus.

And you are Mary, Veronica, Simon, John,
his helpers on the way of the Cross.

You are the body of Christ.

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and he is not crucified alone today.

PARISH -
BE A PART OF IT
Â OR BE APART FROM IT

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