24th 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. www.drumcreeparish.com

24th April 2011 Easter Sunday

The joy of Easter and the greeting of the Risen Christ to all - Peace be with you.

Mass Times: St. John the Baptist Saturday Â 7 p.m. Sunday Â Â 8.30 & 11.30 a.m. St. Patrick's Sunday Â 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.

Devotions1st & 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: Â Fr. O'Dwyer 38350610 Parish Mobile - Emergency No. 07841101850

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. Â "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. Â St. Patrick's Church 10am

Prayerful Blessings to Ryan McAleer who will be ordained deacon for service in our Diocese on Easter Monday in Rome.

Easter Week Masses:

St. Patrick's Church Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday - 10 a.m. St. John the Baptist Church Monday 10 a.m. (Novena Prayers will be said), Thursday & Friday - 7 p.m.

Easter Water - from St. Patrick's Well, Mahon Road supplied by the Knights of St. Columbanus.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament on Thursday St. John the Baptist Chruch 6pm-6.55pm

Confessions will not be held next Saturday 30th April.

Congratulations to Tom McConville, Los Angeles formerly Selshion who celebrated his 80th birthday recently. Many happy returns Tom and Joan!

St. Joseph's Young Priest Society - next meeting on Wednesday 27th April at 7.30 p.m. in the Pastoral Centre.

Ministry of The Word: Week beginning 25th April 10 a.m. Michael Sherry. 7 p.m. Sr. Mona Taggart.

Ministers of the Eucharist: St. John the Baptist, week beginnig 25th April Geraldine Lawless.

Legion of Mary: The annual retreat will take place in Benburb Peiory on Sunday 22nd May. Further details later. Names may be given to members of the legion or phone 38334245.

Pope John Paul II will be Beatified next Sunday 1st May in Rome. On Monday, 2nd May, Cardinal Brady will say Mass of Thanksgiving for Irish Pilgrims in Rome at the Basilica Parrocchiale di Santa Maria in Domnica alla Navicella, which is close by the Pontifical Irish College.

Cardinal Brady will appoint a new priest to our Parish in August. Until then the Jesuit Fathers will fulfil the role of the second priest.

Weddings booked from now til September - please contact Fr O'Dwyer at the beginning of May.

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia! for He whom you were worthy to bear, alleluia! has risen as He said, alleluia! Pray for us to God, alleluia! Â Â Â Â said during Eastertide at Angeleus.

Offertory Collection Sunday 17th April - £2701-41 Thanks to all who contributed

Requiescant In Pace Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lately deceased:Â Louis McCann, Peggy Lappin, John McGeown At This Time:Â Mary Donnelly Sunday 24th: Martin Reynolds, Peter McGrane, Anne, Vincent & Kathleen Meehan, Mary McCann, Mary Ellen McGoldrick, Elizabeth McGoldrick, Eileen Conlan, Martha Nugent, Mary Jane O'Neill, Arthur Walsh, Isabella Daly, Luisa Pereira Monday 25th: M.M. Martin Hughes, M.M. Paddy Breen, Michaela McCooe(1st Anniversary), Eileen O'Hehir, Patrick Bernard Murphy, Kevin Donnelly, Josephine Marley, Joseph Holland, Joseph Gibson, Margaret Dalzell, John cKeown Tuesday 26th:Â Brigid McCann(1st Anniversary), Jimmy Hamill(1st Anniversary), Hugh Breen, Ben O'Brien, James Hamill, John Monaghan, Danny Hall Wednesday 27th:Â Ellen McGurgan, Lena Hickman, Liam White, Peter McShane(Snr), Peter McShane(Jnr) Thursday 28th:Â M.M. Eddie Wilson, Gerard Kelly, Vera Jordan Friday 29th:Â Â Joan Hamill Saturday 30th:Â James Connors(1st Anniversary), Frank McCann, John Murphy, James Jordan, Eddie McCann, Cornelius Mulholland, John McCoy

Anniversaries late for Bulletin should be left in the Sacristy for inclusion on the proper day. \hat{A}

Parish & Community Notices

Â NOTICES FOR WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 1st May - Bulletin not published on 1st May

Ministers of the Eucharist - May Vigil Kathleen Lavery, Colm McCann, Patsy Lambe, Theresa McCaffrey. 8.30 a.m. Martin Barlow, Patsy Hanratty, Eddie McVeigh. 10 a.m. Madeline O'Neill, Ann Fleming, Maurice Hagan. 11.30 a.m. Gerry Barlow, Ann Murphy, Declan McAtarsney, Bronagh Hagan. St. Francis Mary Taggart. Rosemount Gerry Barlow. St. John the Baptist, week beginning 2nd May Mary McAlinden.

Ministry of The Word - May

Vigil A. Turley. 8.30 a.m. Eamon McCausland. 10 a.m. Niamh Devlin, Aine McCreesh-West. Â 11.30 a.m. Ciara Burnett. Week beginning 2nd May, 10 a.m. Belle Oliver. 7 p.m. Martin Barlow.

Requiescant In Pace Anniversaries Sunday 1st:Â Austin Marley, John McCoy, Thomas McNally Monday 2nd:Â Cahir McNally, Eileen Hagan, Gary McKeever, Mary McGurgan Tuesday 3rd:Â M.M. Louis McCann, Sharon McNamara, James McKeever Wednesday 4th:Â Patrick Murphy, Harry Connolly, Philomena & Denis McCaughley, Jackie Lavery, Jack Greer Thursday 5th:Â Anne Reilly, Elizabeth Fearon, Teresa McDonald Friday 6th:Â Mollie Corr, Jim Speers, Joseph McVeigh, Eric Dale, Michael Marley, Seamus O'Neill, Lily O'Hare Â Saturday 7th: Patricia Mulligan Â

First Friday Notices: Confessions - Thursday 5th St. Patrick's Â 6 p.m. - 6.30 p.m. Â St. John's Â 7.30 p.m.

Masses- Friday 6th St. Patrick's Â 10 a.m. (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30 a.m. - 6 p.m.) Â St. John's Â Â 7 p.m. The sick and housebound will be visited first week of May.

Next Bulletin - Sunday 8th May

Walk with me - Easter prayer books available in Churches.

Trocaire: Ashgrove Tots raised £81-18. Well done!!

Lough Derg Day Retreat - Saturday 21st May:

Bus leaves St. John's Car Park 7.30 a.m. sharp, returning 7.30 p.m. approx. If interested contact David 07759768878 or Peggy 38333391. To confirm seat £20 deposit before May 10th. fTotal cost £35 to include return fare, tea/coffee/scones on arrival, lunch. Â Â Â Â

Important dates: First Holy Communion: 21st May Ballyoran C.P.S. Â 28th May Bun Scoil Eoin Baiste. 28th May St. John the Baptist P.S. 11th June Presentation P.S. Cemetery Sunday/Blessing of Graves - Sunday 5th June. Triduum of Prayer - `The Mass: Liturgy of The Word; Liturgy of The Eucharist; Community. - 16th/17th/18th June, concluding with Garden Party. Cultra - Old Drumcree Church - trip and Mass on Sunday 26th June. To be confirmed.

Car-Boot Sale Saturday 7th May organised by Delevoping World Committee - Romania Project.

Tir Na nOg GFC - Bingo every Tuesday at 8pm. Saturday 30th April `Ordinary Man' a Tribute to Christy Moore - Tickets £6 - available in club. Saturday 7th May Easy Street Adm £2

Prayer Forum at exam time - Tuesday 10th May - 7.30pm St John the Baptist Church for all who are preparing for and sitting exams at this time and their families. Organised by the Pastoral Area of Ballymore and Mullaghbrack, Drumcree, Kilmore, Loughgall.

Â They have taken the Lord out of the tomb

She had come back to the tomb, a woman who missed Jesus, as we visit the graves of our loved ones.

She couldn't wait and arrived in the darkness. And don't we often go to God in our darkness?

Our darkness of grief, doubt, sadness; the days we feel downcast, let-down, hopeless about a job, anxious about a child, worried over an exam; we go to God in our deadness and darkness.

Like Mary going to the tomb; something had died in her when Jesus died. Â In her darkness she went where she would find some hope: to the tomb of the One sho gave her life.

And she found life again; but not immediately. Maybe then there were glimmers of hope, like joy returning slowly at times in life. With the disciples who gradually recognised that his promise of rising again was true, she knew again the light and the joy she once had.

We go to the tomb of Jesus in our own darkness, in our hope that peace, courage and good times will follow. Let Easter nourish our faith, increase our hope, and keep alive our love that the Lord is risen.

Nobody took the Lord our of the tomb! He was raised from death by God his Father. He is risen indeed. Like the apostles may we believe this truly; He is risen indeed, Alleluia.